

Simple Way to Happiness

Part - I I



Collection of Inspirational Stories & Poems

A person is rappelling down a dark rock face on the right side of the image. The background is a dramatic, red-tinted sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds. The overall mood is one of challenge and perseverance.

“THE TEMPTATION TO QUIT
WILL BE THE GREATEST
JUST BEFORE YOU ARE
ABOUT TO SUCCEED.”

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TOO TRUE, TOO OFTEN...

Too often we don't realize
what we have, until it is gone
Too often, we wait too late to say
"I'm sorry -I was wrong."

Sometimes it seems we hurt the ones
we hold dearest to our hearts
And we allow foolish things
to tear our lives apart.

Far too many times we let
unimportant things into our minds
And then it's usually too late
to see what made us blind.

So let us be sure that we let people know
how much they mean to us
Let us take that time to say the words
before our time is through.

Let us be sure that we appreciate
everything we have got
And let us be thankful for the little things
that means to us a lot.

Growing old gracefully
is a privilege denied to many.

LET US COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

If we have food in the refrigerator, clothes to wear, a roof overhead and a place to sleep - we are richer than 75% of this world.

If we have some money in our wallet, and spare change in a dish at someplace - we are among the top 40% of the world's wealthy.

If we have never experienced the danger of war or the starvation - we are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If our parents are still alive and still married - we are very rare.

If we can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder - we are blessed.

If we can read this message, we are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

In the morning we clutch our blanket and growl when the alarm rings, but we are blessed because we can hear and have the strength to rise. There are many who are deaf; and there are many who are bedridden.

Even though the routine of our job is often monotonous, we are blessed with the opportunity to work. There are many who are jobless.

Let us count our life by smiles, not tears; Let us count our age by friends not years.

THIS IS SIMPLE WAY TO HAPPINESS



BOOK IS THE
BOUQUET
FULL OF LIFE



Self Confidence

In the jungle which animal is the biggestI heard you say ,..... elephant.

In the jungle which animal is the tallest..... I heard you sayGiraffe.

In the jungle which animal is the wisest.....I heard you say..... Tortoise

In the jungle which animal is the fastest I heard you say Cheetahs.

Uhhh.... Among all these wonderful qualities mentioned..... Where is the Lion in the picture. Yet we say the Lion is the king of the jungle even without any of these qualities.

Something fascinating about the Lion is :-

The Lion is Courageous and bold

The Lion is always ready to face any challenges, any barrier that crosses his path, no matter how big they are.

The Lion walks with confidence and dares anything.

The Lion believes he is unstoppable.

The Lion is a risk taker.

What is it that we get to learn from here

We don't need to be the fastest.

We don't need to be the wisest

We don't need to be the smartest

We don't need to be the most brilliant.

All we need is courage and boldness

All we need is the will to try

All we need is the faith to believe it is possible

All we need is to believe in ourselves that we can do it.

*Let us keep our heart free from hate
Let us fill our heart with Love.
Let us expect little
and
Let us do more than expected.*

*Simple Way
To
Happiness*

PART - II

*May the "**Simple Way to Happiness**"
bring us closer to one another.
from:*

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LOVE

A young man was very much in love with his girl friend. The romantic young man folded 1000 pieces of paper cranes as a gift for her. At that time, he was a small person, working as clerk in small company. His future did not seem bright; yet they were very happy together. Until one day, his girl friend told him that she was going to Paris and will not come back. She also told him that she could not visualize better future with him. Heartbroken, the young man reluctantly agreed to part. He realized that his lowly status was an obstacle. He, however regained his composure and confidence and worked hard day and night to advance his career. Finally, his dedication and determination made him to succeed and he set up his own company...We never fail, until we stop trying.

After a few years, on a rainy day, while the young man was driving his Luxury Sedan, he saw an elderly couple walking and sharing an umbrella in the rain. Even with the umbrella, they were thoroughly drenched. It did not take him long to realize that they were his girl friend's parents. He drove slowly besides the couple with a heart at getting back at them and wanting them to spot him in his luxurious car. He wanted them to know that he was not an ordinary person any more. He had his own business, a car and a house. He had reached greater heights.

Before the young man could realize, the couple had walked towards a cemetery. The young man got out of his car and followed them. He saw his girlfriend's photograph smiling sweetly as ever from her tombstone and he saw his paper cranes beside her. Her parents saw him. He asked them how this happened. They explained that she did not leave for Paris at all. She had cancer. She believed that you would be successful some day, but she did not want to be an obstacle in your path. Therefore she chose to leave you.

