

Life's Full Of Them



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OUT**

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Live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about his religion. Respect others in their views and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, and beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and of service to your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide. Always give a word or sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, or even a stranger, if in a lonely place. Show respect to all people, but grovel to none. When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself. Abuse no one and nothing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision. When your time comes to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song, and die like a hero going home.

Tecumseh (1768-1813) Shawnee Chief

Dear Reader

Within these pages I shall spare you tons of overwhelming evidence embedded in real life situations. But to get your attention, I'll give you cause to think about what others think and say about life's ups and downs. I'll give you cause for chuckles here and there — lots of them.

Humor can be risky, especially the religious or political kind. Hopefully, by laughing at yourself and others, the subject becomes more approachable and leads to better understanding of what life — and tolerance — are all about.

Let me give you an example that speaks for what I had in mind when I began collecting the material you're about to read. As I began reading "Polish Divorce" (it had just arrived via email), and was absorbing the message delivered over the Internet, I was already scratching my head and asking myself what ethnicity I could invent to replace "Pole" with a more neutral descriptor, so as not to offend anyone. However, the punch line at the end made me conclude that doing so would take away the charm of the story. Nobody ever heard of "Petican Remover." So I abandoned my thought of having this poor man come from Petica.

Here's an episode I remember so well.

Four-year-old Robin lived with her parents Nancy and Herb next to us in Flavet, the married-student complex at the University of Florida. One day, Nancy took Robin to the doctor. While waiting to be seen, Robin played on the waiting room floor.

"Please don't play on the floor; there are germs on the floor," admonished mom.

Back came the inquisitive response from little Robin, "Germs like Heinz?"

You do not need to feel embarrassed; please go ahead and laugh. I and others who have gone through the wringer oftentimes kept our sanity because — above all — we kept our wits.

That which you will chuckle over, that which gives you reason to think, or which will make you blush in embarrassment, let us be reminded, is folklore and lore. It's what the people throughout the land think and pass along. These stories and messages have their roots in the real world. And the swiftness, accelerated by economical advantages — it's FREE — give all a tremendous boost.

Don't forget, as you turn the following pages, it's the likes of you, your friends and strangers who share their thoughts with you ... people like you and me who gave birth to the feisty anecdotes, wild stories, funny sayings, jokes, and thought-provoking messages that fill these pages.

My appreciation goes to those who passed along a great number of the chuckles and thoughts I share with you here. Thank you. Keep them coming.

I cannot turn my back on ignorance and must return to the arduous and prodigious "tolerance" — it means so much to me. I wish everyone would think of it as a principle to live by because it's a solid platform for peace-of-mind living based on the Golden Rule.

Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, the eighteenth century German dramatist and critic focused on the subject and published his thoughts and commitments on tolerance with the "Ring Fable" in *Nathan the Wise*, his thought-provoking dramatic poem and one of the most admirable documents of eighteenth-century thought. (You'll find the parable in Act III, Scene 7.)

I always find it intriguing when I hear talk about race.

Individuals with high melanin counts in the skin are part of an advanced species who are

protected against skin cancer and aging appearance. Yet, the majority of the “inferior” species address that quality as a put-down.

When I’m told that I am “white,” I put my hand against my white shirt and ask if the two are the same color. When the response is that they are not, I say, “Well, I guess that proves that you are colorblind.”

The notion that all individuals of a quality such as high or low melanin count, low sugar, high blood pressure, high carotene count, red hair, or green eyes are all part of the same group, all with the same emotional or intellectual realities is simply only uttered by superficial and shoe-sized IQ dorks. We should feel sorry for, rather than angry, at these pathetic dorks who are empathy-challenged and intellectually-challenged in every area of their life.

It goes without saying that, although I titled this “racism,” we are also talking about appearanceism, beardism, faceism, fanaticism, fatism, heightism, languageism, pacifism, prejudiceism, sciolism, sensualism, shapeism, skinnyism, voiceism, etc. Oops, I forgot sexism.

