

# **Holy Jokes**

**Appropriate Humor for Any Occasion**

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## Introduction

This is a compilation of jokes and funny stories collected over many years. They were chosen for use by pastors in sermons, for speakers and teachers who like to warm up their audience with a little humor, and for anyone who likes to hear or tell what we tend to call “clean” jokes.

To help the reader find just the right joke for the occasion, they have been divided into seven categories.

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# 1. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Church

It was Palm Sunday and, because he had a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," they responded. "Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, he shows up!"

A Christian couple felt it important to own an equally Christian pet. So, they went shopping. At a kennel specializing in this particular breed, they found a dog they really liked. When they asked the dog to fetch a Bible, he did it in a flash. When they instructed him to look up the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, he did so with equal speed, using his paws with dexterity. Impressed, they purchased the dog and took him home. That night, when friends came over, they decided to show off their dog's major skills. The friends were impressed but wanted to know if the dog could do other, normal, dog tricks as well. This stopped the couple cold because they hadn't thought about "normal" dog tricks. "Well," they said, "let's try this out." Once more they called the dog and gave him a clear command, "Heel." Not pausing a moment, the dog jumped up, put his paw on the man's forehead, closed his eyes in concentration, and bowed his head.

A friend tells the story of a woman who had a beautiful piece of furniture with a mahogany finish on it. For years she had told people who admired it that it was mahogany. The day came, however, when she needed to have it refinished. When the piece of furniture was stripped the woman found, to her great disappointment, that it was really oak. She felt so guilty for telling people over the years that it was mahogany that she prayed to God to forgive her. She said the Lord said, "Never mind; I too thought it was mahogany."

At a leadership meeting in a small country church, one member made a motion that they buy a chandelier for the church. Immediately an older member spoke up and said, "I can think of at least three reasons we shouldn't do that. First, when we ordered it, there is no one in this church that could spell the name of it; second, when it came, there is no one in the church who could play it; and, finally, what we really need around here is a little more light."

The clergyman came down to breakfast one Sunday morning with cuts and blobs of cotton all over his face. "What in the world happened to you?" his wife asked. "While I was shaving, I kept thinking of my sermon and I cut my face." "Next time," she responded, "why don't you think of your face and cut your sermon?"

At seminary chapel services, the Apostles' Creed was only said on alternating days during the week. Forgetting that, the student who was leading Morning Prayer began, on the wrong day, "I believe in God, the Father almighty," to which another student quickly said, "Not on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

A man came to a Christian counselor complaining that his wife was not being submissive to him in accordance with Ephesians 5. “Well, let’s check this out in the Bible,” the counselor replied. The man turned to Ephesians 5:22 and began to read, “Wives....” “Wait,” the counselor said, cutting him off. “That part is addressed to wives; that doesn’t apply to you. Drop down and see what it says to husbands.”

The clergyman got in the pulpit one Sunday morning and announced to his congregation, “I’ve got an important message for you today. I’m taking my watch off and I’m going to preach as long as I need to in order to give you this full, vital sermon.” He then preached for a long time! Finally, someone in the back of the church stood and said, “Preacher, you may have taken your watch off, but there is a calendar on the back wall.”

The Sunday school teacher always began the class by asking the children a question. This day it was, “Who can tell me what is small and gray and eats nuts?” No answer. She tried again. “Okay, it also has a long and bushy tail and climbs trees.” Finally, a little boy’s hand went up tentatively. “Teacher, I’m sure the answer must be Jesus, but it sounds like a squirrel to me.”

When little Tommy asked for a bicycle for Christmas, his parents told him to pray about it. He thought the matter over for a while. Then he recalled that his mother had a small statue of the Virgin Mary. He got it, wrapped it in a paper towel and hid it in a drawer in his room. Then he felt ready to pray. “Dear Jesus, I want a bicycle for Christmas. If you ever want to see your mother again....”

There was a sign on the outside wall of a convent that read: “No trespassing. Violators will be prosecuted to the limit of the law.” It was signed, “Sisters of Mercy.”

The preacher’s sermon was a rousing description of the glories of heaven. When he finished, he challenged the congregation: “Okay, if you want to go to heaven, let me see it by standing up.” The entire congregation rose except for one small boy. “Jimmy,” the pastor asked, “don’t you want to go to heaven?” “Oh, yes sir,” was the reply; “I just thought you were getting up a busload for tonight.”

An angel to the golfer, “I have good news and bad news. The good news is that heaven is filled with golf courses. The bad news is that your tee time is 9:00 in the morning.”

The preacher had made the point clearly that none of us is perfect, but he wanted to be sure he had gotten his message across. So he said, “If anyone in this congregation thinks he is perfect, I want him to stand up.” Sure enough, a guy in the back pew stood up. “Do you really think you are perfect?” the preacher demanded. “No,” replied the man; “I’m just standing up for my wife’s first husband.”

The clergyman decided he needed a break from the Sunday worship service, so he claimed illness, got a substitute, and went to play golf. He shot a near-perfect score, including a hole-in-one. He was so excited about what he had accomplished, he caught the attention of a couple of angels. “Well,” one of them said, “it’s a terrible sin he’s committed in abandoning his flock for a game of golf.” “Yep,” the other replied; “but who’s he going to tell how well he did?”

A faithful Christian was playing golf one day when he faced a 180 yard shot almost totally over water. Being an intelligent and frugal man, he went to his golf bag and extracted an old ball for the shot. As he got ready to place the ball on the tee, the Lord spoke to him and said, "Put the new ball on the tee." "But, Lord, the man protested, you know I can't make that shot; why waste my good ball?" Trying to encourage the man to have faith, the Lord insisted: "Put the new ball on the tee." The man obeyed. Then the Lord told him to take three practice swings, which he did. "Okay," said the Lord, "put the old ball back on the tee."

A priest, in moving from the parish he had led, gave three envelopes to his successor to open when needed, and said, "If you get into serious trouble here, open the first envelope; it tells you to blame your predecessor. If that doesn't work, the second letter tells you to blame the bishop. The third letter tells you to prepare three letters."

On a routine Sunday morning, the Christian man was headed for church when he spotted his neighbor headed to the golf course. The golfer greeted him and then said, "You know, for seven weeks in a row, you've never shown any interest in going to golf with me, but you've never invited me to go to church with you."

Over the massive front doors of a church, these words were inscribed: "The Gate of Heaven." Below was a cardboard sign that read: "Please use the other entrance."

A woman went into the post office to buy stamps for Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Has it come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic ones."

A Sunday school student was asked to list the Ten Commandments in any order. He replied: "3,6,1,8, 4, 5, 9, 2 10, 7."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who should get the first pancake. The mother saw an opportunity for a theological teaching. "If Jesus were here, he would say, 'let my brother have the first pancake; I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the boy asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the father replied. The boy thought about it, then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A wife invited some people over for dinner. At the table, she asked her six-year-old daughter to ask the blessing. "What would I say?" the daughter whispered. "Just say what you hear Mommy saying," the woman replied. The daughter bowed her head and prayed, "Lord, why on earth did I invite these people over for dinner?"

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

Someone said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

A clergyman parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short on time and couldn't find a space with a parking meter. So, he put a note on the windshield that said, "I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here, I'll miss an important appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with a note that read: "I've circled this block for ten years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

The pastor announced to his congregation one Sunday morning, "I have good news and I have bad news. The good news is that we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is that it is still out there in your pockets."

Back in the day when we had service attendants to fill our cars with gas, a clergyman was in a long line waiting. Finally, when the attendant motioned him forward to a vacant pump, he apologized by saying, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as though everybody waits till the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my line of work."

The pastor was preoccupied with thoughts about how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church. Therefore, he was upset to learn that the regular organist was ill and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as we had expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." Whereupon, the substitute organist played the "Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute organist became the regular organist!

A friend was the visiting preacher at a church for the second time. A man came up to him after the service and told him that he had experienced conversion to Christ the first time my friend had preached there. Bolstered by that affirmation, my friend asked, "What was it I said that time that led you to Christ?" "Oh, it wasn't something you said," the man replied. My wife had dragged me to that service. I sat there trying to find fault in everything that happened. As I looked up at the altar I saw that one of the candles hadn't been lit. I thought to myself, "What kind of sloppy church is this that fails to light its candles?" All of a sudden, it was if the Lord spoke to me and said, "You've been coming to this church for 20 years and your candle has never been lit!"

It can be a very rewarding experience to be the visiting preacher or teacher in someone else's church. You can get by with "tough love" teachings that might cause complications for the local pastor. But, it's dangerous to do that in the same place too many times. The first time you do it, many will liken your talk to "the voice of an archangel" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). The second time, the reaction may well be "hearken to the voice of his word" (Psalm 103:20). By the third time, however, there may develop the attitude of "who made you a judge over us?" (Exodus 2:14). Then, by the fourth time, it's "Lord, by this time he stinketh" (John 11:39). If anyone is foolish enough to try it for the fifth time, they may well be "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" (Matthew 3:3).

A seminary student was called upon spontaneously to preach at a chapel service. He was totally unprepared. The Scripture lesson that had been read was Luke 19:1-10, Jesus' encounter with the tax collector Zacchaeus. Shakily, the young man climbed into the high, hallowed pulpit of the ancient chapel. "Our text today is the story of Zacchaeus," he said, "and I want to make three points. The first is that Zacchaeus was a little man, and so am I. The second is that Zacchaeus was up a tree, and so am I. The third is that Jesus said, 'Zacchaeus, come down here this minute,' and that is exactly what I'm going to do."