Her love for the young man was so profound that she did not want him to suffer with her because of her cancer. She just loved him without expectations and wanted him to be free and enjoy his life. **Love is giving and not receiving.**

Let us not let our love fly away when it is residing next to us, because if we do, some day we will think again, why did we let it go away from us. ***And just because someone does not love us the way we want them that does not mean that they don't love us.*** She wanted her parents to put paper cranes beside her tombstone because, sometimes in life, when fate may bring him to her again... he could take lots of love back with him. The young man cried bitterly.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

There are things that money can buy and things money cannot buy. The most precious things are the ones that money just cannot buy.

SPARROW

There was a sparrow who decided not to fly south for the winter.

However, soon the weather turned so cold that he reluctantly started to fly south. In a short time, ice began to form on his wings, and he fell down to earth in a barnyard, almost frozen.

A cow passed by and crapped on the little sparrow. The sparrow thought it was the end. But the manure warmed him and defrosted his wings.

Warm and happy, able to breathe, sparrow started to sing. Just then a large cat came by, and hearing the chirping investigated the sound. The cat cleared away the manure, found the chirping bird and promptly ate it.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

1. Attempt of unwanted doing becomes dangerous.
2. Everyone who craps on us is not necessarily our enemy.
3. Everyone who gets us out of the crap is not necessarily our friend.
4. And, if we are warm and happy in a pile of crap, let us keep our mouth shut.

MEN

If you praise him, he says thank you,
If you don't, he feels secure in your love.

If you agree to his likes, you have met fantasy.
If you don't, you still get along.

If you visit him often, he welcomes you every time.
If you don't, he will visit you instead.

If you are well dressed, he says you are beautiful
If you don't you are still beautiful.

If you are jealous, he reassures you and holds you
If you are not, he gives you no reason to be.

If you attempt a romance he sweeps you off your feet
If don't, he will love you from a far.

If you are a minute late, he is grateful for your arrival.
If he is late he apologizes and makes it up to you.

If he does not help you in crossing the street, he knows,
you're a big girl.
If he does, he shows that he will always be there for you.

If you talk, he will always listen
If you listen, he will tell you anything you want to know.

In short : So complex, yet so direct
 So strong, yet so supportive
 So dazzling, yet so humble.
 MEN ARE MARVELLOUS

WOMEN

If you praise her, she thinks you are lying.
If you don't, you are good for nothing.

If you agree to all her likes, you are a henpecked man
If you don't, you do not understand.

If you visit her often, she thinks it is boring
If you don't, she accuses you of double crossing.

If you are well dressed she says, you are a play boy
If don't, you are a dull boy.

If you are jealous, she says it is bad,
If you don't, she thinks you do not love her.

If you attempt a romance, she says you didn't respect her,
If you don't, she thinks you do not like her.

If you are a minute late, she complains it's hard to wait,
If she is late, she says that's a lady's way.

If he fails to help her in crossing the street, he lacks ethics,
If he does, she thinks it's just one of the men's tactics.

If you talk, she wants you to listen,
If you listen, she wants you to talk.

In short: So simple, yet so complex
So weak, yet so powerful
So confusing, yet so desirable
WOMEN ARE WONDERFUL

DAD

A Dad is

Someone who holds us in his arms
as we enter into this world
Who teaches us to walk as we toddle
and supports us all along as we grow up

A Dad is

Someone who encourages all our efforts,
and appreciate us wholeheartedly
when we achieve a goal
who comforts us
over a disappointment and helps
us to smile instead of shedding a tear

A Dad is

Someone who listens patiently to
our never ending doubts,
fears and puts them to rest and guides
us throughout

A Dad is

Someone whose eyes shine with pride and
happiness at every little achievement
of ours, who's always there with Love
and prayer in his heart

A DAD IS A LIFELONG FRIEND

MOTHER

A young boy, about six years old was talking on the telephone to his grand parents. The youngster told his grandparents dejectedly, "Mom is in the hospital, so Roxie, Billy, Sally, the dog, me and Dad, all of us are alone at home".

God could not be everywhere,
so he made mother.

A father listens to his son, yelling at his mother. After they finish shouting and arguing, father calls his son and says "Take this hammer and drive this nail into that piece of wood". Afterwards, father tells him to pull out the nail. Then he said "when you fight with your mother, you drive a nail through her heart. But look, when you are forgiven and you take the nail out, the hole stays".

