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### **Woody's Top Ten List**

I cannot help but add my top 10 list, which I have not done for several years. (1) My relationship with Jesus; the decision I made to follow Him at the age of 16 was my best decision, and I appreciate His patience with me as He continues to teach me to walk in His footsteps. (2) Elena, my wife of 28 years, my best friend, my godly counselor on whom I rely much, my love, my gift from the Lord; what a great past we've had, and it is a great pleasure to think of spending our future together! (3) My children: Norwood (23), Emily (21), and Nathan (19), who are so old it makes me shudder at the passing of life, and whose lives and characters shaped by Jesus impress me and teach me. (4) My Mother, whose wisdom, kindness, and passion for Jesus continue to bless me and instruct me; her great intelligence, keen parental vision, and godly insight into what is right and wrong, despite the frequent chaos of modern culture's morality, have helped me better understand the importance of Jesus' words, "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10). (5) My Mother-in-law, Mrs. Reynaud, whose loving heart and fun personality always makes it a joy to be in her company; I will forever appreciate the gracious way she and Mr. Reynaud have allowed me to be part of the remarkable Reynaud family. (6) My sister Madolyn, who always has had my back, and showed it most of all by introducing me to Jesus and challenging me early in my walk with Him to surrender my dating life to Him; her love for Jesus is a role model for me. (7) My sister Carolyn, whose love, encouragement, personal discipline, friendship, and commitment to Christ have always meant a great deal to me. (8) Susan Halter Doyle, my secretary for over 15 years, who has been more of a sister to me in many ways; she has blessed me not only by her sage advice and intelligent insight, but mostly by her humble walk with Jesus. (9) My wonderful church family, Lake Vista UMC, who have been kind enough to let me be their pastor for over 18 years, and who have won me over with their love, friendship, generosity, kindness, patience, courage, and steadfast commitment to be the church that Jesus wants us to be. (10) The seafood dishes in the city of New Orleans!