A father wanted to read a magazine article but was being bothered by his little daughter Shelby. She wanted to know what the United States looks like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of the magazine on which was printed a map of the country. Cutting it into small pieces, he gave it to Shelby and told her to go into the other room and put it back together. "This will show you our whole country," he told her. After only a few minutes Shelby returned and handed her father the map correctly fitted together. "How did you do this so quickly?" he asked. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper was a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus back where he belonged, then our country just came together."

In his book *I Shall Not Want*, Robert Ketchum tells the story of a Sunday school teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. A golden-haired four-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands. A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could quote the entire psalm. She indicated that she could. So the girl came to the rostrum, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said: "The Lord is my shepherd; that's all I want." She bowed again, went and sat down. That may be the best interpretation of the psalm ever made.

A Church of England publication listed the following answers to church school questions:

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

The Fifth Commandment is humor your father and mother.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a pillar of fire by night.

The patron saint of travelers is St. Francis of the Sea Sick.

The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so St. Paul got stoned.

Abraham begat Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob begat twelve partridges.

It is sometimes difficult to hear in church because the agnostics are so terrible.

Hymns for all occasions: For the golfer, “There Is a Green Hill Far Away.” The dentist’s, “Crown Him with Many Crowns.” The obstetrician’s, “Come, Labor on.” The gossip’s, “Tell Me the Story.” The power company, “Let There Be Light.”

The clergyman had been asked to deliver the funeral sermon for a complete stranger. After the service had started, he realized that the name of the deceased could be either a man or a woman, and he didn’t know which. The details he had about the person’s life gave no clue to the sex. Concerned, he waited until the choir had begun to sing and bent over and whispered to the nearest mourner, “Brother of sister?” The weeping mourner responded, “Cousin.”

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, “That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys.”

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on their way into the church service, “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One bright little girl responded, “Because people are sleeping.”

A little boy was heard praying, “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a really good time like I am.”

When an assistant clergyman was hired, the senior pastor encouraged him to get involved with the people. Several afternoons later he arrived at the church looking forlorn and bedraggled. “What happened to you?” asked the senior pastor. “Well, sir,” the assistant replied, “I have just taken upon myself to tackle the problem you have with the older people in the congregation.” “I have no problem with the older people in this church,” was the response. “Oh,” said the assistant, “I think you do now.”

An English vicar’s wife was having a yard party. She invited everyone in the parish; but, by some mistake, one of the oldest, most devoted, and least forgiving of the parishioners failed to receive the invitation. The woman was furious. And she let everyone in the parish (other than the vicar’s wife, of course) know of her fury. The day of the party, the vicar got wind of the uproar and told his wife what had happened. Being the considerate person she was, she immediately dropped preparations for the party and went to the woman’s house to apologize. “We’re so sorry you failed to get the invitation,” she told the woman. “Of course we want you to come.” “It’s too late,” the woman replied, “I’ve already prayed for rain.”

When an African bishop visited at a denominational headquarters in New York City, the clergyman who was escorting him figured out the best way to get from where they were to where they needed to go. He told the bishop they would have to rush. When they breathlessly arrived at their destination some time later, the clergyman grinned and said, “By doing it my way we just saved seven minutes.” The bishop replied, “What will we do with the seven minutes?”

A flood became so severe that the owner of a house had to climb onto the roof. When friends came by in a rowboat and offered him rescue, he refused, saying “No, God will take care of me.” He said the same thing when others came in a motorboat and still others in a helicopter. When he



drowned and went to heaven, he asked the Lord why he hadn't saved him. The reply: "I sent you a rowboat, a motorboat and a helicopter!"

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### The Offering Plate

A pastor explained to his congregation that the church was in the need of some extra funds, so he asked them to be especially generous. He offered that whoever gave the most would be able to pick three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed around the church, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had pledged \$1,000. He was so overjoyed that he immediately asked the generous giver to come forward so he could personally thank the person who had made the pledge.

A quiet, elderly and saintly member of the congregation sitting in the back of the church, raised her hand to acknowledge that she was the one. She slowly made her way up toward the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was for her to be so generous, and then asked her to pick three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She then pointed to the three best looking men in the church and said, "I'll take him, and him, and him."

### Morning

Dear Lord, So far today I have done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed. And, from then on, I'm going to need a lot of help. Amen.

### Can of Worms

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. He placed four worms in separate jars. The first worm was put in a jar of alcohol. The second was put in a jar filled with tobacco smoke. The third worm was placed in a container of chocolate syrup. And the fourth was placed in a container of good, clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the following results. The worm in the alcohol: dead. The worm in the cigarette smoke: dead. The worm in the chocolate syrup: dead. The worm in the good, clean soil: alive and prospering. So, the minister asked the congregation, "What can you learn from this demonstration?"

A little old woman in the back of the church quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

### Good News and Bad News for the Preacher

Good News: You baptized seven people today in the river.

Bad News: You lost two of them in the swift current.

Good News: The Ladies Bible Class voted to send you a get-well present.

Bad News: The vote was 31-30.

Good News: The elders accepted your job description just the way you wrote it.

Bad News: They were so inspired by it they formed a search committee to find someone capable of filling the position.

Good News: Mrs. Jones is wild about your sermons.

Bad News: Mrs. Jones is also wild about "The Gong Show", "The Jerry Springer Show" and "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre".

Good News: The building committee finally voted to add more parking space.

Bad News: They will be blacktopping your front yard.

Good News: Church attendance rose dramatically over the last three weeks.

Bad News: You were on vacation.

Good News: Your elders want to send you to the Holy Land.

Bad News: They are stalling until the next war.

### Bulletin Bloopers

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking at Calvary Church, Racine, this evening at 7. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

The National Prayer and Fasting Conference is this weekend. The cost for attending the conference includes meals.

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday night at 8 in the recreation hall. Come and see us kill Christ the King.

Miss Charlotte Mason sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to conflict.

The sermon this morning is "Jesus Walks on Water." The sermon tonight is "Looking for Jesus."

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Saturday morning.

The Low Self-esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please enter through the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some of the old ones.

The senior choir invites all members of the congregation who enjoy sinning to join the choir.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 PM; prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of all kinds. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and be prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the fellowship hall after the B. S. is done.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

This afternoon we will be meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

### Moses

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around looking for valuables. When he picked up a laptop computer to put it in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a long vacation after his next big score, then clicked his light back on and resumed searching for valuables.

Just as he lifted a large antique vase from the top of a silver chest, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out, he shined his flashlight around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot!

"Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," replied the parrot. "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who the heck are you?"

"Moses," the bird replied.

"Moses," the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a parrot Moses?"

The bird promptly responded, "Probably the same kind of people who would name a 140-pound Rottweiler Jesus."

The Bible study group was discussing Matthew 7:7-11. The point had been made that, when we “ask, seek and knock,” God does answer our prayers, but not always exactly as we have asked Him to. That led to a discussion of the fact that God always knows our needs better than we do, and it is often better if He doesn’t give us what we ask for. To emphasize the point, the leader said, “After all, we don’t give our children everything they ask for,” to which someone in the back of the room remarked: “No, but their grandparents do!”

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex staring up at a large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and some small American flags were mounted on either side of them. The seven-year-old lad had been staring at them for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said, “Good morning, Alex.” “Good morning, Pastor,” replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. “Pastor McGee, what is this?” Alex asked. “Well, son, it’s a memorial to all of the young men and women who died in the service.” Little Alex’s voice was barely audible when he asked, “Which one, the 9:00 or the 10:30 service?”

### **Cowboy**

A cowboy appears before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. “Have you ever done anything of particular importance in your life?” St. Peter asked.”

“Well, I can think of one thing, the cowboy offered. On a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn’t listen. So I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring and threw it on the ground. I yelled, “Now back off or you’ll regret ever touching that woman!”

St. Peter was impressed. “When did this happen?”

“A couple of minutes ago.”

### **The Haircut**

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair." **"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"**

In a children's Nativity play, the little guys playing the Magi approached the manger. "I bring gold," said one. "I bring myrrh," the second announced. The third little boy hesitated, clearly having trouble with his line, then finally stammered, "Frank sent this."

When her daughter Kelli said her bedtime prayers, she would ask blessings on every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after her regular nightly prayers, she would add: "And all girls." The mother's curiosity got the best of her, and she asked Kelli why she had started adding "and all girls." "Because," Kelli responded, "everybody else finishes their prayers with "All Men."

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She then asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the silence: "I think I'd throw up."

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he? He only had two worms."

The pastor said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So, your mother says prayers with you every night? That's very considerate. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed."

When, because of being on crutches, little George couldn't carry his birthday cake into the classroom for the celebration, his mother asked another child to help. When the child refused, George's mother saw a good chance to teach a lesson. "What would Jesus do?" she asked the student. "Jesus would heal him so he could carry the cake himself."

On the way home from attending an Ash Wednesday service, little Johnny asked his mother, "Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust just as the minister said?" "Yes," the mother replied. "And is it true that we go back to dust again when we die?" "Yes," the mother answered. "Well, Mommy, when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I saw someone who is either coming or going."

A young clergyman was conducting his first burial service. He solemnly pointed to the body in the coffin and declared, "What we have here is only a shell. The nut is already gone."

There was only to be a committal of the body instead of a funeral or memorial service because the deceased had no friends or family. The young clergyman who was sent to perform the committal was not familiar with the area, including the location of the cemetery. Having gotten lost on the way, he arrived a half-hour late. The hearse was nowhere in sight. However, he spotted workmen sitting under a tree having their lunch. There was a large open space in the ground nearby; and, when he looked, he saw that the vault lid was in place, so he recited the burial service. As he was leaving, one of the workmen mumbled to the others, "Should we tell him that's a septic tank?"

The obituary writer for the newspaper was not a person to admit his mistakes easily. So, when he got a call from an irate subscriber who complained that his name had just appeared in the obituary column, he replied, "Really? Where are you calling from?"

