



“So then
faith
cometh
by
hearing
and
hearing
by the
WORD
of God.”

Romans

10:17

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A GRANDFATHER'S WISHES

We often try to make things better for our children, but instead, we sometime make matters worse. Now, at my age, I know better. Therefore, I hope for my grandchildren and great grandchildren the following:

I want them to know about hand-me-down clothes, homemade ice cream, and leftover meat loaf. I hope they learn humility by being humiliated, and honesty by being cheated.

I hope they learn to make their own beds, mow the lawn, and wash the car. And, by the way, I hope nobody gives them a brand-new car when they are sixteen.

I hope it is necessary for them to share a bedroom with their younger brother or sister. And it will be all right to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when a younger brother or sister wants to crawl under

the covers because of fear, I hope they will be given the privilege to do so.

When going to see a movie, and a younger sibling wants to tag along, I hope he will be taken. I hope they will be privileged to live in a town where they can walk safely without fear.

On rainy days when they have to hitch a ride, I hope their chauffer doesn't have to drop them two blocks away from their destination, so they won't be seen riding with somebody as uncool as their mom.

If the boys want a slingshot, I hope their father teaches them how to make one, instead of buying one. I hope they learn to dig in the dirt and read books. And when they learn to use the computer, I hope they will also learn to add and subtract in their heads.

I hope their friends razz them when they have their first crush on a member of the opposite sex.

I hope when they talk back to their mother they will learn what Ivory soap tastes like. It will be good if they skin their knees climbing a mountain, burn their hands on the stove, and stick their tongues on a frozen flagpole.

I hope they get sick when some stupid person blows cigar smoke in their faces. And if a friend offers them a joint or any dope, I hope they are smart enough to realize he is not their friend.

I sure hope they will make time to sit on a porch with their grandpa or go fishing with their uncle. I will be glad if they feel sorrow at a funeral and the joy of holidays

I hope their mother punishes them when they throw a baseball through a neighbor's window, and that she hugs and kisses them at Christmas time, when they give her a plaster of Paris mold of their hand.

These are things I wish for my grand children and great grandchildren-TOUGH TIMES AND DISAPPOINTMENT, HARD WORK AND HAPPINESS!

Buck Nicholson

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Thank you of behalf of a grateful Nation.



You Just Never Know

Christopher Kolker MD

A group of Gideons, known for putting Bibles in motel rooms, once shared a story with me. In the heart of the Midwest, a group of Gideons were giving away pocket Bibles to hardworking individuals on their way to work the morning shift. It so happened that on one side of the worksite was a factory employing a large part of the town, while by the factory's walkway sat a construction site to repair an old building.

One day, two events happened simultaneously. A Gideon gave David, a young man with a new wife and baby, a pocket Bible while David was hurrying to the construction site. He was irritated at being bothered while trying to clock in on time, but he accepted it and put it in his pocket.

A few moments later, Mark looked at the new pocket Bible in his hand and the man who gave it to him. Mark, recently divorced from an unfaithful wife, had recently questioned his relationship with God. He felt he needed a sign from God to restart his spiritual journey. Mark slowly started walking towards the factory's entrance where he worked, thinking about his recent troubles..

Meanwhile, David, who had been there a few minutes earlier, had decided that the Bible was in his way and didn't need it. He was working on a rooftop and didn't want anything bulging from his pants pocket, so he took the pocket Bible and threw it off the roof without aiming it anywhere in particular.

However, all was not lost. The small book flew through the air and hit Mark right in the back of his head. Mark took it as a sign that he needed to read his new Bible. There was nothing subtle about that sign.

Word got around about Mark's subsequent conversion, and the news that his Bible brought a man to Christ got back to David. David also needed a sign, and that Bible seemed to him to be a clear one. After questioning his own cynicism, David opened his heart and attended church a few weeks later. There, he told and re-told how his Bible-tossing led someone to Christ. He also decided it was a sign from God for himself and gave his life to Christ.

The moral of this story is clear: Keep spreading His word, and show the light of Christ to the world. The Gideons probably thought their time there was a failure. After all, somebody threw one of those Bibles off the construction site roof. We must persevere in our mission to spread the light, even in the face of rejection. Sometimes, when we least expect it, our light can make all the difference in the world.

Are you the light of your world?

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt 6:21

I was reading in my daily devotional book and the below article really caught my attention:

" Have you ever saved money for a long time in order to buy something you really wanted? Was it saved for a computer or a new pair of shoes, MAYBE ? How did you treat it once you finally got it? Chances are you went out of your way to make sure you took good care of it. Why is that? When you've invested your own money into something your heart is now in it. You've had to work for that and save. It wasn't easy to get the money and to use discipline to put off buying other things to wait and get what you really wanted.

This is also how the things of God work. When you take the time to invest in your relationship with God, you value it. You realize how special it is and guard it. Your relationship with God is important so be sure that you don't take it for granted. Take time out of each day to pray and read your Bible. Attend local church. How about supporting a ministry like Spreading the **WORD** Ministry , with you time money or talents and prayers. These t things will help you grow in your relationship with God."

It is very easy to observe what is closest to ones heart. Just watch where their treasure lies.



A WORD FROM OUR LISTNERS

I have been in business for 27 years. Some of the things I have done were successful and others were failures. The failures are not easy to take. Now when I have a failure, I know that God's strength is with me and I will keep going and making it better. E. Harrison

I am strong in body and mind. I strive to be always fit for my life's journey. But even more important I know is my spiritual Fitness. F. Rousseau Bordeaux, France

I want the Holy Spirit to be strong in my life. I will not be controlled by sinful thoughts and I want only to think about things that please the Spirit.

I have been way down in the valley of life and it was not good. But then God never said that the life journey would be easy but he did say that it would all be worth it. L. Taylor

Always live with the willingness you have to reach out to people with the mighty WORD! C. Goulard Lyon, France

I have never been alone until my wife passed last December. There is this big hole in my life and I am having a bad time of it. Please pray for me. I need to be strong. Joe Moore Birmingham, AL



GOD BLESS AMERICA

If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Chronicles 7:14