Immense gratitude goes to my grandchildren Devin, Megan, Alexander, Dustin, Richard, and Charles because without them I may have substituted compiling this book with playing tennis or watching the moon over the *Magic City*.

They, in turn, deserve the dauntless efforts of steering them to adulthood free of stigma so eloquently uttered by William Shakespeare: “How sharper than a serpent’s tooth it is to have a thankless child!”

Miami, Florida

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**The more we see the more we must be able to imagine;
and the more we imagine,
the more we must think we see.
Gotthold Ephraim Lessing
(1729-1781)
German dramatist and critic**

A Birthday Wish

Little Sonia was shouting her prayers. “Please, God, send me a pretty, new doll for my birthday.”

Her mother, overhearing this, said, “Don’t shout dear, God isn’t deaf.”

“No, but Grandpa is, and he’s in the next room,” Sonia replied.

A Bottle Of Wine

For all of us who are married, were married, wish you were married, or wish you weren’t married, this is something to smile about the next time you open a bottle of wine.

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road.

As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car.

Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally.

“What’s in the bag?” asked the old woman.

Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, “It’s a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband.”

The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said, “Good trade.”

A Dog Named Sex

Everybody who has a dog calls him “Rover” or “Boy.” I call mine “Sex.” He’s a great pal, but he has caused me a great deal of embarrassment.

When I went to city hall to renew his dog license, I told the clerk I would like a license for Sex. He said, “I’d like one, too!”

Then I said, “But this is a dog.” He said he didn’t care what she looked like. Then I said, “You don’t understand. I’ve had Sex since I was nine years old.” He winked and said, “You must have been quite a kid.”

When I married and went on my honeymoon, I took the dog with me. I told the motel clerk that I wanted a room for my wife and me, and a special room for Sex.

He said, “You don’t need a special room.

As long as you pay your bill, we don’t care what you do.”

I said, “Look, you don’t seem to understand. Sex keeps me awake at night.” The clerk said, “Funny — I have the same problem.”

One day, I entered Sex in a contest, but before the competition began, the dog ran away.

Another contestant asked me why I was just standing there, looking disappointed. I

told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He told me I should have sold my own tickets.

“You don’t understand,” I said. “I had hoped to have Sex on TV.” He said, “Now that cable is all over the place, it’s no big deal anymore.”

When my wife and I separated, we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said, “Your Honor, I had Sex before I was married.” The judge said, “The courtroom isn’t a confessional. Stick to the case, please.”

Then I told him that after I was married, Sex left me. He said, “Me, too.”

Last night, Sex ran off again. I spent hours looking all over town for him. A cop came over to me and asked, “What are you doing in this alley at 4 o’clock in the morning?” I told him that I was looking for Sex. My case comes up Friday.

A Dog’s Inquiry

Dear God, when we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God, excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride. I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle.

Dear God, if a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God, is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Dear God, more meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God, when we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God, we dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God, are there dogs on other planets or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street.

Dear God, are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God, is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can’t make up our minds what not to order? Or is it the carpet thing again?

A Female View Of Marriage

Marriage — Part I

Typical macho man married typical good-looking lady and after the wedding, he laid down the following rules:

“I’ll be home when I want, if I want and at what time I want and I don’t expect any hassle from you. I expect a great dinner to be on table unless I tell you that I won’t be

home for dinner. I'll go hunting, fishing, boozing and card-playing when I want with my old buddies and don't you give me a hard time about it. Those are my rules. Do you have any comments?"

His new bride said, "No, that's fine with me. Just understand that there will be sex here at seven o'clock every night ... whether you're here or not."

Marriage — (Part II)

Husband and wife had a bitter quarrel on the day of their 40th wedding anniversary.

The husband yells, "When you die, I'm getting you a headstone that reads "Here Lies My Wife - Cold As Ever"

"Yeah?" she replies. "When you die, I'm getting you a headstone that reads "Here Lies My Husband - Stiff At Last."

