

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

The New Suit and the Lost Ticket

When Billy Graham was 92 years-old, he was struggling with Parkinson's disease. In January a month before his 93rd birthday, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited him to a luncheon in his honor.

Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because of his struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, "We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you." So he agreed.



After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the podium, looked at the crowd, and said: "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century.

Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train, when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Albert reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets.

"It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

"The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' Einstein nodded appreciatively.

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The Perfect Gift for Dad

by Lili Puta



I picked some yellow flowers that were growing in our yard, put them in a fancy vase and made my dad a card.

My sister laughed and boldly said, "Your gift is very silly. Dads like ties and grills and tools, not stuff that's sweet and frilly."

But when I gave my dad his gift his face was all aglow. "Why, thank you son, for pulling weeds, I now have less to mow!



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My Father Raised Me to Show Respect

My father taught me to knock before I open a door. To say hello when I enter a room. To say please and thank you, and to have respect for my elders.



He taught me to let another person have my seat if they needed it. To say 'yes, sir' and 'no, sir,' and help other when they need me to.

I was taught to hold the door for the person behind me, and to say 'excuse me' when it's needed. To love people for who they are and not for what I can get from them.

Most importantly, I was raised to treat people exactly how I would like to be treated by others.

"It's called RESPECT, my dad said. He was right.

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The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

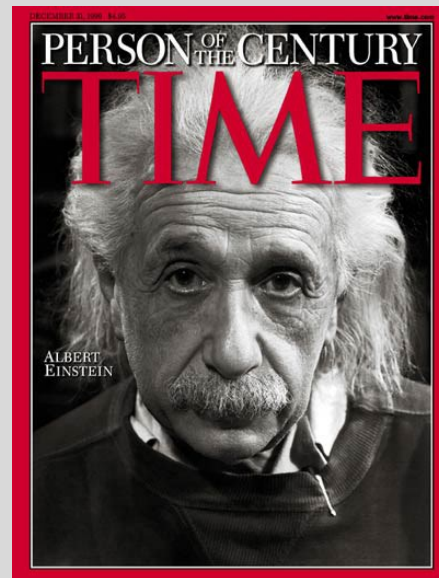
"The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.'

"Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'"

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So, I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion.

"You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: 'I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going.'"

May each of us have lived our lives so that when our ticket is punched we don't have to worry about where we are going.



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Laughin' at Limericks

A painter, who lived in Great Britain,
Interrupted two girls with their knittin',
He said, with a sigh,
That park bench – well I,
Just painted it, right where you're sittin'.

There was a young lady of Cork,
Whose Pa made a fortune in pork.
He bought for his daughter,
A tutor who taught her,
To balance green peas on her fork.

An elderly man called Keith,
Mislaid his set of false teeth.
They'd been laid on a chair,
He'd forgot they were there,
Sat down, and was bitten beneath.

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.



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THE PASTOR'S CAT – a true story

A pastor of a local church had a kitten who climbed up a tree in his back yard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor tried everything: coaxing, offering warm milk, etc. but the kitty would not come down.

The tree was about 15 feet tall but wasn't sturdy enough to climb. So the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He decided if he went just a little bit farther, the tree would be bent enough for him to reach the kitten.

But as he moved the car a little farther forward, the rope broke. The tree went "bling!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air out of sight. The Pastor felt terrible.

He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they had seen a little kitten. No, no one had seen a stray kitten.

So he prayed, "Lord, I commit this kitten to your keeping," and went about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was surprised to see cat food. He knew this woman was a cat hater, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing.

Then a few days earlier, the child had begged again, so the mom finally told the little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread."



Lesson learned: Never underestimate God and His unique sense of humor.

Razzle Dazzle Words

Give yourself 10 points for every word you've used:

- Razzmatazz
- Okey-dokey
- Fuddy-duddy
- Fiddle-faddle
- Roly-poly
- Razzle-dazzle
- Dilly-dally
- Easy-peasy
- Hodge-podge
- Hocus-pocus
- Flimflam
- Hootchie-kootchie
- Hokey-pokey
- Scribble-scrabble
- Spitter-spatter
- Hurly-burly
- Super-duper

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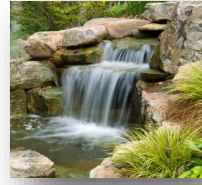
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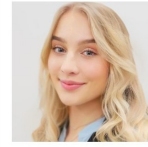
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The Secret to Being Married for Over 60 Years

I interviewed a couple last week who just had their 50th wedding anniversary. I asked them one question: "How does a beautiful couple like yourself keep such a healthy marriage for over 60 years?"

She told me, "Wait right here young man," and she went back to their bedroom and pulled something from a weathered roll top desk. It was an old worn-out Bible.

She said, "This right here is what has got us through everything life has thrown at us for the past 60 years."

She went on about how it completely changed their lives and it taught them numerous things that should be a staple in all relationships in this day and age, no matter how long you and your significant other have been together.

She said,
"We learned how to forgive each other.
We rebuilt trust when it was broken.
We always listened to one another.
We apologized when we were wrong.
We always made time for each other.
We learned how to communicate.
We always put one another first no matter the circumstance.
We never stopped dating each other.
We always told each other 'I love you' before we went to bed.
We always prayed for each other daily.
We never made permanent decisions based on our temporary emotions."



She said, "These are just a few things the Bible has taught us."

I decided to ask her one last question. I said, "After 60 years, are you worried about what tomorrow brings?"

She said something I'll never forget.

She said, "I trust the next chapter of our love story, because I know the author."

A Stiff Sentence

An old man was caught shoplifting and had to go before the judge, who had a very strict reputation. His wife went with him to offer support.

"What were you caught stealing?" asked the judge.

"It was just a can of peaches," your honor.

"How many peaches were in the can," the magistrate asked.

"Six peaches, your honor," was his reply.

"In that case, I sentence you to six days in jail," the judge said sternly.

The man was shocked, but before he could say anything, his wife spoke up.

"May I say something, your honor?" she asked.

"If you wish," said the judge.

"He also stole a can of peas," she remarked.




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Engineering 101

Four engineers get into a car. The car won't start.

The mechanical engineer says, "It's definitely a broken starter."

The electrical engineer says, "No, it's dead battery or a bad connection."

The chemical engineer says, "Most likely it's caused by contaminants in the gasoline."

The IT engineer closes his laptop and says, "Hey, guys, I have an idea. How about we all just get out of the car and get back in?"

TEN THINGS TO PONDER FOR SENIORS

1. Talk to yourself. Sometimes you need expert advice.
2. Wear clothes that fit. They are always in style.
3. You don't need anger management classes. You just need people to stop making you angry.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
6. Remember, "on time" is whenever you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
8. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
9. Have you noticed lately that people your age seem so much older than you?
10. Growing old should have taken much longer.



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A truck driver stopped at a roadside diner to grab some lunch. He ordered a cheese-burger, coffee, and a slice of apple pie.



Just as he started to eat, in walked three burly motorcyclists.

The first biker grabbed the man's cheeseburger and took a big bite out of it.

The second biker picked up the trucker's coffee and downed it in one swig.

And the third biker put out his cigarette in the man's pie.

The trucker didn't do a thing or say a word. He just got up, paid the waitress and left.

The first biker said to the waitress, "He ain't much of a man, is he?"

"He's not much of a driver, either," the waitress replied. "He just backed his 18-wheeler over three motorbikes."

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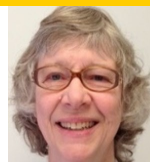
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