Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

Honk If You Love Jesus!

A friend of ours just received this letter from her 88-year-old grandmother, who still drives her own car:

Dear Granddaughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian bookstore and saw a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker.

I was feeling particularly good that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a powerful sermon from our pastor. So I bought the sticker



and put it on my bumper.

Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed. The rest of my day was so memorable.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about how good the Lord has been to me, and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It was now green. It's a good thing someone else loves Jesus, because if he hadn't honked, I never would have noticed.

While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, I was thinking wow, and then he leaned out of his window and hollered, "Go! Go! GO!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was!

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Mommy's Best Days



"Before she knew it, her kids were grown. Her house was quiet. The rooms were tidy and still.

There were no little race cars left upon the nightstand.

There were no bath toys waiting on the shower floor.

And she looked back and knew those little years; those busy years, with sleepless nights and full schedules were some of the best days of her life.

Mama, yes, it gets tiring and repetitive and frustrating sometimes... but we must remember our blessings are not burdens.

Let's not miss the wonder... Let's not miss the growth...

Let's not miss the sweetness of this

With evidence of raising babies all around, one day, I'll look back and miss this little version of you.

And realize time really rushed on by.

I'll take all the frustration and exhaustion as long as I get you, my child. I know I'm living in some of the best days of my life."

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The man brought four cards, four boxes of candy, and four vases of flowers up to the checkout. The cashier rolled her eyes a bit.

The man explained, "One set is for my mom. My dad passed away—he used to do this for her and he taught me how to give love."

"The second set is for my wife because she has taught me to treasure love every day and showed me how to love my kids better.

"The next set is for my daughter. It's up to me to teach her how she should be treated.

"Are you a mother?" he asked the clerk.

She nodded.

"And you can keep the fourth set for yourself. I just wanted you to know that a man can show you love without wanting something in return.

"Have a wonderful day!"

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Then everyone started honking! I truly realized that lots of people must love Jesus! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all of those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in all that love! It was amazing.

Before I knew it, the whole line of cars behind me was honking and hollering. How exciting!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection.

I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light turned red again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared.

So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and waved at them one last time as I drove away.

I'm so thankful for all those wonderful folks! They really made my day!!

I will write again soon,

Love XXOO, Grandma





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Wise Things My Mother Taught Me

- 1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
- 2. My mother taught me RELIGION.
- "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- 3. My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
- 4. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.
- "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- 5. My mother taught me IRONY.
- "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
- **6.** My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. *"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."*
- 7. My mother taught me about STAMINA.
- "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
- 8. My mother taught me about WEATHER.
- "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
- 9. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.
- "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
- 10. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
- "Just wait until your father gets home."
- 11. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
- "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
- 12. My mother taught me HUMOR.
- "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- 13. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.
- "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
- 14. My mother taught me WISDOM.
- "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
- 15. And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE.
- "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"



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Two little old ladies, Dolly and Ruby, were talking about their grandchildren.

Dolly said, "Every year I send my grandchildren a birthday card with a very generous check inside, but I never hear from them never receive a thank you."

Ruby replied, "I send my grandchildren a card and a generous check every year, too. But I hear from them within days. In fact, they always pay a personal visit to thank me."

"Wow! That's amazing, Ruby! Why is that?"

"Very simple," said Ruby. "I don't sign the check."

GOD CREATED THE CRAFTY MOMS TO INSPIRE CREATIVITY.

HE CREATED THE TIDY MOMS TO INSPIRE COMFORT.

HE CREATED THE NURTURING MOMS TO INSPIRE CALM.

HE CREATED THE FUNNY MOMS TO INSPIRE LAUGHTER.

HE CREATED THE CRUNCHY MOMS TO INSPIRE HEALTH.

HE CREATED THE PARTY PLANNING MOMS TO INSPIRE COMMUNITY.

BUT HE DIDN'T CREATE YOU TO BE ALL OF THEM. SO STOP TRYING TO BE ALL THE MOMS.