Marriage — (Part III)

Husband (a doctor) and his wife are having a fight at the breakfast table. Husband gets up in a rage and says, "And you are no good in bed either," and storms out of the house.

After some time, he realizes he was nasty and decides to make amends and rings her up. She comes to the phone after many rings, and the irritated husband says, "What took you so long to answer the phone?"

She says, "I was in bed."

"In bed this early, what are you doing in bed?"

"I'm getting a second opinion."

Marriage — (Part IV)

A man has six children and is very proud of his achievement. He is so proud of himself, that he starts calling his wife "Mother of Six" in spite of her objections. One night, they go to a party. The man decides that it's time to go home and wants to find out if his wife is ready to leave as well.

He shouts at the top of his voice, "Shall we go home 'Mother of Six?'"

His wife, irritated by her husband's lack of discretion, shouts right back, "Anytime you're ready, 'Father of Four.'"

Marriage — (Part V)

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 am for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 am." He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 am and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 am. Wake up."

An HMO Manager Goes To Heaven

Two doctors and an HMO manager died and lined up at the pearly gates for admission. St. Peter asked them to identify themselves.

One doctor stepped forward and said, "I was a pediatric spine surgeon and helped kids overcome their deformities."

St. Peter said, "You can enter."

The second doctor said, "I was a psychiatrist. I helped people rehabilitate themselves."

St. Peter also invited him in.

The third applicant stepped forward and said, "I was an HMO manager. I helped people get cost-effective health care."

St. Peter said, "You can come in, too."

But as the HMO manager walked by, St. Peter added, "You can stay three days. After that, you can go to Hell."

An Ideal Marriage

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Ancient Translations

A monk his entire adult life, Brother Andrew was responsible for training new scribes in the art of copying by hand - word for word - the holy writs. One day an eager new scribe, Brother Jonathan, asked if anyone had ever made a mistake.

"Oh no," said Brother Andrew. "These words have always been correctly copied from generation to generation." Skeptical, Brother Jonathan asked Brother Andrew how he knew.

"My son," said Brother Andrew as he shuffled off toward the monastery's library, "let me get you the first volume ever written, and you will see that it is just as correct today as it was then."

Many hours passed. Finally Brother Jonathan decided he had better check on the elderly monk. At the library, he spotted Brother Andrew sitting alone in a candle-lit corner, tears running down his wrinkled cheeks. "What's the matter?" Brother Jonathan asked.

"I can't believe it," Brother Andrew responded, his voice quivering with emotion. "The word is celebrate. Cel-e-BRATE!"

Another Funny Story

The wife sends hubby grocery shopping. Standing at the check-out, the proverbial question confronts the helpful husband: "Paper or plastic?"

Marital Bliss

- A couple is lying in bed. The man says, "I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world"
The woman says, "I'll miss you."
- "It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower.
"Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?"
"Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.
- He said, "Since I first laid eyes on you, I've wanted to make love to you really badly."
She said, "Well, you succeeded."
- He said, "Shall we try swapping positions tonight?"
She said, "That's a good idea. You stand by the ironing board while I sit on the sofa and fart."
- He said, "What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you?"
She said, "Turn sideways and look in the mirror."
- He said, "I don't now why you wear a bra; you've got nothing to put in it."
She said, "You wear pants don't you?"
- On a wall in a ladies room: "My husband follows me everywhere"
Written just below it: "I do not."
- What do you call a woman who knows where her husband is every night?
A widow.
- Why are married women heavier than single women?
Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.
- What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?
A rumor.

And they say blondes are dumb

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt.
Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"
"It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"
He yelled back, "University of Oklahoma."
And they say blondes are dumb.

A woman's perfect breakfast

She's sitting at the table sipping coffee.

Marriage Counseling Not Needed

A husband and wife were at a party chatting with some friends when the subject of marriage counseling came up.

“Oh, we’ll never need that. My husband and I have a great relationship,” the wife explained. “He was a communications major in college and I majored in theater arts. He communicates real well and I just act like I’m listening.”

