

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

Magic of Spring



Beautiful spring
come to our town
using your magic
give gardens colorful gown.

Paint daffodils yellow
and tulips red
don't forget irises
in all my flowerbeds.

Please bring back sunshine
and fresh clean air
let soft breeze
run through my hair.

Make trees turn green
and blossoms sweet-scented
show us the magic
for which we eagerly waited.

Author: Gabi Fulcher

The Treasure in the Garden

William was a gardener. He was a devout and hard-working man. He was never lazy. Above all he was honest. He had worked very hard all his life. Now he was old.



He had two children, sons now in their early twenties. One day William called his sons together and asked, "My dear sons, have you seen my garden?"

"Of course, father, why?"

"Look. You know the trees and vines in the garden bear sweet fruits."

"Yes, father! It is a very beautiful garden. We have tasted the fruits. They are delicious."

The gardener looked at his hands. They were worn and wrinkled from the years of labor. He glanced at his old spade in the corner, its handle and blade worn down from use, much like his hands.

He reached out and grasped his sons' hands. They were soft and smooth, having spent their youth in frivolous activities requiring no effort.

William said, "My sons, you have not worked a single day in your life time. I have doubt whether you will choose to work

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To make matters worse, the other day I was sitting at a red light and this guy next to me wanted to race. The light turned green, I slammed it into "R" for race and slammed into the car behind me!

Any help with this situation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Treasure in the Garden

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in the future also.

"But as a last gift to you, I provide you with an opportunity. I have hidden huge treasure in the garden under the trees. The garden is now yours. But to acquire the hidden treasure, you must put in strenuous effort to dig the earth and uncover your inheritance."

Soon thereafter, William the gardener died.

The sons did not delay, motivated by the prospect of the leisurely life the huge treasure would provide them. So they took their father's old spade and began to dig the earth in the garden.

They worked hard for weeks. They cleaned the ground under the trees. They removed weeds, stones and shales. When they found no treasure under the trees, they dug up the ground among the vines, removing dead growth as they went. Yet they found no buried treasure anywhere in the garden.

Having dug up the ground in the entire garden, they stepped back and surveyed the now pristine property. The trees were heavy-laden with sweet fruits. The vines were straining under the weight of the grapes.

Not wanting to waste their efforts, they spent many days plucking and gathering the fruit. They took the bounty to market and sold it for a large sum.

Both sons suddenly understood the value of hard work. The treasure was not in the ground, but in their labor. Their father had taught them a great lesson. Together they determined to continue to work hard and honor their father's name.

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- ◆ Once an entire village—in the midst of a drought—decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, the people gathered, but only one little boy brought an umbrella.

That is FAITH.

- ◆ When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.

That is TRUST.

- ◆ Every night we go to bed without any assurance that we will wake up in the morning, but we still set our alarms to wake us up.

That is HOPE.

- ◆ We fill our calendar with big plans for tomorrow in spite of no knowledge of the future.

That is CONFIDENCE.



- ◆ We see the world suffering and see the difficulty of raising children in a crazy world, but we still get married.

That is LOVE.

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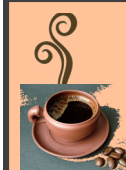
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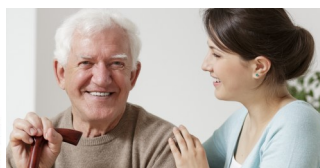


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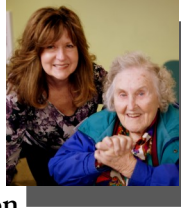
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A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the four pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers revealing a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attached to a specially made shoe.

Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy...

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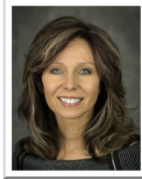
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Things to Think About

- What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
• If poison is past its expiration date, is it more poisonous or no longer poisonous?
• Which letter is silent in the word "scent," the S or the C?
• Why is the letter W called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
• Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
• The word "swims" upside down is still "swims."
• Intentionally using a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
• Your future self is watching you right now through memories.
• If you replace "W" with "T" in the words "What, Where and When," you get the answer to each of them.
• Many animals probably need glasses but nobody knows it.
• If you rip hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before.



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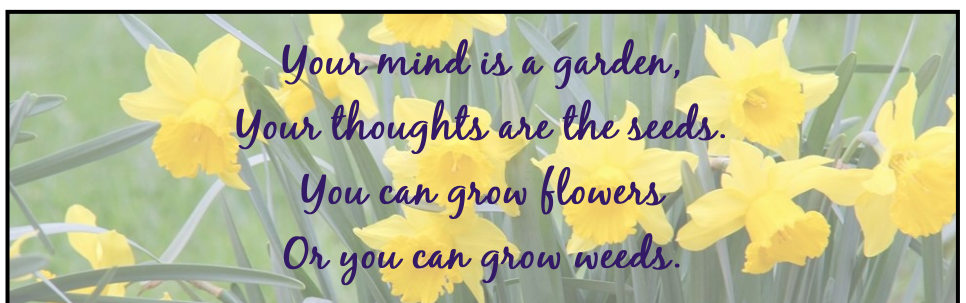
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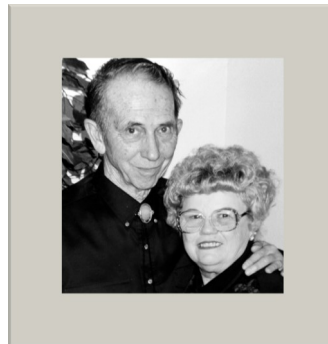
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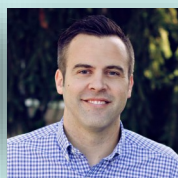


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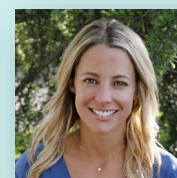
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