

Chemical Engineering 391 Lifelong Learning Assignment

You are assigned to make a personal plan for lifelong learning. In essence, lifelong learning means a life of embracing change, of analyzing where you are and where you want to be in the future, and developing a long-term plan to make that happen. Your document should be 1 to 2 type-written pages (single spaced). You should address the following areas:

- 1) Profession(s)
- 2) Relationship with God
- 3) Relationship with family members
- 4) Other areas you have interests and passions in

In each area discuss (a) what you want to learn, and (b) what you intend to do in the next 5-10 years to accomplish your learning goals (longer-term plans can be discussed as well). Grading will be based on whether you include the above items and on my judgment of your self-reflection and sincere effort, not on the perceived “right answer” or external value of your proposed goals. The document will be kept confidential and be returned to you. I hope you will repeat this process throughout your life.

Some other questions you may reflect on:

- You have and will have many demands on your time. There are also “seasons” of our lives in which we have particular priorities. For instance, parenting will demand a larger fraction of your time when children are younger. How do you prioritize your activities and learning goals now and in the future?
- Most workers change jobs 2-5 times during their working years. Your skills can quickly become outdated. How will you prepare for these changes?
- How can you build the desired learning into your daily and weekly schedule to better enable it to take place?
- Looking back at the end of your mortal life, what do you hope to have learned and done?