Marriage Humor

- The best way to get most husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they’re too old to do it.
— Ann Bancroft
- Any husband who says, “My wife and I are completely equal partners” is talking about either a law firm or a hand of bridge.
— Bill Cosby
- Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards.
— Benjamin Franklin
- My wife dresses to kill. She cooks the same way.
— Henny Youngman
- My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.
— Rodney Dangerfield
- A good wife always forgives her husband when she’s wrong.
— Milton Berle
- I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.
— George Burns
- What’s the difference between a boyfriend and a husband? About 30 pounds.
— Cindy Garner
- When women are depressed, they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country. It’s a whole different way of thinking.
— Elaine Boosler
- Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.
— Phyllis Diller
- My mother buried three husbands, and two of them were just napping.
— Rita Rudner
- The secret of a happy marriage remains a secret.

- Laughing stock: Cattle with a sense of humor.
- You can't have everything. Where would you put it?
- Latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the world's population.
- If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day.
- As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.
- When you go into court you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people that weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Poker Game

Six retired Floridians were playing poker when Brown loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest and drops dead at the table.

Showing respect for their fallen comrade, the other five continue playing standing up.

Butler looks around and asks, "So, who's gonna' tell his wife?"

They draw straws. Miller picks the short one.

They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet? I'm the most discreet person you'll ever meet. Discretion is my middle name. Leave it to me."

Miller goes over to the Brown apartment and knocks on the door. The wife answers and asks what he wants.

Miller declares: "Your husband just lost \$500 and is afraid to come home."

"Tell him to drop dead!" says the wife.

"I'll go tell him," says Miller.

Polish Divorce

A Polish man married a Canadian girl after he had been in Canada a year or so; and, although his English was far from perfect, they got along very well until one day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him — "very quick."

The lawyer said that the speed for getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

LAWYER: "Have you any grounds?"

POLE: "JA, JA, an acre and half and a nice little home with 3 bedrooms."

LAWYER: "No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

POLE: "It is made of concrete, brick, and mortar," he responded.

LAWYER: "Does either of you have a real grudge?"

POLE: "No," he replied, "we have a two-car carport, and have never really needed one."

LAWYER: "I mean, what are your relations like?"

POLE: "All my relations are in Poland."

LAWYER: "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

POLE: "Yes, we have hi fidelity stereo set and DVD player with 6.1 sound. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your questions is yes."

LAWYER: "No, I mean, does your wife beat you up?"

POLE: "No, I'm always up before her."

LAWYER: "Is your wife a nagger?"

POLE: "No, she is white."

LAWYER: "Why do you want this divorce?"

POLE: "She going to kill me."

LAWYER: "What makes you think that?"

POLE: "I got proof."

LAWYER: "What kind of proof?"

POLE: "She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at the drug store and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read; it says, 'Polish Remover'."

Politically Correct Statements For The 21st Century

- I'm not heavy. I'm "short for my mass." Or maybe I'm "famine prepared."
- Your bedroom isn't cluttered. It's just "passage restrictive."
- Kids don't get grounded anymore. They merely hit "social speed bumps."
- You're not late. You just have a "rescheduled arrival time."
- You're not having a bad hair day. You're suffering from "rebellious follicle syndrome."
- No one's tall anymore. He's "vertically enhanced."
- You're not shy. You're "conversationally selective."
- You don't talk a lot. You're just "abundantly verbal."
- It's not called gossip anymore. It's "the speedy transmission of near-factual information."

And for students:

- The food at the school cafeteria isn't awful. It's "digestively challenging."

until she died. After that, he'd own the apartment. Yet she kept on living, and he kept on paying, until he died in 1995. Her comment: "In life, one sometimes makes bad deals." She also said, "I've only got one wrinkle, and I'm sitting on it."

Q: What subject did Ann Landers say brought more mail than any other she ever featured in her column?

A: Snoring. There are rumors that a close second involved whether a roll of toilet paper should be dispensed from over the top or under the bottom.

