

Serving the Lord Through Music  
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When I undertook the project to produce an oral history of my father, I found out that whatever can go wrong, probably will. Even though I had a number of problems with the taping and the editing, I was able to learn quite a bit. I think the main thing I learned was just how humble Professor Shilling is. I found out over the past few years that this is one of his characteristics, however, as I interviewed others, I found out just how true it is. I also noticed this in the way he presents himself in class and with his colleagues. I also found it interesting that the reason he was called to become a professor was because Kurt Eggert decided not to accept a call to DMLC when Milwaukee Teacher's College closed.

In many ways the interviews I conducted touched on things that I had already known about him, and added portions that filled in the gaps of my knowledge of my father. However, I must say that through this I have received a better understanding of what makes Professor Shilling tick, and gained some valuable insights into his commitment to his work, family and Lord. This experience has benefited me more than I think I can express. I may not have learned so much in the way of head knowledge, rather, as I think back, I have gained understanding into many of the things I did not understand while I was growing up.