Sayings From Mom

Introduction: Our parents have a way of scaring us for the rest of our lives. Their mannerisms, phrases, way of thinking becomes ingrained in us. Most of that is good. I got to thinking of some phrases my mom has used and the lessons they have taught me.

**I) Nothing Is So Bad It Can't Be Worse!**

**A) Usually we see the bad in times of failure and trials.**

1. Getting an F on a test.

2. Death of a loved one.

3. Being made fun of, not being popular, etc.

**B) There are times we need trials and struggles to get better.**

1. The struggle we face were faced by other generations, "there is nothing new under the sun" **Ecc. 1.9b-10**

2. Time takes care of a lot of problems.

**C) Matter of priorities and how we look at things.**

1. Failure is not the worst thing that can happen, giving up. **Matthew 25.24-30.**

2. Death of a loved one is not the worst thing that can happen. Being lost is the worst thing. **Matthew 6.33.**

3. Being made fun of is not the worst thing that can happen. Sometimes giving in and being accepted is worse. **Proverbs 1.**

**II) Those Are Used To Days**

**A) Referring to things she used to be able to do.**

1. She used to carry two 5 gallon buckets of water up a hill so as to wash clothes.

2. She used to can green beans, corn, beets, jam, etc.

3. She used to do to a lot of things she can no longer do.

**B) There are things we can only do for a limited time. Psalm 90.12**

1. There are opportunities we have that are limited, **Galatians 6.10**

2. Teaching and admonishing others.

3. Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**C) There are things we may have done but have learned not to "used to days"**

1. Sins of times past, **1 Peter 4.1ff.**

2. The sacrifices of the Old Testament, Sabbath Day worship, temple worship were done away with, **Hebrews 10.5-10**

3. False worship, **1 Corinthians 6.9ff.**

**III) Don't Worry About Me, I Am All Right!**

**A) Usually said hoping we will allow her to do something we are unsure about.**

1. Stay by herself, mow the yard, climb a step stool, etc.

2. Sense of independence, not wanting to be a problem, not wanting us to worry about her.

**B) The lost often think they are all right.**

1. They think they have plenty of time to get right with God, **James 4.13-14.**

2. They don't think they are following false doctrine, **Acts 17.11**

3. Everyone will go to heaven, **Matthew 7.13-14.**

**C) We need to examine ourselves to make sure we are "all right" with God, 2 Cor. 13.5, James 1.21-25**

1. Are we taking God's word to heart and doing it.

2. Are we consistently practicing what the Bible teaches?

**D) We don't have to worry if they are all right with God.**

1. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, **Revelation 14.13.**

2. Paul was telling Timothy to not worry about him, he was all right**, 2 Timothy 4.6-8**.

Conclusion: Two women, one went to worship on Sunday, came home and died after entering her house. Found by her husband just two minutes later. Emotional, shocking, hard to deal with, but she is now happy. Another woman is suffering from cancer. Death is not too far away. Her children worry about her because of her life. She has never obeyed the Gospel. The difference is not in how they die but in how they lived. How are you living today?