Q: Ronald Schiller, writing in Reader's Digest, once remarked, "It is easy to use, so readily available that we take it for granted. Yet it is civilization's most important document." What was Mr. Schiller talking about?

A: The calendar.

Q: A prominent philosopher, David Hartman, once asked a prominent journalist, Nat Hentoff, "What has been mankind's greatest achievement?" What was Mr. Hentoff's answer?

A: "Due process," said Hentoff. "Right," said Hartman.

Pretty good answers? The calendar is the foundation of our sense of time, and due process is the foundation of our system of justice. But what do you think? What is civilization's most important document? What has been humanity's greatest achievement?

Supermarket Encounter

A man walked into a supermarket with his zipper down, and his fly wide open.

A lady cashier walked up to him and said, "Your barracks door is open."

This is not a phrase men normally use, so he went on his way looking a bit puzzled.

When he was about done shopping, a man came up and said, "Your fly is open."

He zipped up and finished his shopping, and remembering what the cashier had told him, finally understood. He then intentionally got in the line to check out where the lady was that told him about his "barracks door." He was planning to have a little fun with her.

When he reached her counter he said, "When you saw my barracks door open did you see a soldier standing in there at attention?"

The lady thought for a moment and said, "No, no I didn't. All I saw was a disabled veteran sitting on two duffel bags."

T-shirt Messages

- I Fought The Lawn And The Lawn Won (Around a picture of dandelions)
- So Few Men, So Few Who Can Afford Me

Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, “Oh, my God! Help me!”

At once, the ferocious attack scene froze in place, and as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, “I thought you didn’t believe in Me!”

“Come on God, give me a break!” the man pleaded. “Two minutes ago I didn’t believe in the Loch Ness monster either!”

The Best Female Comebacks

- Man: Haven’t I seen you someplace before?
Woman: Yes, that’s why I don’t go there anymore.
- Man: Is this seat empty?
Woman: Yes, and this one will be if you sit down.
- Man: Your place or mine?
Woman: Both. You go to yours, and I’ll go to mine.
- Man: So, what do you do for a living?
Woman: I’m a female impersonator.
- Man: Hey baby, what’s your sign?
Woman: Do not enter.
- Man: How do you like your eggs in the morning?
Woman: Unfertilized.
- Man: Your body is like a temple.
Woman: Sorry, there are no services today.
- Man: I would go to the end of the world for you.
Woman: But would you stay there?
- Man: If I could see you naked, I’d die happy.
Woman: If I saw you naked, I’d probably die laughing.

The Best Way To Pray

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

“Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray,” the priest said.

“No,” said the minister. “I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven.”

“You’re both wrong,” the guru said. “The most effective prayer position is lying down

The Guys' Side Of The Story

Finally, here we have the guys' side of the story. We always hear "the rules" from the female side. Now here are the rules from the male side.

Please note: These rules are all numbered "1" ON PURPOSE!

1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.
1. Sunday = Sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.
1. Shopping is NOT a sport. And no, we are never going to think of it that way.
1. Crying is blackmail.
1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work. Strong hints do not work. Obvious hints do not work. Just say it.
1. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.
1. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.
1. A headache that lasts for 17 months is a problem. See a doctor.
1. Anything we said six months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.
1. If you won't dress like the Victoria's Secret girls, don't expect us to act like soap opera guys.
1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.
1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.
1. You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.
1. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.
1. Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we.
1. All men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.
1. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.
1. If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.
1. If you ask a question you don't want us to answer, expect an answer you don't want

The Oldster

A little old man shuffled sloooooowly into an ice cream parlor, pulled himself sloooooowly, painfully up onto a stool.

After catching his breath he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, “Crushed nuts?”

“Nope,” he replied, “arthritis.”

The Paradox Of Our Time

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We’ve learned how to make a living, but not a life. We’ve added years to life not life to years. We’ve been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We conquered outer space but not inner space. We’ve done larger things, but not better things.

We’ve cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We’ve conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We’ve learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more data and produce more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring a message to you, and a time when you can choose either to share the message’s insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn’t cost a cent.