BE THE MOM YOU WERE CREATED TO BE.

AND THEN, FIND YOUR VILLAGE TO BE THE MOMS YOU AREN'T. BECAUSE WE WERE ALL CREATED TO NEED EACH OTHER.

Fordan Harrell, writer



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Mother's Dictionary of Meanings

Feedback: The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

Full Name: What you call your

child when you're mad at him.

Grandparents: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

Independent: How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

Puddle: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

Show Off: A child who is more talented than yours.

Sterilize: What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it, and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it and wiping it with saliva.

Top Bunk: Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

Two-Minute Warning: When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar-grunting noises.

Whodunit: None of the kids that live in your house.

It Was Quite a Feet!

A kindergarten teacher was helping one of her students put his boots on. He had asked for help and she could see why. With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on.

When the second boot was on, she was nearly out of breath. She almost whimpered when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet."



She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off. She managed to keep her cool as they worked together to get the boots back on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than scream, "Why didn't you say so earlier?" like she wanted to. Once again she struggled to help him pull the boots off.

He then said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear them."

She didn't know if she should laugh or cry. She mustered up the grace to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

She said, "Now, where are your gloves?"

He said, "I stuffed them in the toes of my boots..."

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From the Mouths of Babes

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted,

"My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Joey, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school.

"Well Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely.

Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom, but, if I told Tommy it the way the teacher did, you'd horrified. never believe it!"

TIME TO PRAY

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night.

"Yes, sir," the boy replied.

"And, do you always say them in the morning, too?" the pastor asked.

"No sir," the boy replied. "I ain't scared in the daytime"

THE UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon.

One day she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

ANSWERED PRAYER

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews.

Tommy's mother was horrified.

She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?"

Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past).

For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing.

My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response: "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men'!"







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Eavesdropping

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MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Hi Honey, it's me. Are

you at the club?" MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I'm at the shops now and found this beautiful leather coat.

It's

only \$2,000; is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Lexus dealership and saw the new

models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?" WOMAN: "\$90.000."

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing... I was just talking to Janie

and

found out that the house I wanted last year is back on the market.

They're

asking \$980,000 for it."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They'll probably take it. If not, we can go the extra 80 thousand if it's what you really want."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths wide open.

He turns and asks, "Anyone know whose phone this is?



A doctor and a lawyer are talking at a party. Their conversation is constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice.

After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asks the lawyer: "What do you do to stop people from asking for legal advice when you are out of the office?"

"I give them the advice," replies the lawyer. "Then I send them a bill."

The doctor is shocked, but agrees to give it a try.

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Pregnant at 71?

An elderly woman went to see the doctor for a bad case of the hiccups she hadn't been able to stop for days.

The doctor ran a few tests, then visited with the lady while they waited for the results.

Soon after he shared the results with her she ran screaming out of the exam room and out the door.



The nurse on duty rushed in to ask the doctor what had happened.

"I just told her she was pregnant," he replied calmly.

"Pregnant?" the nurse exclaimed. "She's 71 years old, has four grown children and seven grand-children, and you told her she was pregnant?"

Without looking up from his notes, the doctor asked, "Does she still have the hiccups?"



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They all said "no."

I lost my job at the Pepsi factory. I tested positive for Coke.

My great-great-uncle Horace invented the suspenders.

He was awarded the No-Belt Prize.

I quit my job at the vacuum store. Everything they sold sucked.

Some people are so serious they act like they've had their funny bone removed.

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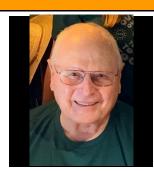
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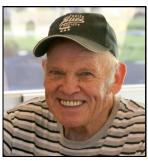
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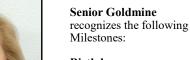
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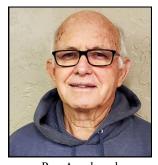


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