When we say things in anger, the words leave a scar just like the nail holes. If we stab a person and draw the dagger out, it would not matter how many times we say 'I'm sorry,' the wound is still there. A verbal wound is more bad then a physical one.

LETTER FROM A CHILD

Dear Papa/Mummy,

I request you,

1. Don't spoil me. I know quite well I ought not to have all I ask for. I am only testing you.
2. Don 't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it, it makes me feel more secure.
3. Don't let me form bad habits. I have to rely on you to detect them in the early stages.
4. Don't make me feel smaller than I am. It only makes me behave stupidly "big".
5. Don't correct me in front of people if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you talk to me quietly in private.
6. Don't protect me from the consequences. I need to learn the painful way sometimes.
7. Don't make me feel that my mistakes are sins.
8. Don't be upset when I say "I hate you". It isn't that I hate you, but your power to thwart me.
9. Don't nag. If you do, I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf.
10. Don't tax my honesty too much. I'm easily frightened into telling lies.

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11. Don't make rash promises. Remember that I feel badly let down when promises are broken.
 12. Don't forget that I cannot explain myself as nicely as I should. That is why I am not always very accurate.
 13. Don't be inconsistent. It completely confuses me and makes me lose my faith in you.
 14. Don't push me off when I ask questions. If you do, you will find that I stop asking and seek my information elsewhere.
 15. Don't tell me my fears are silly. They are terribly real and you can do much to reassure me, if you try.
 16. Don't ever think it is beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me surprisingly warm towards you.
 17. Don't ever suggest that you are perfect or infallible. It gives me too great a shock when I discover that you are neither.
 18. Don't forget I love experimenting. I couldn't get on without it, so please put up with it.
 19. Don't forget how I am growing up. It must be very difficult for you to keep pace with me, but please try.
 20. Don't forget that I can't thrive without lots of understanding and lots of love.

With tons of love From loving child

LET US BE A PARENT NOT AN INSTRUCTOR

An instructor drives the child
The parent inspires the child.

An instructor depends on authority
The parent on goodwill.

An instructor evokes fear
The parent radiates love.

An instructor says, 'I',
The parent says 'we'.

An instructor shows who is wrong
The parent shows what is wrong,

An instructor abuses
The parent blesses the child.

An instructor demands respect,
The parent teach to respect,

An instructor makes work tough,
The parent makes it easy

An instructor orders to work,
The parent say let us work.

***Now Let us examine are we a parent or an
instructor.***

JUDGE OURSELVES

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing,
let us judge by what we have already done.

Let us judge ourselves by our actions,
not by our intentions.

We may have a heart of gold,
but of no use without action.

SUCCESS

It's the constant and determined efforts
that breaks down all the resistance
and sweeps away all the obstacles.

Success doesn't come to us ... we go to it.

Most people give up just
when they're about to achieve success.
People quit on the one yard line.

Success is doing the best we can and with
the maximum use of the ability that we have.

The greatest thing we can do in this world,
is to make the most possible out of the stuff
that has been given to us.

This is success.

HAVING A BAD DAY

On a cold rainy evening, a young man was sitting at a bar, staring into his untouched drink. He sat for about an hour quietly. In the meantime, a huge, rough looking man walked up to his table threateningly, picked up the drink the young man had ordered and drank it.

The young man started crying. The rough person was not expecting this reaction and said, "Hey, come on, man, I was just joking. Here, I will buy you another drink. I just can't stand seeing a young man cry."

"No, it's not that", the young man said, wiping away his tears.

"See... This has been the worst day of my life. First, as I overslept, I was late in my office, which angered my boss and he fired me. When I got my things and left the building to go home, I found my car was stolen. The police did not have any clue. So I got into a cab to go home and when I got out, I remembered I had left my wallet and credit cards on the seat, and the cab driver just drove away. I went home and I found that my wife had left me. I walked out and came to this bar!

And now, while I am sitting here, thinking about putting an end to it all, you show up and drink my poison!"

Attempts of unwanted doing becomes dangerous.

THE STORY OF ROSE

On the first day of the college, our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I looked around, when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm 78 years young. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I mischievously asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of children and then retire and travel."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

She replied "I always dreamt of having a college education and now I'm getting one!"

After the class we walked to the canteen and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends.

Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk non-stop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went.

