

# **James L. Holly, M.D.**

## **Leigh Parker's Letter Delivered at 50th Anniversary Party**

A note from a young friend whose family we have known for 40 years on the occasion of our 50th anniversary August 22, 2015

Doc & Mrs Holly:

Words fail me when I try to convey how special your marriage /ministry has been to our family and so many others. -- its sheer impact.

The world pays a special tribute to reaching "50 years," I suppose, due to its symmetry and how rare it is to reach that milestone.

Others would, and rightly so, give tribute to all of the incredible things your marital team has accomplished -- a cutting edge medical practice -- scholarships and professorships that will impact tomorrow's medical field.

What I have seen is the less public side of a marriage ministry that has fulfilled Paul's exhortation to Timothy (2 Tim 2:2), "Timothy, the things you have heard me say to these witnesses -- entrust to faithful people -- who will tell others also."

Paul was giving Timothy a vision to impact four generations.

I saw both of you, quietly and behind the scenes meeting with, ministering to, and counseling so many people. You fulfilled James' exhortation to not be a "respector of persons" and poured your life and resources into people from all walks of life.

I remember you guys expanding the concept of "church" as you led ministry on Liberty Street in Beaumont. I remember overhearing Dad talking about how you guys were helping people with their rent.

I think of so many young people who you sponsored in ministry and missions. I think of you loving people with little hope facing terminal illnesses -- and comforting others facing prison terms.

The fruit from your years of joint ministry stands:

Well done. Doc.

Well done, Mrs Holly.

Your marriage reflects your faithfulness to one another and to the Kingdom that it has impacted.

Thank you for your marriage We celebrate with you

Leigh

Jennifer