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I learned a valuable life lesson that summer. You should find something in life that you really enjoy and seriously consider making that your life's work.

~Jim Evans

If you don't think every day is a great day try going without one.

~Jim Evans

Minor league umpires are evaluated in their respective leagues each year and rated numerically. This enables umpires to know where they stand and helps them make prudent career decisions.

~Jim Evans

Our students learn more in 30 days than one could learn in 30 years without our training. To really maximize your potential as an umpire, you need to get a solid foundation as soon as you can.

~Jim Evans

Most plays that are missed by the umpire are caused by the umpire not reading those cues early enough and making the proper adjustments.

~Jim Evans

Another way to lose control is to ignore something when you should address it.

~Jim Evans

Game management is accomplished by staying constantly alert and then reading and reacting to potential problem situations before they materialize. It all boils down to paying attention to details.

~Jim Evans

I literally paid my way through the University of Texas with my umpiring.

~Jim Evans

I have looked back on situations and thought that I could have handled a few differently and probably better.

~Jim Evans

The vast majority of people who watch baseball can properly call 95% of all plays that happen on the field. My job is to teach you how to call the other 5%.

~Jim Evans

I set very high standards for myself and worked every game with the same energy and enthusiasm as if it were the seventh game of a World Series.

~Jim Evans

Managers have very tough jobs. I always respected their job but demanded respect in return.

~Jim Evans

After one year in the Texas League, the American League bought the rights to my contract. They optioned me back to the Texas League for the 1970 season.

~Jim Evans

I reached the point where I actually enjoyed the umpiring more than playing.

~Jim Evans

I had a great first year and Mr. MacDonald was my biggest supporter. He gave me the encouragement I needed that first year to get my career started on a positive note.

~Jim Evans

When I was 14, I played in a summer league. One night the chief umpire asked me if I would like to try umpiring. There was a Little

League tournament coming up and he needed more umpires than he had.

~Jim Evans

As a youngster, I played in Little League, Pony League, and all sorts of amateur baseball programs growing up.

~Jim Evans

My dad was a carpenter and I would work with him during the summer and umpire on the nights I wasn't playing.

~Jim Evans

My main objective is to prepare candidates for professional baseball; however, the majority of our graduates will go home as much better qualified amateurs.

~Jim Evans

Anyone interested in becoming a professional umpire and becoming eligible to work in the minor leagues must attend one of the two umpire schools sanctioned by Major League Baseball.

~Jim Evans

I attribute my success to my mental approach to the game. I have always been a serious student of umpiring. I enjoy studying rules, situations, and positioning.

~Jim Evans

No one respects the umpire's job more than I do; but, if I were a manager, I would probably be ejected three or four times a season fighting for my team.

~Jim Evans

Looking back on those games, I probably hustled out of position as much as I hustled into position since I really never had any real training.

I was working on instincts alone.

~Jim Evans

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