



Ronald R. Willis is a mental health consultant and president of Green Porch Swing Productions. The gentle, yet penetrating, spirit of his message has earned him the title of the "Mr. Rogers of Corporate Mental Health." His most meaningful education occurred while sitting on an old green porch swing, on summer evenings, with his grandfather, a retired railroad engineer. "My grandfather always believed that in the business of helping people, what you have living in your heart is infinitely more valuable than a diploma to be hung on the wall."

Ron's philosophy is a simple one:

"We become better professionals, business persons, spouses and parents in only one predictable way: WE MUST BECOME BETTER PEOPLE! Anything less is simply a collection of feeble techniques and strategies; doomed to fail when the going gets rough."

Ron has presented seminars and workshops for educators, mental health professionals, medical staff, child care specialist, business and civic organizations, as well as parents across the nation. He has provided exciting and thought-provoking seminars and keynote speeches for professional organizations and businesses on a wide range of management, treatment, parenting and educational topics.

In his keynote address, Ron reminds that the problems around us are often not as significant as the people who surround us. He encourages us to appreciate the impact of self-awareness over self-esteem and come away with work place principles to enrich relationships.

Ron lives in the small North Central Kansas community of Jewell, population 480. He and his wife Karen have cooperated in the raising of seven children and have 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.