When counseling a woman who was having marital problems, the pastor asked, "Does your husband believe in life after death?" "Humph," she replied, "he doesn't even believe in life after supper."

A cake decorator had been asked to inscribe 1 John 4:18: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear." Unfortunately, he misread the instructions and quoted John 4:18: "For thou hast had five husbands, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband."

George Burns once said, "A good sermon should have a good beginning and a good ending, and they should be as close together as possible."

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both really old," he replied.

The Sunday school teacher asked the class, "Can you name two things that are necessary for a baptism?" Little Jenny answered, "Water and a baby."

The television news people keep saying this is going to be the best Christmas we ever had. I kind of thought it was the first one.

The sermon had been going on endlessly. Finally, the minister's voice cracked and he said, "What more can I say?" Someone in the back of the congregation shouted, "How about 'Amen'?"

In a certain suburban neighborhood, there were two brothers, 8 and 10 years old, who were exceedingly mischievous. Whatever went wrong in the neighborhood, it turned out they had had a hand in it. Their parents were at their wit's end trying to control them. Hearing about a priest nearby who worked with delinquent boys, the parents thought that they should ask the priest to talk with the boys. The priest agreed to talk with the boys and asked to see the younger boy first. So the mother sent him to the priest. The priest sat the boy down across a huge, impressive desk he sat behind. For about five minutes they just sat and stared at each other. Finally, the priest pointed his forefinger at the boy and asked, "Where is God?" The boy looked under the desk, in the corners of the room, all around, but said nothing. Again, louder, the priest pointed at the boy and asked "Where is God?" Again the boy looked all around but said nothing. A third time, in a louder, firmer voice, the priest leaned far across the desk and put his forefinger almost to the boy's nose, and asked, "Where is God? The boy panicked and ran all the way home. Finding his older brother, he dragged him upstairs to their room and into the closet, where they usually plotted their mischief. He finally said, "We are in BIG trouble." The older boy asked, "What do you mean, BIG trouble?" His brother replied, "God is missing and they think we did it."

A member of our church choir arrives every Sunday morning with her seven children in tow, all a bit ruffled but never the less on time. Scarcely able to get my one child ready, I asked her how she managed her brood so efficiently. "Easy," she replied with a smile. "I dress them the night before."

Sister Mary Jemma, who did volunteer work for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting home bound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Texaco Gasoline station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Jemma was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Jemma carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic."

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery... He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment. "Do you have health insurance?" she asked. He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance." The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?" He replied, "No money in the bank." "Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun. He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun." The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God." The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

Despite my feelings of unworthiness, the Lord seemed to keep saying, "But you are wonderful to me." Finally I said, "God, look at me, I'm a total mess; how could I possibly be wonderful to you?" And he replied, "Okay, I have strange tastes."

The priest visiting my mother asked if she ever thought of the hereafter, and her reply was, "Yes, every room I go into, I wonder what I am here after."

When the Sunday school teacher told the story of Lot's wife looking back and, as a result, turning into a pillar of stone, one little guy in the class couldn't wait to try to make the story relevant to his own life: "One time when my Mommy was driving, she looked back and turned into a telephone pole. "

The town in which I was raised was so small that the local preacher was also our barber. His wife Grace helped at the barber shop when needed. One day a guy came in for a shave when our barber was making pastoral calls. Grace was there and did the job as she had on many occasions. When finished, she charged the guy \$25, a lot of money in those days. The man didn't think the cost was fair, but he swallowed his pride and left. One day he would let the barber know about this high charge. But, in the meantime, he experienced a miracle: his beard did not grow back; his face remained whisker-free day after day, week after week! When he finally got up the nerve



to go back to the barbershop and ask the pastor/barber what had happened, he was told, "Friend, you have been shaved by Grace, and once shaved, always shaved."

Then there was the cabbie who had a sudden crush on his cabfare even though she was a nun. He couldn't help himself: "I want to give you a kiss." "Are you single and a Catholic?" the nun asked. "Yes and yes," the cabbie replied enthusiastically. So the nun gave the guy a big kiss. Immediately he repented: "I lied," he said, "I'm married and I'm Jewish." "That's okay," was the reply, "my name is George and I'm on the way to a Halloween party."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

## **2. And God Created...**

### **The Prayer**

A man was walking along a California beach one day in deep prayer to the Lord. He said, "Lord, you promised to give me the desires of my heart. That's what I am asking for you to do right now. Please give me a confirmation that you will grant my request."

Suddenly the sky clouded up over his head and the Lord in a booming voice spoke to him. "I have searched your heart and found it to be pure. The last time I issued a blank wish request it was to Solomon. He didn't disappoint me with his request for wisdom. I think I can trust that you won't disappoint me either. Because you have been faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you the one wish you ask for."

The man sat and thought about it for a long time and then said, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I'm deadly afraid of flying and I get deathly seasick whenever on water. Could you build a bridge to Hawaii so I could drive over there for a visit whenever I want?"

The Lord laughed and said, "That's impossible! Think of the logistics of that! How would the supports ever reach the bottom of the Pacific? Think of how much concrete...how much steel!!! Your request is very materialistic, a little disappointing. I could do it, but it's hard for me to justify your craving for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you would honor and glorify Me as well.

The man thought about it for a long while and tried to think of a really good wish. Finally, he said, "Here's the deal, Lord. I've been married and divorced four times. My wives always said that I don't care and am insensitive. So I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside and what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment...I want to know why they are crying. I want to know what they really mean when they say "Nothing"...I want to know how to make them truly happy...That's the wish that I want, Lord."

Then, after a few minutes, God said, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

### **The Amish Elevator**

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this, Father?" The father, never having seen an elevator, responded: "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life; I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a heavy, weathered old woman in a wheelchair moved up to the two moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the woman rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father

watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number, and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally, the walls opened up again, and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out. The father said quietly to his son, "Go get your mother."

### **The Difference between Men and Women**

#### **NICKNAMES:**

If Laura, Suzanne, Debra and Rose go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Suzanne, Debra and Rose. If Mike, Charlie, Bob and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fatboy, Godzilla, Peanut Head, and Scrappy.

#### **EATING OUT**

When the bill arrives, Mike, Charlie, Bob and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back. When the girls get their bill, outcome the pocket calculators.

#### **MONEY**

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he wants; a woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item she doesn't want.

#### **BATHROOMS**

A man has six items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap and a towel from the Holiday Inn. The average number of items in a woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

#### **ARGUMENTS**

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

#### **FUTURE**

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

#### **SUCCESS**

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

#### **MARRIAGE**

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

#### **DRESSING UP**

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, read a book and get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

#### **NATURAL**

Men wake up as good looking as they went to bed.

“Oh, I sure am happy to see you,” the little boy said to his grandmother on his mother’s side. “Now maybe Daddy will do the trick he has been promising us.” The grandmother was curious. “What trick is that?” she asked. “I heard him tell Mommy he would climb the walls if you came for a visit.”

When my three-year-old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. I was not so pleased. I turned to Mom and said, “I’m surprised at you. Don’t you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?” Mom smiled and then she replied, “I remember.”

The prospective father-in-law asked his daughter’s fiancé, “Young man, can you support a family?” The surprised groom-to-be replied, “Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.”

The couple were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Someone asked what the secret was of their many years of marriage. The husband answered, “When we got married we agreed that I would make all of the major decisions. Fortunately, over all of these 50 years we have had no major decisions.”

A variation on the above story is that the husband answered, “We decided that I would make all of the major decisions and my wife would make the minor ones.” When asked to differentiate between major and minor decisions, the man said, “Major ones are like whether our nation should go to war, who the President should have in his Cabinet...things of that sort.” “And minor ones?” he was asked. “Oh, that would be things like where we would live, what house we would buy, what kinds of cars we would drive, where our children would go to school...those sorts of things.”

The child simply couldn’t understand why his father always came home with a briefcase, and had no time to toss the ball with his son. When, in frustration, he asked his mother about it, she replied, “Son, I’m sorry, but your father just isn’t able to get all of his work done at the office and has to bring it home with him in order to keep up.” “Why, then,” the child replied, “don’t they put him in a slower group?”

The speaker had been talking for so long it was driving the small boy wild. The father told his son that, if he didn’t behave, he would take him outside and paddle him. After a while, the boy couldn’t stand it any longer. “Please, Dad,” he said, “take me outside and paddle me.”

The foursome were having a companionable game of golf one Saturday. On the roadway nearby, however, a funeral procession passed. Clyde, one of the golfers, immediately stopped, took off his cap and held it over his heart as he solemnly watched the procession drive by. “What’s up with Clyde?” one of the golfers asked. “Well, after all,” another replied, “they had been married for 32 years.”

## **Bad News**

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you your mother and I are divorcing...forty-five years of misery is enough." "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other," the old man says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about it. So, call your sister in Chicago and tell her." He hangs up. Frantic, the son calls his sister who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own fares...now what do we tell them for Christmas?"

### **The Three Sons**

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother." The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver." The third smiled, and said, "I've got you both beat. You remember how Mom enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well. So, I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks. "Milton," she wrote one son, "the house you built is so huge I live in only one room but have to clean the whole house." "Gerald," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!" "Dearest Donald," to her third son, "you have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."

### **From a Child's Viewpoint**

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. A nun made a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table, was a large pile of cookies. A child had written a note: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human being because, even though it was a huge mammal, its throat was relatively small. A little girl pointed out, however, that a whale had swallowed Jonah. Irritated, the teacher emphatically repeated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven, I'll ask Jonah." The teacher then said, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The girl replied, "Then you ask him."