At the end of the year we invited Rose to speak on our annual day. I'll never forget what she taught us.

As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her few papers on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I'll never get my speech papers back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

She cleared her throat and began : "***We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing.*** There is only a little secret for staying young. We have to laugh and find humor everyday."

"Everyone has got to have a dream. When we lose our dreams, we die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!"

"There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If we are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, we will turn twenty years old. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin; to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Youth is not a time of life - it is a state of mind, it is a temper of the will. Youth is a quality of imagination, a vigour of emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity.

Whether we are seventeen or seventy, there should always be unfailing childlike appetite for what is to come next. ***Let us play the game of life with joy.***

We are as young as our faith, as old as our doubt; as young as our self-confidence, as old as our fear.

So long as our heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage and love, we are young.

She concluded her speech by courageously singing.

One week after graduation, Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Over two thousand college students attended her funeral to pay tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example.

"GROWING OLD IS MANDATORY, GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL."

THE REPLY

David and John are planning to attend a religious service... David wonders whether it would be alright to smoke while praying.

John replies, "Why don't you ask Father?"

So, David approaches the Father and enquires, "Father may I smoke while I pray?"

The Father says, "No my son, you may not. That's utter disrespect to religion."

David goes back to his friend and tells him what the good Father told him. John says "I am not surprised, you asked the wrong question . Let me try"

And so John goes up to the Father and enquires "Father may I pray while I smoke?"

To which Father replies, "By all means my son. By all means".

The reply we get depends on the question we ask...

SKILL

Two camels (a mother and a baby) were lazing around, when suddenly the baby camel said ...

Baby: "Mother, mother, can I ask you a few questions?"

Mother: "Sure! Why son, is there something bothering you?"

Baby: "Why do camel have humps?"

Mother: "Well son, we are desert animals; we need the humps to store water and we are known to survive without water."

Baby: "Okay, then why are our legs are long and our feet rounded."

Mother: "Son, obviously they are meant for walking in the desert. You know, with these legs I can move around the desert better than anyone" said the mother proudly.

Baby: "Okay, then why are our eye lashes long? Sometimes they are bothering my sight" said baby camel.

Mother: "My son, those long thick eye lashes are your protective cover. They help to protect your eyes from the desert sand and wind" said mother camel with eyes brimming with pride.

Baby: "I see. So the hump is to store water when we are in the desert, the legs are for walking through the desert and these eye lashes protects my eyes from the desert sand. Then what the hell are we doing here in a zoo???"

God has endowed special characteristics on every living being on this earth. If they are not effectively utilized, they will be wasted.

A WISE FISHERMAN

A businessman was at the pier of a small coastal village, when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellow fishes. The businessman complimented the fisherman on the quality of fish and asked how long it took to catch them.

The fisherman replied, "Only a little while".

Businessman then asked "why don't you stay out longer and catch more fish"?

The fisherman replied "I have enough to support my family's immediate needs".

Businessman then asked. "But what do you do with the rest of your time?"

The fisherman said, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take a stroll into the village each evening with my wife and play guitar with my friends; I have a full and busy life."

Businessman scoffed, "I am a Harvard MBA and could help you. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat; with proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats, eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boat and instead of selling your catch to a middle man, you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to City, in the Los-Angeles and eventually in New York city where you will run your expanding enterprise."

The fisherman asked, "But, how long will all this take?"

To which a businessman replied, "15-20 years." "But then what?"

Businessman laughed and said, " That's the best part, when the time is right, you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich and make millions."

"Millions! Then what?"

Businessman said, " Then you would retire to enjoy your life."

The fisherman said, " To enjoy life, some people really have to do so much, so sad."

*We worry about tomorrow
Missing the joy of today
Troubled about what may happen,
But tomorrow may not come our way
Life's pathway is ever uncertain.
Right now is what your's and mine
We can love one day at a time*

MONEY CAN BUY

A bed	but	not sleep
Books	but	not brains
Food	but	not appetite
Clothes	but	not beauty
A house	but	not a home
Medicine	but	not health
Luxuries	but	not culture
Amusement	but	not happiness
A church	but	not heaven

THE RAT TRAP

One day in a poor village thousands of miles away from the nearest city, a rat looked through a crack in the wall, to see a farmer and his wife opening a package.

What food it might contain? The rat was shocked to discover that it was a rat trap.

Retreating to the farm yard the rat announced the imminent risk;

"There is a rat trap in the house."

