

Thankful For Jell-O
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In my practice as a nurse, I have learned so many things that have changed my life; this is one of those things. One of my patients is a young man in his twenties; he has all appearance of a man, but his personality is child-like. He cannot speak many words and has several physical problems that keep him dependent on total care. He can make very few choices in his life. But he is completely aware of his feelings and can express them very well; this is perhaps the only thing over which he has total control.

Every day he receives his nutrition from a tube in his belly. This was not always so; I have been told that he loved to eat many things. Now the only food he is allowed to eat by mouth is Jell-O. When I worked in a hospital, I threw away many servings of Jell-O that patients refused to eat; and therefore, I know how un-popular this food can be day after day. But, not in this young man's eyes. He loves Jell-O. Or does he? Maybe he has chosen to love it!

This thought came to me one night as I was feeding him. He was smiling and asking for more just like a little bird; his mouth was open wide and his eagerness shone in his eyes. Jell-O was all he could have, but instead of complaining and refusing to eat one more serving, he chose to enjoy it!

From his example, I have learned that although I have to live with what I have been served in this life, I can choose to be happy with it, or I can make myself unhappy. Whatever I choose will not alter the serving God has seen fit to give me, but it will change how I live my life. And perhaps the change in me will move other lives, like my patient has changed me.

“There Are Hypocrites in the Church!”

"But they all with one accord began to make excuses..." (Luke 14:18)

Some say they won't become Christians because there are hypocrites in the church. Others say they can't be faithful because they are discouraged by the hypocrites in the church. There is no sound reasoning to this excuse. Certainly, there are hypocrites in the church, but there are more out of the church!

If one needed a job, and was offered one in a factory, he wouldn't say, "I won't work there because there are hypocrites there." Or, if he needed some groceries, and had the money to buy them, he wouldn't say, "I won't go to the store because there are hypocrites there."

The "hypocrites in the church" excuse will be a very weak one in the day of judgment. Does one expect to be given heaven because of the wickedness of others? Will he say, "Lord, I didn't serve you because of the hypocrites and therefore I deserve heaven?" It is far better to put up with a few hypocrites in the church for a little time than to dwell with all hypocrites forever!

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1 The TV is my Shepherd.

- 2 My spiritual growth shall want.
- 3 It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for his name's sake because it requires all my spare time.
- 4 It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see.
- 5 It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from the study of God's word.
- 6 It leadeth me in the paths of apathy and doing nothing in the Kingdom of God.
- 7 Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion.
- 8 Its sound and its picture, they comfort me.
- 9 It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family.
- 10 It filleth my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the word of God.
- 11 Surely no good thing will come to my life, because my TV leaveth me so little time to do the will of God.
- 12 Thus, I will dwell in the house of idleness and sloth forever

A Moments Wisdom

Some people get into pretty deep water while they are trying to make a big splash in this world.

Every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness.

As a man grows older and wiser, he talks less and says more.

A good listener is not only popular; after a while he knows more than others.

Others may ruin your reputation, but only you can ruin your character.

Some people who complain that others do not understand them, ought to be glad of it.

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with.

There is nothing harder than the softness of indifference.

For us, with the rule of right and wrong given us by Christ, there is nothing for which we have no standard. And there is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness, and truth. (Leo Tolstoi)

Most of us spend the first six days of the week sowing wild oats, then we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure.

Do you know the three times that most people are in church? When they are hatched, matched and dispatched.

Quit griping about the church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong.

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

Every evening I turn my troubles over to God -- He's going to be up all night anyway.

To err is human; to blame it on somebody else is even more human.

Self control is the ability to let your light shine even after your fuse has blown.

He that hath no children doth bring them up well.

Disobedience doesn't mean anything to a child who knows it will be forgiven with a soft pat.

Rogues differ little. Each began as a disobedient son.

A smile is a laugh that whispers.

At heart we have the intuition that the soul of a man disposes him to provide for his family. If he can't do that, then in some fundamental way he has failed as a man, and he knows it.