

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!



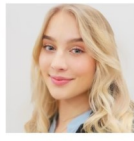
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My Father Raised Me to Show Respect

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.

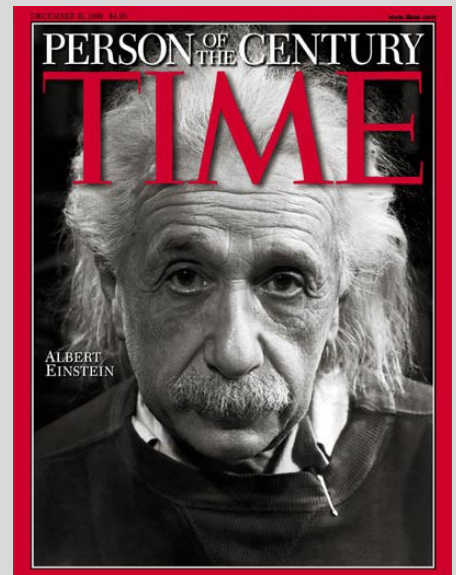
"The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.'

"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.

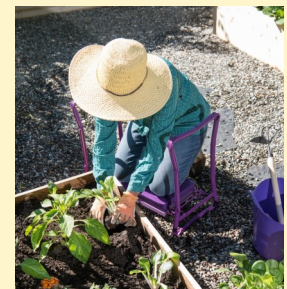
"You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: 'I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going.'"

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.



I once asked a girl to marry me.
She said, "No."
I said, "Is there someone else?"
She said, "I sure hope so."

*NOTE TO SELF:
Don't kneel in the garden without a plan to get up!*





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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.

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
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the mailman is working
from home.
Yesterday he called me
and read me my bills.**

A reporter was doing a Father's Day story and asked three men on the street: "What would you want your loved ones to say as they were looking down on you in your coffin?"
Tom: "I'd want them to say I was a good husband and father."
Bill: "That I lived a good life of kindness to others."
Dan: "Look! He's moving!"

Bad Truck Driver

A truck driver stopped at a roadside diner to grab some lunch. He ordered a cheeseburger, 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."

Milestones



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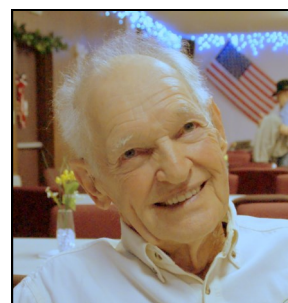
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