Remember, to say, “I love you” to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all

That nature only is good when it shall not do unto another whatever is not good for its own self.

“Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

This is the Golden Rule of life, which all people know, but too few practice. We deceive ourselves when we boast about our understanding and are unable to prove that we possess any. But when we accept this Truth as our rule to live by, then shall we witness the establishment on earth of the true brotherhood of man, under the guidance of the Fatherhood of God.

What To Say To Telemarketers

- If they want to loan you money, tell them you just filed for bankruptcy and you could sure use some money.
- If they start out with, “How are you today?” say, “Why do you want to know?” Alternately, you can tell them, “I’m so glad you asked, because no one these days seems to care, and I have all these problems; my arthritis is acting up, my eyelashes are sore, my dog just died.” When they try to get to the sell, just keep talking about your problems.
- If they say they’re John Doe from XYZ Company, ask them to spell their name. Then ask them to spell the company name. Then ask them where it is located. Continue asking them personal questions or questions about their company for as long as necessary.
- This works great if you are male:
Telemarketer: “Hi, my name is Judy and I’m with XYZ Company.”
You: Wait for a second and with a real husky voice ask, “What are you wearing?”
- Cry out in surprise, “Judy! Is that you? Oh my God! Judy, how have you been?” Hopefully, this will give Judy a few brief moments of terror as she tries to figure out where the hell she could know you from.
- Say “No” over and over. Be sure to vary the sound of each one and keep a rhythmic tempo, even as they are trying to speak. This is most fun if you can do it until they hang up.
- If MCI calls trying to get you to sign up for the Family and Friends Plan, reply, in as sinister a voice as you can, “I don’t have any friends. Would you be my friend?”
- If the company cleans rugs, respond: “Can you get out blood? Can you get out goat blood? How about human blood?”
- After the telemarketer gives his or her spiel, ask him/her to marry you. When they get all flustered, tell them that you could not just give your credit card number to a complete

Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, he sent the email.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister of many years who was called home to glory following a sudden heart attack.

The widow decided to check her email, expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife

Subject: I've Arrived

Date: 8 Jan 2004

Message: I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then. Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

PS: Sure is hot down here!

You Know You Are A Mom When ...

- Your feet stick to the kitchen floor and you don't care.
- When the kids are fighting, you threaten to lock them in a room together and not let them out until someone's bleeding.
- You can't find your cordless phone, so you ask a friend to call you, and you run around the house madly, following the sound until you locate the phone downstairs in the laundry basket.
- You spend an entire week wearing sweats.
- Your idea of a good day is making it through without a child leaking bodily fluids on you.
- Popsicles become a food staple.
- Your favorite television show is a cartoon.
- Peanut butter and jelly is eaten at least in one meal a day.
- You're willing to kiss your child's boo-boo, regardless of where it is.
- Your baby's pacifier falls on the floor and you give it back to her, after you suck the dirt off

The Must-Read Book On Days You're Either Up Or Down

Within these pages I'll spare you lots of overwhelming evidence embedded in real life situations. But to get your attention, I'll give you cause to think about what others think and say about life's ups and downs. I'll also give you cause for lots of chuckles. They produce aching belly laughs, haunt you with insuppressible snickers, and relieve nasty stress.

You do not need to feel embarrassed. Go ahead and laugh. Laugh heartily. I and others who have gone through the wringer oftentimes kept our sanity because — above all — we kept our wits.

As you turn the pages, it's the likes of you, your friends and strangers who share their thoughts and laughs with you.

Here's inspirational reading that opens eyes wide and motivates hearts. I will have you rolling in laughs and mired in thought-provoking humor. **Chuckle and think!**

It's a must-read book on those days when you are down or you wish to share laughter and thought with others. It's also an apathy shaker. Real-life excitement of what others — you may recognize them and their demeanor also as your next-door neighbors — think about life.

**Read sizzling chuckles,
feisty anecdotes, wild stories,
funny sayings, jokes and
thought-provoking messages.**