## From a Child's Viewpoint, continued

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, she looked up from her drawing and replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the Commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked if there was a Commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters? Without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or be unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in a convertible in front of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my five-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt."

My son Zachary, four, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he had dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So I fished it out and threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush. He held it up and, with a charming little smile, "We'd better throw this one out, too, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago."

On the first day of school, a first grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

A woman was trying hard to get the catsup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle, the phone rang; so she asked her four-year-old daughter to answer it. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

A mother was showing her son how to zip up his coat. "The secret," she said, "is to get the left part of the zipper to fit into the other side before you try to zip it up." The boy looked at her quizzically and asked, "Why does it have to be a secret?"

## From a Child's Viewpoint, continued

When my daughter was three, we watched *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* for the first time. The wicked queen appeared, disguised as an old lady selling apples, and my daughter was spellbound. Then Snow White took a bite of the poisoned apple and fell unconscious. As the apple rolled away, my daughter spoke up, “See, Mom. She doesn’t like the skin either.”

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the Women’s Locker Room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement, and then asked, “What’s the matter...haven’t you ever seen a little boy before?”

A child comes home from his first day at school. His mother asks, “Well, what did you learn today?” The child replies, “Not enough. They want me to come back tomorrow.”

### **Other Points of View**

My mom admitted to being less than a fastidious housekeeper. One evening my dad returned home from work, walked into the kitchen and said, “You know, dear, I can write my name in the dust on the mantel.” Mom turned to him and sweetly replied, “Well, darling, that’s why I married a college graduate.”

The Lamaze class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the plan. The teacher then announced, “Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. And, gentlemen, it wouldn’t hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner!” The room got really quiet. Finally, a man in the middle of the group raised his hand. “Yes,” replied the teacher. “Is it okay if she carries a golf bag while we walk?”

Jim had an awful day fishing on the lake, sitting in the blazing sun all day without catching a single one. On his way home he stopped at the supermarket and ordered four catfish. He told the fish salesman, “Pick four large ones out and throw them at me, will you?” “Why do you want me to throw them at you?” “Because I want to tell my wife that I caught them.” “Okay, but I suggest that you take the orange roughy.” “But why?” “Because your wife came in earlier today and said if you came by, I should tell you to take orange roughy. She prefers that for supper tonight.”

### **Nine Words Women Use**

1. Fine. This is a word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
2. Five Minutes. If she is getting dressed, this means up to a half hour. Five minutes is just five minutes more that you can watch the game before helping around the house.
3. Nothing. This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with “nothing” usually end with “fine”.
4. Go Ahead. This is a dare, not permission. Don’t do it!

5. Loud Sigh. This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are a idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing there arguing with you about nothing. (For what “nothing” means, refer back to 3).
6. That’s Okay. This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. “That’s okay” means she will want to think long and hard about how and when to make you pay for your mistake.
7. Thanks. A woman is thanking you, do not question or faint. Just say you’re welcome. (A clause needs to be added here. If she says, “Thanks a lot,” that is pure sarcasm, and she is not thanking you at all. In this case DO NOT say “You’re welcome.” That will bring on a “whatever”).
8. Whatever. A woman’s way of saying “To heck with you”.
9. Don’t Worry about It, I Got It. Another dangerous statement, meaning that this is something a woman has told a man to do several times, but now doing it herself. This will later result in the man asking, “What’s wrong?” For the woman’s response, refer to 3.

### **Little Johnny**

The children in the neighborhood enjoyed showing how dumb little Johnny was. One of them would offer him a nickel or a dime, and he would always choose the nickel. “Why do you choose the nickel, Johnny?” they would ask. “Because it’s twice as big as the dime,” he would always answer. When his older brother found out about how they were laughing at Johnny, he asked the boy, “Johnny, why do you let them tease you like that?” Johnny replied, “It’s almost earned me \$10.00.”

### **Pregnancy Q &A**

Q: Should I have a baby after 35?

A: No 35 children is enough.

Q: I’m two months pregnant now, when will the baby move?

A: With any luck, right after he finishes college.

Q: What is the most reliable method to determine the baby’s sex?

A: Childbirth.

Q: My childbirth instructor says it’s not pain I feel during labor, but pressure. Is she right?

A: Yes, in the same way that a tornado might be called an air current.

Q: When is the best time to get an epidural?

A: Right after you find out you are pregnant.

Q: Is there any reason I have to be in the delivery room while my wife is in labor?



A: Not unless the word “alimony” means anything to you.

Q: Is there anything I should avoid while recovering from childbirth?

A: Yes, pregnancy.

Q: Do I have to have a baby shower?

A: Not if you change the baby’s diaper very quickly.

Q: Our baby was born last week. When will my wife begin to feel and act normal again?

A: When the kids are in college.

### Results from High School Science Tests

The following exam excerpts, crammed together and labeled “High School Science Tests” arrived via e-mail and passed from terminal to terminal like a rotten egg.

When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.

Blood flows down one leg and up the other.

Respiration is composed of two acts: first inspiration and then expectoration

A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold.

The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana.

To germinate is to become a naturalized German.

The cure for asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until patient is dead.

The cure for a head cold: Use an agonizer to spray nose until it drops in your throat.

To keep milk from turning sour, keep it in the cow.

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated and she made me an appointment for next Tuesday.

Frantic husband: I got a box of bullets with a nasty note in Arabic. Wife: Idiot! Those were suppositories and a prescription from your doctor!

A man asked his wife, “What would you do if I won the lottery?” She replied, “I’d take half of it and leave you.” “Great,” he said, “I won \$12; here’s \$6. Stay in touch.”

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway, and that’s how the fight started.

A woman and her husband stop at a dentist’s office. “I need a tooth pulled right away,” she says. “Don’t bother with the Novocain; we’re in a hurry.” “Which tooth do you want pulled?” asks the

dentist. The woman shoves her husband toward the dentist. “Go ahead, dear. Show him your tooth.”

My wife keeps telling people she can read people’s minds, but she never can. She’s telepathetic. Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

What is celibacy? Celibacy can be a choice in life or a situation caused by circumstance. Here’s an illustration of the latter. A young couple was attending a Marriage Retreat in preparation for their life together. The leader of the retreat made the point that, for there to be success in marriage, it is essential for the couple to know as much as possible about each other. To test this idea, he asked the men to name their loved one’s favorite flower. Frank leaned over and gently touched Ann’s arm: “It’s Gold Metal, Self-rising, isn’t it?” Thus began Frank’s life of celibacy.

Statistics reveal that overweight women live longer than their husbands who mention the fact.

Hold your wife’s hand when you go to the mall or she’ll start shopping. It looks romantic, but it’s actually economic.

As the police march her away from the dead man on the floor, the detective informs the reporter that she had been working on a jigsaw puzzle when her husband entered the room and put in the final piece.

A police recruit was asked on an exam, “What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?” The reply: “I’d call for backup.”

When a prestigious family compiled their genealogical history, they discovered that great-uncle Clyde had been a notorious criminal who was ultimately executed in an electric chair. After much consideration, they were able to include him by saying that he had occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position with the strongest possible ties, and his death came as a great shock.

And then there’s the eight-year-old child who told her teacher, “I hate to scare you, but my dad says that, unless I start getting a lot better grades, *someone* is going to get paddled.”

I’ve discovered an exercise program that I think can be helpful to all. You start with a 5-pound potato sack in each hand. With your arms straight out, you raise them from the floor to waist level and hold them there as long as you can. Over time you will be able to shift to 10-pound potato sacks. Believe it or not, I ultimately worked to 100-pound sacks! Now I’ve begun putting a few potatoes in the sacks.

My wife and I have a secret for making our marriage last. Twice a week we go to a really nice restaurant, have a little wine and a great meal. She goes on Tuesdays and I go on Fridays.

Marriage tip: When your wife is mowing the lawn, that is not the best time to ask her when supper will be ready.

### Grammar Lesson

Is it "complete", "finished" or "completely finished"? No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words - "Complete" or "Finished". In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes. The final question was: 'How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.' Here is his astute answer: "When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!" Samdar won a trip around the world and a case of 25 year old Scotch!

My wife told me she wants me to change but, if I do, how will she ever recognize me?

When asked about the success of his long marriage, the guy answered that he and his wife had decided, early on, that he would make the major decisions in the family, his wife the minor ones. When he was asked what he considered the major decisions, he explained: "I make the decisions that are of worldwide significance such as whether the United States should be in the United Nations, what countries should be considered our allies and those we must be careful of...you know, things of such great importance." He was then asked what the minor decisions were that his wife made. "Oh, well, things like how many children we should have, where they would go to school, where we would live...things like that."

A local lumberyard was having an open house, and for some reason I am still at a loss to explain, my wife wanted to go. I definitely did not. But she kept badgering me about it and I kept refusing. Finally, she said, "If you don't go I'll be the only woman there." "If I do go with you," I told her, "you'll still be the only woman there."

**Husband's cellphone Message** : Honey, a car hit me as I left the office. Paula brought me to the hospital. They have been doing tests and taking X-rays. The blow to my head was very strong, but fortunately it seems that it did not cause any serious injury. But I have three broken ribs, a compound fracture in the left leg, a lacerated liver and they may have to amputate the right foot.

**Wife texts back**: Who is Paula?

Question: Why did the Israelites wander 40 years in the desert? Answer: Even then men would not stop to ask for directions.

Father: And when he proposed, did you ask him to see me? Daughter: He said he had seen you but he still loved me.

The father is telling his son stories to help him sleep. The only sound is the murmur of dad's voice. Two hours pass, and there's silence in the room. The mother creeps to the door and whispers, "Is he asleep, dear?" "Yes, Mommy," says her son.

