



# Men's Golf Fellowship Speaker Discussion Questions

**Kem Wilson Jr.**

Spiritual Topics: Family, Success, Relationships, Retirement

About the Talk: The interview given by Kemmons Wilson Jr. centered around how his business life and family relationships were shaped by his faith in God. What is a good balance of work and family life? What is a good definition of success? How should we view failure? These are questions that bear reflection and self-examination as we consider our lives.

## Discussion Questions

- Kemmons talked a lot about family. Along the way he said, “The most important business is the home.” and “Time is everything in a relationship, Hurry is its death.” What are your values in regards to family? What role did faith in God play in your family? If you had to come up with a ‘one-liner’ that describes your family values, what would it be? Are there any regrets where your family is concerned? If you had it to do over again, what specifically would you change? **Related Scripture: Joshua 24:15 – The importance of faith and family**
- Kemmons said, “Experience comes from bad judgment, Good judgment comes from bad experience.” Do you think that is true? Do you think that failure is a good training ground? Describe a time when you failed and what ‘good’ came of it. What did you learn? Was there a principle that you never forgot as a result? When you failed as a child growing up in your household, how was it handled? **Related Scripture: 1 John 1:9 – The Freedom to Fail**
- Kemmons claimed that, “Success is a good goal, but a terrible God.” What are some good goals you have had in your life (e.g. a robust retirement, a low handicap, a successful career, live in certain communities, have certain friends, etc.)? Now honestly, do you feel looking back over your life that any of your goals became a “god” to you? Have any of those goals taken such a priority in your life that other important things suffered? How can having bad priorities in your life hurt your family, friends and your faith in God? Kemmons went on to say that, “True success comes from being in the center of God’s will.” Kem explained it as having 1) Balance; 2) Joy; 3) Peace; and 4) Fulfillment in your life. How would you say you did in those areas in your business career? Would you say that you were in the center of God’s will according to that scale? How about now? **Related Scriptures: Ex 20:1-12 – Priorities set by God**
- Toward the end of the interview, Kem talked a bit about finishing strong. He used a great golf analogy of being on the back nine in life. You’re not quite as strong and fast, you’re a little more cautious, not as willing to take chances, a little more aware of your limitations and need to be more calculating and strategic as a result. But he said, “Why not finish strong and birdie 18!” How do you want to finish strong? What goals do you still have that are NOT centered on you (i.e. your bucket list) but other-centered? Perhaps use this time as a group to brainstorm some ideas on what finishing strong might look like in a life. **Related Scriptures: 2 Tim 4:6-8 – Finishing well**

Closing Prayer: Lord, help me to give myself over to your priorities and not my own. Teach me that my walk through this life is not just about me, but about my family and those around me. Give me a new heart that is not divided between what I want and what you want and may I have the humility to realize more and more your great love for me (**Based on Ps 86:11-13**)

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