

Q&A – Hobbies / Interests

"What are some of your Hobbies / Interests?"

Well, between having 3 kids, a marriage, and a church, it's hard to find time to do other things; but, my next greatest passion is song-writing. I love everything about it. I spend about 3 nights a week in my basement writing worship music, classical music and techno. I play just about every instrument. I've had nine years of private cello lessons (I grew up playing in orchestras for most of my life). I've also had several years of formal piano, guitar, music theory, and studio engineering lessons. (In fact, I have a digital recording studio in my basement). So, I "think" in music all the time. I always have a song in my head. And I constantly annoy my wife with random song-writing breaks whenever I get inspired.

Outside of music, I also love "learning." I'm always reading geekish books that no one else seems to be interested in... from theology to pop-quantum physics, I can easily get lost at Barnes and Noble for hours.

Of course, writing is also a passion. I was an English major at the U of M; so, I love getting my thoughts out on paper. (Hence, blogging, tweeting, and junk like this come pretty easily).

However, because my job increasingly demands that I do this all day long, my interests are becoming more "brain-dead" and superficial in the evening. Thus, shopping for clothing, t.v. watching, & playing new apps on my iphone are activities that are unfortunately becoming more common.

But, I also really love hanging with my kids. They grow up so fast. So, I've made it my goal to always have at least 2 common interests with each of my kids. This means I play tag-team video games amidst other things. But, if I have to do two hours of that just to have 10 minutes of amazing coaching time... then, so be it. It's worth it. I want to have a family that loves God and his church as much as I do.

Other Honorable Mentions: I love NFL football! (I have to avoid fantasy football – lest I lose my entire Fall). I love watching extreme sports (as I used to compete in freestyle bmx). I love seeing bizarre indi-bands in concert like MuteMath. I still love making techno-remixes (I used to be a rave/hip-house d.j.). I love Guitar Hero. And lastly, I love being a home-body who dinks around with landscaping and low-pressure home-improvement projects. They're so much fun!