Never laugh at your spouse's choices. You are one of them.

A ten year old boy calls into the house, "Mom, which would you rather have happen, I fall out of the big oak tree or I tear my pants?" The mother answers, "Of course, I'd pray that you tore your pants!" The kid replies, "Your prayers have been answered."

It was wise of God to make Adam first. If He'd made Eve first, He'd still be working on Adam.

My wife and I were having a great summer, relaxed and restful. In fact, this morning I said, "Summer camp is over. Billy is coming home." My wife said, "Who?"

Next summer we're going to save money. We're sending our son to Camp Grandparents.

The best way to stop the noise in your car is to let her drive.

The father was only slightly annoyed when he said to his inquisitive son, "You never stop asking questions. All day long it is one question after another. Where would I be if I spent all of my time asking questions?" The son answered, "You might be able to answer some of mine!"

One day his parents played hide-and-seek with him. Five years later he found them in a house 800 miles away.

"Mommy, is it true that Santa brings us presents?" "Yes." "And the stork brings babies?" "Yes." "The police protect us and the fire department puts out fires?" "Yes, yes." "Then why do we need Daddy?"

I mixed up the labels on my wife's spice collection. I'm not in trouble yet, but I think the thyme may be cumin.

He held her closely as they moved around the dance floor. After the fifth time he stepped on her toes, he said, "I can't understand it. I've never danced this badly before." "Oh," she said, "you've danced before?"

He found it impossible to find a girl willing to date him. He'd start to talk to a girl and his tongue would get all tangled up like a pretzel. He went to a bookstore and found a book that he was told would help him communicate better with women. When he got home with it he discovered he had bought volume ten of the encyclopedia!

A woman showed another a magnificent diamond in a platinum setting and explained, "My husband died last month, but just before he breathed his last, he told me about some money in a bank vault. He said to buy a stone with it. This is the stone!"

My wife asked me if I wanted a large family. I told her I did, so she sent for hers!”

Johnny’s grandmother dropped in for her first visit to the town. She said to little Johnny, “I’m your grandmother on your daddy’s side of the family.” Johnny said, “Wow, did you pick the wrong side!”

It’s hard for a five-foot-six father to explain to his six-foot-one son why junk food is bad for you!

A man went from one friend to another desperately trying to find a summer job for his teenage son who had purple-streaked hair, tattoos and earrings. “Are you in money trouble?” asked one of the friends. “No,” the father replied. “This has been a great year. We’re taking a trip to Europe; but, if I can’t get a job for that kid, we’ll have to take him with us!”

“Son, when I was your age, I was lucky to get nothing more than a scramble egg for supper.”  
“Gee, Dad, you’re much better off living with us, aren’t you?”

The father lectured his son on the real values of life. He said, “We were put on earth to help others.” The boy said, “What are the others here for?”

“Son, this is going to hurt me more than it hurts you.” “Then go easy on yourself, Dad.”

The boy of 16 thinks his father is pretty dumb. When that boy becomes 21, he’s surprised how smart his old man has become in 5 years.

Two fathers meet on the street. One says, “I don’t know what to do with my son; he doesn’t know how to drink and he doesn’t know how to play poker.” The other father says, “Why are you complaining?” The first father replies, “Because he drinks and he plays poker!”

Bride: The best things I cook are meatloaf and peach cobbler. Groom: Which is this?

My niece wants to know about donating her hair, concerned that the recipient might commit a crime and leave some hair at the scene. She asks, “Would the DNA found at the crime scene result in my being incriminated in the crime?” My niece is 12.

Reading a letter at the breakfast table, a wife suddenly looks suspiciously at her husband. “I just received a letter from my mother saying she isn’t accepting our invitation that she come and live with us because it doesn’t appear that we want her. What does she mean? I asked you to write her that she was to come at her own convenience. What did you tell her?” The husband replied, “I couldn’t spell *convenience*, so I used the word *risk* instead.”

The wife of a computer software engineer asked her husband, “Would you please go to the grocery for me and buy a carton of milk; and, if they have eggs, get six.” When the husband returned with six cartons of milk, his wife asked him, “Why six cartons of milk?” “Because,” he replied, “they had eggs.”

So I put this important word question to my wife. “I keep bumping my elbow against the doorframe when I come into the room. Now, in that case, who is the *bumper* and who is the *bumpee*? You see, it would seem that I am the *bumper* because my elbow bumped the doorframe and the doorframe would be the *bumpee*; but, in fact, the doorframe being solid, my bump has no effect on it while the bump bruises and hurts my elbow. That seems to make the doorframe the *bumper* and me the *bumpee*. How do you resolve that? My wife said, “Stay away from the doorframe.”

I told my wife that we were overdrawn at the bank, so she wrote a check to cover it.

“You’re so involved in golf that you don’t even remember the day we got married.” “Sure, I do. It was the afternoon I sank a forty-foot putt.”

A woman came into the den with her hair piled on the top of her head, held together with curlers and clamps. Her husband gave her a puzzled look. The woman said, “I just set my hair.” The husband responded, “What time does it go off?”

How do you explain to children that Dad gets grayer and Mom gets blonder?

Having gotten stimulated by man-talk and beer, a guy returned home and declared to his wife, “From now on, I’m king of this castle. My word is law. You’ll cook what I want to eat, not argue with me when I make decisions, and, when I want to go out on the town, you’ll get my best suit out and guess who’ll tie my tie for me?” His wife replied softly, “The undertaker.”

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Marriage Counselor: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true? Me: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer, however, retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be female. Conclusion: Only a female would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night, and not get lost.

How do you convince a kid to believe in Santa Claus when he has his own iPhone and can understand and operate it and *your* computer better than you can?

Seeking to make his fortune, a young man went to California, thinking of it as the land of opportunity. He sent a letter back to his father saying that he had gotten a good job in a bank and stating that it should be considered a feather in his cap. The father wasn’t happy with the boy’s departure but had to recognize the good fortune of a job. However, a couple of months later the boy wrote that he had bought a restaurant and felt it was another feather in his cap. Then, soon a

third letter came saying the son had bought a farm to raise vegetables and believed it to be still another feather in his cap. But, when the fourth letter came, it was to tell the father that the boy had lost everything and needed money for a plane ticket home. The father replied, "Glue those feathers to your tail and fly yourself home!"

Two friends met. One said, "I just got back from Yellowstone Park." The other replied, "How was Old Faithful?" "Not doing so well, but I had to take her with me."

"Dad, where are the Himalayas?" "Ask your mom; she's the one who puts everything away."

Remember the immortal words of Eve, who said, "Don't forget—I wear the plants in this family!"

My wife doesn't realize how old I am. She asked, "What are you doing today?" I told her, "Nothing." She said, "You did that yesterday." I told her I wasn't finished.

Yesterday my husband spotted a cockroach in the bathroom. As a result, he spayed everything and gave the room a thorough cleaning. Today I'm going to put the cockroach in the kitchen.

My parents spanked me as a child. Now I suffer from a condition known as "respect for others."

A woman phones up her husband at work. Says He: "I'm sorry honey but I'm up to my neck in work today." Says She: "But I've got some good news and some bad news for you dear." Says He: "OK darling, but since I've got no time now, just give me the good news, OK?" Says She: "Well, the air bag works..."

One day, Little Johnny and his dad were on the interstate on their way home, when Johnny's father was pulled over by a State Trooper. "License and registration please," said the Trooper. Johnny's father replied, "Officer, I don't understand! Why am I being pulled over?" The Trooper said "Sir, you were speeding! You were doing at least 75 mph in a 55 mph posted speed zone," to which Johnny's father replied, "No sir! I was only doing 60 mph." Little Johnny, who couldn't sit still, blurted out, "Oh dad, you were doing at least 80 mph." After the Trooper noticed Johnny's father giving his son a dirty stare, the Trooper said, "Sir, I'm also giving you a citation for a broken tail light," to which Johnny's father replied, "No officer! I did not know it was broken." Little Johnny, who was beside himself, said, "Oh dad, you know it's been broken for over a month." Again the Trooper noticed Johnny's father giving his son a dirty stare. This time the officer said, "Sir, I'm also giving you a citation for not wearing a seat belt," to which Johnny's father replied, "But officer, I unbuckled my seatbelt as you were approaching my car." Exasperated, Little Johnny said, "Oh dad, you know you never wear a seatbelt." After this exchange, Johnny's father exploded. As his temper flared, he shouted at the top of his lungs, "Will you stay out of my business and quit blabbering to the officer," to which the Trooper said to Little Johnny, "Does your father always get this upset with you?" Little Johnny replied, "Only when he's had too much to drink."

A guy wants a divorce and tells the judge, "I just can't take it anymore. My wife is out till midnight every night going from bar to bar." "Why is she doing that?" asks the judge. The guy answers, "She's looking for me."

A teenager brings her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They're appalled by his haircut, tattoos and piercings. The boy leaves and the girl's mom remarks, "Dear, he doesn't seem to be a

very nice boy.” “Oh, come on Mom! If he wasn’t nice, would he be doing 300 hours of community service?”

God promised that men would find good and obedient wives in all corners of the world, and then he made the world round...laughed and laughed and laughed.

My wife sent me a selfie asking if the dress she was trying on made her look too large. I texted back, “Noo,” but it came to her as “Moo”. Do you have room for me to stay at your place tonight?

My wife had a bag of used clothing she wanted me to take to the homeless shelter. I asked her to just throw it away. Then she argued that there were starving people who would be glad to have her used clothing. I made the mistake of telling her that anyone who could wear her old clothing wouldn’t be starving. Now I’m in the homeless shelter.

Laughing at your own mistakes lengthens your life. Laughing at your wife’s shortens it.

