

# Five Lifetime Secrets

for

## Educational and Professional Success

A provocative title because I'm hoping for you to stay tuned!

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### What is Success?

**What it's not**—Victory over others, Making lots of money, Gaining notoriety

**What it is**—Fulfillment, Peaceful understanding, Contribution to the future

### Why should you listen to any of this?

## THE SECRETS....

...or talking points that organize lots of information

—**Timeline**—Preparing to become a competent professional trumpeter can't be physically accomplished in 4 years. Plan for at least 10 years—that IS possible.

—**Tailoring**—Top level trumpet playing requires customized equipment that is tailored to you—precisely.

—**Tedium**—Complexity is not paralyzing if you arrange it into developmental steps—follow Hardenberger's example.

—**Teamwork**—Schools most often teach individual accomplishment as a student's top priority, but professional bands and orchestras hire and retain team players that build excellence—alone and together. That disparity leads to conflict.

—**Telos**—Rescue yourself in difficult times by connecting more directly to what motivated you as a child, and deciding why it matters at all. Ignore obstructions and work for the future.

## FINAL QUOTES:

“There are no good teachers, just good students”—*Georges Mager*

“Don't take the bait”—*Ed Hoffman*