

1. **Been away for a awhile**
2. **Something to be learned from every experience**
3. **Tough job market for new grads**
1. **Every once and awhile life throws you a curve**

This past August I had a couple of strokes which took the wind out of my sails for awhile. Fortunately the residual effects are manageable like fewer inhibitions. Loretta asks how can a guy who has none have fewer? A little short term memory loss mostly with names as well. Overall, though in pretty good shape and proof positive good things can happen to mediocre people. Seriously, the 3-5 minutes I was lying on the floor drooling was the most frightened I've been in my life. Figure it is the Big Guys way of saying time for a lifestyle change.

2. **So what did I learn from my experience**

Well the commercials the Heart and Stroke Foundation are running saying there is a 1 in 3 chance of having heart disease or a stroke now strike home. If I had not been lucky, that's the word I use, I could of ended up paralyzed or even worse dead. While Graham has finished at WLU Erika still have 2 years to go at UWO so there are still family commitments that continue for a few more years yet. Fortunately, I have a Critical Illness policy which covers such unforeseen events helping transition back to a full life. Now with less inhibitions I may need to use that money to buy Sorry cards! What would you do?

3. **New University grads having a tough time finding jobs**

It seems wherever I turn I run into another new graduate looking for work. Highly educated with no experience apparently is something the market is looking for. I find it incredulous the screening process where computers vet applicants resumes. No one ever hears back or knows who to follow up with. Remember these young people are the ones we counting on to pay our CPP and OAS Benefits. You may not have a position, but with the resumes I get I try to respond to, so at least they know someone looked at it. Maybe gives them a little boost in a difficult time.

Cheers

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