When I asked her to bring me the screwdriver and she asked, “Flathead, Phillips or Vodka?” I knew she was the one for me.

There are two ways of arguing with a woman. Neither works.

Marriage Tip #1: Always be sure your spouse has good credit. It’s called having a significant other. That stands for “Sign if I can’t.”

Not all girls are sugar and spice and everything nice. Some are made of adventure, dark chocolate, original thinking and raw courage.

One spelling mistake can ruin your life. A husband sent his wife a note: “I’m having a wonderful time and wish you were her.”

Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife does.

When we’re out and about, my wife and I always hold hands. There are two reasons for that. It’s the loving thing to do, and, if I let go, she shops.

“Do you engage in any dangerous sports?” “Well, once in a while I disagree with my wife.”

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right and the other person is the husband.

When I bragged to my wife that I have the body of a Greek god, she told me that Buddha was not Greek.

A guy and a gal were strolling across a pasture when they saw a cow and its calf rubbing noses. The guy, looking at them, said to the girl, “That looks like fun and makes me want to do the same.” The girl responded with, “Go ahead, It’s your cow.”



When his daughter brought home her report card, it was filled with A's and B's. When she asked her father to sign it, he noticed that the teacher had added a note: "Sally is a good student but she talks too much in school. I think I have a way of curing this habit." The father, in signing the card, added his own note: "Please let me know if your plan works on Sally so I can try it on her mother."

As her birthday approached, his wife let him know that she wanted something sporty...one that could go from 0 to 200 in four seconds, she said. He promised her a surprise. It ended up being a bathroom scale!

And then there is the guy who says, "I married my wife for her looks, but not for the ones she has been giving me lately."

When a little girl asked her mother how the human race came about, she was told about Adam and Eve and the children of mankind that came from them. When, however, she asked her father a similar question, he told her that there were monkeys and then people developed from them. Confused, she went back to her mother for clarification. "It's simple," the mother explained, "I was telling you about my side of the family and he was telling you about his."

When the marriage counselor was asking a woman about her state of mind, he was especially concerned about her moods at the beginning of each day. So he asked specifically, "Did you wake up grumpy this morning?" "No," she replied, "I just let him sleep."

Archeologists make the best husbands because the older their wives get, the more interested in them they become.

One man said to another, "My wife doesn't appreciate me. Does yours?" "I don't know," the other responded, "I've never heard her mention your name."

A guy was stopped by the police around 2 AM this morning. The officer asked him where he was going at that time. He replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as the dangers of smoking and staying out late." The officer replied, "Oh really,...and who is giving that lecture this time of night?" "My wife."

A woman married an avant-garde painter. She was asked how the marriage was going. "It's an exciting challenge," the bride replied, "He paints and I cook and then I try to guess what he has painted and he tries to guess what I have cooked!"

It's hard to believe, but the famous Noah Webster had the same problem with his wife that so many men today are faced with. As soon as he would try to tell his wife about something he thought important, she would say, "So what is that supposed to mean?" That, friends, is what brought about something you have been using all of your life: *Webster's Dictionary*.

"I don't want to worry you, Dear, but the guy who just delivered the pizza is your financial adviser."

Policeman: Anything you say can be used against you. Suspect: I know that; I'm married.

Woman: I'm well educated, have a challenging job, am self-sufficient and completely confident in myself, yet my friends tell me that I need to get married. Psychiatrist: You will undoubtedly accomplish great things in life, but sometimes your plans won't work out the way you thought they would. In those instances, will you blame yourself? Woman: No, of course not! Psychiatrist: That is why you need a husband.

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back - eyes wide and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit?" she asked. "No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Twenty-Two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly. The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. "But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time." the officer asks. "Oh, they'll be alright in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."

A little girl asked her brother what love is. His answer: Love is when you steal the chocolate from my lunch bag every day and I still hide it in the same place.

Four-year-old boy: Dad, I've decided to get married. Dad: Wonderful. Do you have a girl in mind? Boy: Yes, it's Grandma. She says she loves me and she is the best cook and storyteller in the world. Dad: That's nice, but it creates quite a problem. Boy: What problem? Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother? Boy: Why not? You married mine!

An eleven-year-old Jewish boy was failing math. His parents tried everything from tutors to hypnosis; but to no avail. Finally, at the insistence of a family friend, they decided to enroll their son in a private Catholic school. After the first day, the boy's parents were surprised when he walked in after school with a stern, focused and very determined expression on his face. He went straight past them, right to his room and quietly closed the door. For nearly two hours he toiled away in his room - with math books strewn about his desk and the surrounding floor. He emerged long enough to eat, and after quickly cleaning his plate, went straight back to his room, closed the door and worked feverishly at his studies until bedtime. This pattern of behavior continued until it was time for the first quarter's report card. The boy walked in with it unopened - laid it on the dinner table and went straight to his room. Cautiously, his mother opened it and, to her amazement, she saw a large black 'A' under the subject of Math. Overjoyed, she and her husband rushed into their son's room, thrilled at his remarkable progress. "Was it the nuns that did it?" the father asked. The boy shook his head and said "No." "Was it the one-to-one tutoring? The peer-mentoring?" "No." "The textbooks? The teachers? The curriculum?" "No", said the son. "Then what was it?" "Well, on that first day, when I walked in the front door and saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I KNEW they meant business!"

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the

happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "so why is the groom wearing black?"

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few word on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.' The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.' The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow. She's been leaving jewelry catalogs all over the house the last few weeks. So, for her birthday I've bought her a magazine rack.

Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband said he had ordered me some beautiful jewelry. Instead, what we got were motorcycle parts. Fortunately, my husband was able to use them on his bike.

My kids and grandkids keep laughing about me losing me memory. They won't be laughing this Christmas when there are no colored eggs under the Christmas tree!

A man is walking through the woods, and he finds a magic lamp on the ground. Instinctively, he picks the lamp up, rubs the side of it with his sleeve, and out pops a genie. The genie thanks the man for freeing him, and offers to grant him three wishes. The man is ecstatic and knows exactly what he wants. "First," says the man, "I want a billion dollars." The genie snaps his fingers and a briefcase full of money materializes out of thin air. The man is wide eyed in amazement and continues, "Next, I want a Ferrari." The genie snaps his fingers and a Ferrari appears from a puff of smoke. The man continues, "Finally, I want to be irresistible to women." The genie snaps his fingers and the man promptly turns into a box of chocolates.

A blond had just totaled her car in a horrific accident. Miraculously, she managed to pry herself from the wreckage without a scratch and was applying fresh lipstick when the state trooper arrived. "My God!" the trooper gasped. "Your car looks like an accordion that was stomped on by an elephant. Are you OK, ma'am?" "Yes, officer, I'm just fine." the blond chirped. "Well, how in the world did this happen?" the officer asked as he surveyed the wrecked car. "Officer, it was the strangest thing!" the blond began. I was driving along this road when from out of nowhere this TREE pops up in front of me. So I swerved to the right, and there was another tree! I swerved to the left and there was ANOTHER tree! I served to the right and there was another tree! I swerved to the left and there was..." "Uh, ma'am?", the officer said, cutting her off, "There isn't a tree on this road for 30 miles. That was your air freshener swinging back and forth."

A man is at work one day when he notices that his co-worker is wearing an earring. The man knows his co-worker to be a normally conservative fellow, and is curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense". The man walks up to him and says, "I didn't know you were into earrings." "Don't make such a big deal, it's only an earring," he replies sheepishly. His friend

falls silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to ask, "So, how long have you been wearing one?" "Ever since my wife found it in my truck."

A traveler once visited a small village in the countryside. At the local bar, someone asked him if he was married. "I'm divorced, actually. Never could find a woman I didn't end up fighting with all the time," he replied. The local man said: "Then you should go talk to the old couple that lives on the hill outside the village. Rumor has it that they've been married over 60 years and they've never fought this whole time." "What?? That's impossible! Everyone has fights!" Exclaimed the traveler. But the local swore to him it was the truth and nothing but. The traveler just had to check it out, and in the morning he knocked on the door of the little house on the hill and was immediately welcomed by the husband, who invited him in for tea. After the traveler explained why he came to see him, the man smiled and nodded. "It's true. We never fight." "PLEASE," begged the traveler, "can you tell me your secret?" "Well," said the old man, "it all started about 60 years ago, right after the wedding. We were riding our mule back to town and walking it down the street when it tripped over a stone and my wife said to him: 'That's one.' "We kept riding and he tripped again on another stone, which made my wife immediately say: 'That's two.' "Two minutes later, the mule trips over a stone again. My wife said: 'That's three.' She pulled out a gun I never knew she had and shot it in the head without thinking twice! I was shocked and yelled at her: 'What the heck do you think you're doing? We needed that mule! Are you crazy?!" "My wife looked me straight in the eye and said: 'That's one.' "And we haven't had a fight since."

One cold morning a wife texts her husband: "Windows frozen, won't open." He texts back, "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and gently tap the edges with a hammer." She later replies, "Now the computer is really messed up!"

### 3. Aged to Perfection

Little Johnny asked his grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, “39 and holding.” Johnny thought a moment and then said, “And how old would you be if you let go?”

An elderly man and his son were having a visit. “Old age is really getting the better of me,” the father said. “What’s the matter?” responded the son. “Well, yesterday, believe it or not, I got into the shower with my watch on.” The son chuckled and said, “Dad, I’m 30 years younger than you and I’ve gotten into the shower with my wristwatch on.” “Yes,” replied the father, “but mine was my pocket watch.”

An elderly man said, as he stepped to the microphone, “I’m glad to be here today. As a matter of fact, I’m glad to be anywhere.”