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said "Excuse me, Mr. Rat, I can tell this is a grave concern for you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it. It's not my problem."

The rat turned to the cow and told her, "There is a rat trap in the house"

"I am so very sorry Mr. Rat" sympathized the cow, "but there is nothing I can do about it, but pray. Be assured that you are in my prayers"

The rat then turned to pig. He said, "A rat trap, I am in grave danger!"

Pig replied "I am the biggest here, do I look like I'll be trapped in one?"

So the rat returned to the house feeling rejected as he'll need to face the farmer's rat trap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a rat trap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see that it was a snake whose tail, the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer could not rush her to the hospital as the village had no transportation and the nearest hospital was a few days travel.

She returned home with a fever. Now, everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took the chicken from the farmyard for the soups main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued therefore friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife still did not get well.

She died eventually and villagers came to her funeral and now the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for food to all who came for the funeral.

Next time we hear that someone is facing a problem and we think that it does not concern us, let us remember the rat trap in the house, as the whole farmyard is at risk.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Not supporting the wrong is just not enough. We will have to bear the consequences when we do not support the correct.

When injustice is happening to our neighbours and if we can sleep, let us remember, we are next.

Every coin has two sides. If we are not a part of solution, then we are a part of problem.

WE CAN AND WE WILL

If we think we are beaten, we are,
If we think we dare not, we don't
If we would like to win, but we think we can't
It is almost a clinch we won't

If we think we will lose, we are lost.
For out in the world, we find
success begins with the will,
It's all in the state of mind.

For many a race is lost
Before even a step is run;
And many a cowards fail,
before their work begin.

It's not only our talent or the gift at birth,
It's not our bank book that determines worth,
And it isn't in the colour of our skin,
It's our attitude that lets us win

Let us think good and our deeds will grow
If we think bad, we will fall behind
Let us think that we can and we will,
It's all in the state of mind.

Life's battle don't always go
to the stronger and faster man
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can.

WE CAN AND WE WILL

WHY PEOPLE DRINK AND DRIVE

I went to a party, dad,
I remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink, dad,
So, I drank soda instead.

I felt really proud inside, dad,
The way you said I would
I didn't drink and drive, dad.
Even though the others said I should.

I know I did the right thing, dad
I know you're always right
Now the party is finally ending
As everyone drives out of sight.

As I got into my car, dad.
I knew I will reach home in one piece,
Because of the way you raised me, dad.
So responsible and sweet

I started to drive away, dad
But as I pulled onto the road,
The other car didn't see me dad,
And it hit me like a load

As I lie here on the pavement,
I hear the policeman say,
The other guy is drunk, dad
And now I'm the one who'll pay.

I'm lying here dying dad,
I wish you would get here soon,
How come this happened to me.
My life bursts like a balloon

There is blood all around me dad,
Most of it is mine.
I hear the paramedics say,
I'll die in a very short time.

I just wanted to tell you, dad
I swear I didn't drink
It was the others,
The others didn't think.

He didn't know where he was going dad
He was probably at the same party as I,
The only difference is,
He drank, and I will die.

Why do people drink, dad,
It can ruin our whole life.
I'm feeling sharp pains now, dad
Pains just like a knife.

The guy who hit me is walking, dad
I don't think that is fair,
I am lying here dying,
While all he can do is stare

Tell my mom not to cry, dad
Tell her to be brave
And when I go to heaven, dad,
Write "Daddy's boy" on my grave

Someone should have told him, dad
Not to drink and drive,
If only they would have taken time,
I would still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter, dad
I am becoming very scared
Please don't cry for me dad,
Because when I needed you,
You were always there

I have one last question dad,
before I say good-bye
I didn't ever drink, dad
So why am I to die ?

This is the end, dad
I wish I could look into your eyes,
To say these final words, dad,
I love you and good-bye.

THE CARPENTER

This is the story of a hardworking and a loyal carpenter who worked for a builder for many years. The builder had started his business from a small town. When his business grew up, he shifted his main work to the city. The faithful carpenter was looking after the town side business. The workmanship of the carpenter was excellent.

One day he decided to retire early for he wanted to enjoy his remaining life with his family.

He told his boss, "I want to retire early, I know that I will have to face some difficulty as my income will stop and with my little savings it will be difficult to run the household. But I want to enjoy my remaining life peacefully with my family, with whatever savings I have."