A recent widower gave these instructions to the stonemason who was preparing the tombstone for his late wife: “I want ‘Rest in Peace’ on both sides. Then, if there is enough room: ‘We shall meet in heaven.’” After the memorial stone had been erected, he read the following:

Rest in peace on both sides  
And if there is enough room,  
We shall meet in heaven.

A little girl whose very awesome grandmother had died during the night was gently told about it the following morning: “Dear, your grandmother is now an angel,” to which the little girl immediately responded: “Well, I’ll bet she is the HEAD angel.”

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor’s office. “Is it true,” she wanted to know, “that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?” “Yes, I’m afraid so,” the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, “I’m wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked NO REFILLS.”

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. “Yes, Dad, what is it?” “Don’t be nervous, Son, do your best, and just remember, if it doesn’t go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife.”

#### Things Older People Say

Eventually you reach a point at which you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. This is so true! I love to hear them say, “You don’t look that old.”

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth standing in line for.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper...it's worse when you forget to pull it down.

Two guys, one old, one young are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going." The young guy says, "That's okay; it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate." The old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her...what does she look like?" The young guy says, "Well, she is 27 years old, tall, long legs and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?" To which the old guy says, "Doesn't matter, let's look for yours."

"Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder and Your hand over my mouth."

### **Don't Mess with Granny**

This is a true story. An elderly lady did her shopping; and, upon return, found four males in her car. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her voice that she knows how to use it and will, if required, so get out of the car. The four men didn't wait around for a second invitation and ran like mad, whereupon the lady proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car, and then got into the driver's seat. Small problem...her key wouldn't fit the ignition. Her car was identical and parked four or five spaces further down. She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station. The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter where four white males were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly white woman. No charges were filed.

### **Testimony**

I am an elderly lady and live alone. But I don't get lonely because I have some men friends who keep me company. I wake up with Charlie Horse, eat meals with Will Power, spend my days with Arthur Itis, and go to bed with Ben Gay.

Things are not the same. Everything is farther away than it used to be. It is twice as far to the corner, and they've added a hill, I notice. I've given up running for the bus; it seems faster than it used to be.

It seems, too, that they are making stairs steeper than in the old days. And have you noticed the smaller print they use in newspapers now? There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud...everyone speaks in such low voices, I can hardly hear them.

Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people of my age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old classmate the other day, and she had aged so much she didn't even recognize me. I got to thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning, and, in doing so, I glanced at my reflection. And, confound it, they don't even make mirrors like they used to.

### **Retirement Center**

At the local retirement center, the activities director wanted to get the residents in the mood for Halloween, so she talked her mother into dressing like a witch. The woman had done an especially good job with make-up. To test the effectiveness of her outfit, she approached one of the residents and asked, "Can you guess who I am?" The reply, "I think I recognize the face, but I can't remember your name."

One resident of the retirement center was especially proud of the jigsaw puzzle he had put together. When a visitor congratulated him for the effort, he replied, "On the box it said 6 to 8 years, and I did it in less than a week."

### **Everything is Wonderful**

My face in the mirror  
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.  
My house isn't dirty,  
The cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely  
And so does my lawn.  
I think I might never  
Put my glasses back on.

### **You Know You're Getting Old When...**

- You don't care where your wife goes as long as you don't have to go with her.
- The grandkids come home and tell you what they are studying in history, and you remember studying the same subject in current events class.
- You become exhausted simply by wrestling with your conscience.
- You decided procrastination is the best approach to life, but you never get around to it.
- You look forward to a dull evening.
- You walk with your head held high because you're trying to get used to your bifocals.
- You sit in a rocking chair and you can't get it going.
- Your knees buckle but your belt won't.
- "Burning the midnight oil" means staying up past 9 PM.
- Your back goes out more than you do.

## Looking Forward to Retardment

A teacher asked her third grade pupils about how they spent their spring break holiday. One child wrote:

We always used to spend the holidays with grandma and grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but grandpa got retarded and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people.

They live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on big tricycles and wear nametags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they have got it fixed, because it is all right now. They play games and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they jump up and down in it with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so no one can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. Then they go cruising in their golf carts.

My grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And they eat the same thing every night: Early Birds.

Some of the people can't get past the man in the doll house to go out. So, the ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center and call it pot luck.

My grandma says grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

## A Little Mixed Up

Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not among the dead.  
Though I'm getting more forgetful and more "mixed up" in the head.

For sometimes I can't remember, when I stand at the foot of the stair,  
If I must go up for something or I've just come down from there.

And before the frig so often my poor mind is filled with doubt.  
Have I just put food away or have I come to take it out?

And there's time when it is dark with my nightcap on my head  
I don't know if I'm retiring or just getting out of bed.

So if it's my turn to write you, there's no need of getting sore.  
I may think that I have written and don't want to be a bore.

So remember, I do love you, and I wish that you were here.



But it's nearly mail time, so I must say, "Goodbye, Dear."

There I stand beside the mailbox with a face so very red.  
Instead of mailing you my letter, I have opened it instead.

An elderly gentleman...

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.'

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?'

You know... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair.

'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.  
Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'  
Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes,  
The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.  
'Where's my toast?'

Three old guys are out walking.  
First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'  
Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'  
Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'  
'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?'  
'Twelve thirty.'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.  
A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.  
A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'  
Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'  
The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

A recent article in the Daily Post said that a man, Dave Harper, has sued St. Paul's Hospital, saying that since his wife had surgery there, she acts as though she doesn't even know him. A hospital spokesman replied: "Mrs. Harper was admitted for corneal surgery. All we did was correct her eyesight."

I asked my grandpa, "After 65 years of marriage, you still call grandma Darling, Beautiful and Honey. What's the secret?" He said, "I forgot her name five years ago and I'm scared to ask her."

I thought getting older would take longer.

I've decided that I'm not old. I'm just 50 plus shipping and handling.

I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.

The older you get the more you appreciate cancelled plans, early nights, thunderstorms and wine from Trader Joe's.

My kids laugh because they think I'm crazy. I laugh because they don't know it's hereditary.

Two old guys, Fred and Sam, went to the movies. A few minutes into the film Sam noticed Fred searching for something underneath his seat. "What are you looking for?" Sam asked. "Well," replied an aggravated Fred, "I had candy in my mouth but it fell out." "Forget it; it will be dirty by now." "I've got to find it; my teeth are in it."

While taking a clinical history from an elderly patient, I asked, "How is your love life?" "I don't know," he said. "I'll ask my wife." He got up, walked to the waiting room where his wife was sitting, and shouted, "Hey, the doctor wants to know if we still have sex." His wife shouted back, "No, the only thing we have is Medicare and Blue Cross."

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

One minute you're young and fun. The next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.

I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

"Can you believe it? I'm 95 years old today!" "That's amazing; you don't look a day over 94."

"What's Joe's last name?" "Joe who?"

There are some things about aging that aren't so bad. Think, for instance, how it would be if wrinkles hurt.

The couple were having an age problem. He wouldn't act his, and she wouldn't admit hers.

Doctor: You should live to be at least 80. Patient: I'm 85. Doctor: See; what did I tell you.

An elderly woman was filling out an information sheet at her doctor's office. After writing out the address for her street and town, the form asked for ZIP. She writes, "Not bad for my age!"

My young grandson called the other day to wish me a happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard.

We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last, she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and she was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try figuring out some of this stuff for yourself!"

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, warily. "How do you make babies?" "It's easy," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

A man who lives in a large retirement center runs into a lady resident. "Good morning, Sarah; how is that back problem healing?" "I'm not Sarah. You've mistaken me for Mary Jones; she's the one with the back problem." "Oh! Well, when you see her, tell her I asked about her."

"Did I ever tell you about my grandchildren?" "No, and I appreciate it very much."

A grandmother is a person who is thrilled because her grandson can quote the Gettysburg Address at 8 years of age, when Lincoln didn't do it until he was much older.

It's rough to go through life with your contents looking like they settled during shipping.

Don't be worried about your Smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.

If you can't think of a word, say, "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do, it's because I missed my exit.

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.

I love being 80, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I got up and searched with him.

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.

It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember. . . . Don't sing!

I see people about my age mountain climbing; I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think "That can't be accurate?"

People say 60 is the new 40. The cop who pulled me over didn't agree.

Not to brag, but I just went into a room and actually remembered why I went in there!  
OK it was the bathroom, but still.....

I might wake up early and go running. I also might wake up and win the lottery. The odds are about the same.

### **On the 8th day --- God created Seniors**

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, at your age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Virologists have identified a new Nile virus - type C. It appears to target those who were born 70 or so years ago.

Symptoms:

1. Sending the same email twice.
2. Sending a blank email.
3. Sending a message to the wrong person.
4. Sending it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Forgetting to attach the attachment.
6. Hitting SEND before you've finished.
7. Hitting DELETE instead of SEND.
8. Hitting SEND when you should hit DELETE.

No wonder it is called the C-NILE virus.

An elderly guy, full of himself, got into a new sports car and raced it down the highway at almost 100 miles an hour. That is, until he was pulled over by the policeman who said, "Mister, my shift is almost over. I'll give you 30 seconds to give me a reason to let you go." The old man replied, "Well, my wife left me for a policeman years ago and I was afraid you were bringing her back." "That'll do," said the policeman.

Although it is true that mirrors don't lie, we can be grateful that they don't laugh.

In saying to others, "Look at you! You've grown so big!" be cautious to only say that to children. Older people apparently don't appreciate it.

I want to be a teenager again and run my life differently. I have some new ideas.

You know you're getting old when your knees give you a better weather report than the guy on television.

After a certain age your body is like a garage sale. Some stuff looks old, some stuff doesn't work and some stuff you can't even identify.

With coffee in my hand, when I walk into a room and wonder why I am there, it at least gives me something to sip while I try to figure it out.