Since the carpenter was very skillful in his work, his boss didn't favour the idea of his early retirement. However, he requested him to complete just one project of building, a small but beautiful house in the center of the town, before retiring.

The carpenter could not refuse the request of his boss and agreed to complete the new work. The builder went to city for his business and the carpenter started his last project. But now the carpenter did not work wholeheartedly. He was working with an idea of completing the job hurriedly. Hence he did not pay much attention to the quality of the materials used; nor took much interest in the quality construction. As a result the quality of the house was poor. Though this was the last project of his life, it was sad that he did not do justice to it.

On completion of the work the carpenter went to his boss. Boss settled his account and said happily to the carpenter "you have worked very sincerely and faithfully for me all these years, so I want to give you a gift on your retirement" and handed over the key of the new house to the carpenter.

This could very well be our own story. Normally on receiving the House as a gift, the carpenter had every reason to be happy but he was full of remorse. The generosity of his boss touched him deeply and he felt himself very small because of his thoroughly selfish attitude while building the house. Had he known that this house would be gifted to him, he would have taken utmost interest and care. Ultimately he had to accept this gift, made totally sub standard, by his indifference.

Many persons story is same as that of the carpenter. At the correct time, we loose interest. Without doing justice to our work, we complete the job. Then we feel disappointed to see our half heartedly done job and we have to bear the consequences.

Whether it is our 1st job or last job, whether it is our 1st day of work or last day of work, we should do all the work with interest, love and sincerity.

Our life today is the result of our attitudes and choices of the past. Our life tomorrow will be the result of our attitudes and the choices we make today.

We are the carpenter of our own life.

REFUSING TO ACCEPT FAILURE

Sir Edmund Hillary was the first man to climb Mount Everest. On May 29, 1953. He scaled the highest mountain then known to man - 29,000 feet straight up. He was knighted for his efforts. He even made American Express card commercials because of it!

However, until we read his book, "High Adventure," we don't understand how Hillary had grown successful.

In 1952, he attempted to climb Mount Everest, but failed. A few weeks later, a group in England asked him to address its members. Hillary walked on to the stage to a thunderous applause. The audience was cheering his attempt at greatness, but Edmund Hillary saw himself as a failure. He moved away from the microphone and walked to the edge of the platform. He looked at the picture of the mountain and said in a loud voice, "Mount Everest, you beat me the first time, but I'll beat you the next time because you've grown all you are going to grow... but I'm still growing"

Winner never quits. The quitter never wins.

Let us never give up the commitment to ourselves.
Failure does not mean we have wasted out time,
but it means we have a reason to start a fresh.
Failure means, we must try harder.

Success doesn't mean the absence of failure;
it means the attainment of ultimate objectives.
It means winning the war, not every battle.

THIS IS SIMPLE WAY TO HAPPINESS

The values we leave in our children, are more important than the “VALUABLES” we leave for them.

Sometimes we will never know the true value of a MOMENT until it has become a MEMORY.

It takes around two year to learn to speak. But it takes a lifetime to learn what not to speak.

LET US GIFT THE BOOK TO EVERYONE WE L ... O ... V ... E !

BOOK IS THE BOUQUET FULL OF LIFE

HAPPINESS IS NEVER PERFECT UNLESS IT IS SHARED

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A little boy was curious to meet God. He was told that it was a long trip to where God lived. So he packed his bag with fruits and a six pack of juice bottles and started on his journey in search of God.

When he had gone only about three blocks, he met an old man who was sitting in the park, just staring at pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from juice bottle when he noticed that the old man appeared hungry so he offered him juice which he gracefully accepted and smiled at him.

The smile was so pleasant and innocent that the boy wanted to see it again. He again offered him a fruit and again the old man smiled at him. The boy was delighted. They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling. As it was getting darker, the boy got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man and hugged him. The old man was so happy that he gave him the biggest smile ever and in an instant the boy was in ecstasy as he saw "Halo" around the old man's face, radiating light that was divine.

When the boy chirpily returned home, his mother was surprised to see the radiance on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "**I HAD LUNCH WITH GOD**". Before his mother overwhelmed with emotion could respond, he added, "You know, what? He had the most beatific smile I have ever seen"

Remember GOD and He has many ways to manifest himself. He is always there.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, power of a smile, power of a kind word, power of a listening ear, an honest compliment, all of which have the potential to turn life around.

We can reach God by giving happiness to others.

We can prosper ourselves by bringing prosperity to others.

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