These days, too many of my conversations start out with either, “Have I told you this one before?” or “What was I going to say?”

An elderly man had himself fitted for hearing aids. At the appropriate time he went back to have them checked. They were working properly. The hearing specialist couldn't resist commenting, “I'll bet your family are all delighted that you can now hear them clearly.” “No,” the man replied. “They don't know I have these hearing aids, so I can listen all day to the things they say about me. I've already changed my will three times.”

#### TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

- #1 - Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
- #2 - “In Style” are the clothes that still fit.
- #3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop ticking you off.
- #4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for others that needs work.
- #5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, “I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it.”
- #6 - “On time” is when you get there.
- #7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
- #8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
- #9 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- #10 - Growing old should have taken longer.
- #11 - Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
- #12 - You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

Old age comes at a bad time. Just as you realize how much you have learned from life you begin to forget it.

There is a new GPS for seniors. Not only does it tell you how to get to your destination, but it reminds you why you wanted to go there in the first place.

One thing about getting older: although your eyesight worsens, your ability to see through other people's motives becomes clearer.

I'm writing a book about all of the things I should be doing in my life. I'm calling it an oughtobiography.

One way to find out if you are old is to fall down in front of a lot of people. If they laugh, you are young. If they come running to help, you are old.

These days I find that my conversations often begin either with, “Have I already told you this one?” or “What was it I was going to say?”

Some call it multi-tasking. I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was supposed to be doing in the first place!

I got me a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me where I am going, it tells me why I am going there in the first place.

Why is it that, in trying to have some order in my life, I throw away old stuff only a week before I find that I need it?

One thing we tend not to talk about in our “adult years” is how much we debate whether to keep a cardboard box because it is, after all, a really good box.



## 4. The Mixed Bag

Uncle John fell into the whiskey vat. Some men tried to get him out, but he kept fighting them off until he drowned. We cremated him. He burned for three days.

She was a terrible cook. She said she fixed balanced meals. That meant you had a 50/50 chance of having to go to the emergency room at the hospital.

Christopher Columbus is a man we honor as a great seaman who, when he took his famous trip, didn't know where he was going; when he got there, he didn't know where he was and didn't know how he got there!"

A football game is tens of thousands of people desperately in need of exercise sitting in a stadium watching 22 people desperately in need of rest.

When the manager of a company was asked in a survey how many people he had, broken down by sex, he replied that there were none. "Our problem," he said, "seems to be alcohol."

A young boy seemed fascinated by the blacksmith as the man worked on a horseshoe. Pulling a mean trick, when he was finished with the shoe, the man tossed the hot metal down near the foot of the boy, sure that he would try to pick it up. The boy did, and then, of course, dropped it immediately. "What's the matter, boy," the smith asked, "a little too hot for you?" "No sir," the boy replied, "it just don't take me long to look at a horseshoe."

A guy visiting New York City for the first time took a taxi ride. The way the driver was zipping around through the downtown area, the guy became a little apprehensive. But, when they approached a red light, he relaxed in the seat. To his amazement, the driver sped up and ran the red light. That then happened a couple of more times. Finally, the man's curiosity got the best of him and he asked the driver why he was running the red lights. "Well," the driver replied, "my brother has been a cab driver in the city for many years; he never stops for red lights and has never had an accident." The man sat back in wonderment about all of this as the cab approached another light that was green. All of a sudden the driver slammed on the brakes! "What was that for?" the man demanded. The reply: "I've got to watch out for my brother."

The baseball coach wanted to give the rookie a chance. The kid could hit the ball really well, but he had trouble fielding. Maybe the thing to do, the coach thought, is to put him in right field. So he did. What should happen but the next three balls are hit to right field. The first one is a fly which the kid backs up too far to catch, and it falls right in front of him. The second one is also a fly and the rookie wants to make sure it doesn't fall in front of him, so it goes sailing over his head. The third one is a ground ball that he lets run through his legs all the way to the wall. The coach is furious. He grabs a glove and hollers at the young man, "Let me show you how to play the outfield." He has someone hit a practice ball high into right field. The coach measures it perfectly, moves back in a proper stance to receive the ball, and catches it in the center of his glove. Unfortunately, however, the ball bounces out of the glove onto the ground. The coach

shouts some X-rated words, slams the glove on the ground, and says, "That kid's got right field so fouled up couldn't anybody play it!"

Years ago a national magazine did an intensive study of the colleges and universities in the United States. They were rated on the basis of quality overall, which ones were best in particular fields of study, comparison of tuition costs, and a number of other factors. Perhaps to make the study of even wider interest, they rated schools on the basis of having the most beautiful girls. The University of Texas finished first, but Ole Miss was close behind; after all, the University of Mississippi had had two Miss Americas in a row. That led to this crucial question for Ole Miss co-eds: "What men do you find most attractive?" The consensus answer: "Middle-aged men." Surprised by this, the researcher asked, "To you, what is middle-age?" The consensus answer: "32."

The man at the front door of the house was met by a woman who seemed somewhat confused about the stranger who was calling on her. To allay her concerns, he quickly said, "Madam, I'm here because the government is taking a census. We want to know how many people there are in the United States." "Goodness," the woman replied, "you've certainly come to the wrong place. I have no idea."

A man had a flat tire just outside the fence of an insane asylum. As he was trying to put the spare on the car he lost the lugs necessary to hold the tire in place. An inmate was watching him all the while and, when he saw the man's plight, said, "Could you hold the tire on with just three lugs until you got to the service station?" "Yes," the man replied in surprise. "Okay," suggested the inmate, "why don't you take one lug off each of the other three tires?" "That's a great idea," the man replied; "what are you doing in an insane asylum?" The inmate replied, "Just because I'm crazy doesn't mean I'm stupid!"

A man who was running late in getting to the airport decided the only way to make his flight in time was to take a shortcut through the countryside, a route he had never tried before. He was doing fairly well until he came to a fork in the road and had no idea which way to go. He let down his car window and hollered to a farmer, "Does it matter which way I go in order to get to the airport?" The farmer replied, "Not to me it don't."

There is the story of a man whose wife believed they had mice in the house. The husband didn't take the matter very seriously but did promise to get a mousetrap. When he got ready to set the trap, however, he found that they had no cheese. So he set the trap with a picture of cheese he had clipped from the paper. The next morning he found he had caught a picture of a mouse!

A man once shot at a grizzly bear and missed. The bear started after him. "What did you do?" asked his friend. "I ran as fast as I could but the bear was catching up with me. Then I saw this tree limb, but it was ten feet up in the air. I had no choice, so I jumped for it." "Were you able to reach the limb?" the friend asked. "Actually, I missed it on the way up," was the reply, "but I caught it on the way back down."

A well-known author had just been taken to his room in a hotel when he realized he had no tip for the bellman. "I hate to tell you this," he explained, "but the only money I have is twenty-

seven cents in my pocket. However, I'll be glad to give you an autographed copy of my new book." The bellman thought on that choice only for a moment and said, "If you don't mind, I'll take the twenty-seven cents."

Mark Twain, the great American novelist, had an acid tongue and used such foul language that his wife constantly reprimanded him about it. One day, when she got particularly angry with him, she assaulted him with the worst curse words she could come up with. When she had finished, Twain just laughed and said, "Honey, you know the words, but you just don't know the tune."

This frog went into the local bank. He hopped up to a female loan officer and said, "Hi, babe, how about a loan?" She replied, "You are not going to obtain a loan here for three reasons: (1) you are a frog, (2) my name is not babe but Ms. Paddywack, and (3) you have no collateral." The frog replied, "But I do." With that, he reached into the folds of his skin and pulled out this object and handed it to the loan officer. She looked at it, and turned and walked into the bank president's office. She told him about the frog and handed him the object, asking, "What is it?" The president examined it carefully and replied, "It's a knickknack, Paddywack, give the frog a loan."

This duck went into a bar and asked the bartender, "Got any grapes?" "No," the bartender replied, and the duck left. The next day the duck appeared again, "Got any grapes?" "NO," the bartender shouted, and the duck left. The third day the events were repeated, and this time the bartender yelled, "You feathery bag of nothing, WE DON'T HAVE ANY GRAPES, and if you come in here again with that question, I am going to nail your webbed feet to this bar and let every one of my customers laugh at you!" The next day the duck appeared AGAIN, "Got any nails?" The bartender yelled, "NO!" "Got any grapes?"

"How come you're late?" asked the bartender as the blonde waitress walked in the door. "It was awful," she explains. "I was walking down Elm Street and there was this terrible accident. A man was lying in the middle of the street; he was thrown from his car. His leg was broken, his skull was fractured, and there was blood everywhere. Thank goodness, I took that first-aid course. All my training came back to me in a flash." "What did you do?" asked the bartender. "I sat down and put my head between my knees to keep from fainting!"

When the employees of a restaurant attended a fire safety seminar, they watched a fire official demonstrate the proper way to operate an extinguisher. "Pull the pin like a hand grenade," he explained, "then press the trigger to release the foam." Later, an employee was selected to extinguish a controlled fire in the parking lot. In her nervousness, she forgot to pull the pin. The instructor hinted "Like a hand grenade, remember?" In a burst of confidence, she pulled the pin...and hurled the extinguisher at the blaze.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go camping. One night Holmes awakes and nudges his faithful friend, "Watson, look up and tell me what you see." "I see millions of stars." Holmes: "What does that tell you?" Watson: "Astronomically, it tells me there are millions of galaxies. Horologically, I deduce that the time is 3:15 AM. Theologically, I see that God is all-powerful.

Meteorologically, I suspect that tomorrow will be a beautiful day. What does it tell you, Holmes?” Holmes: “Watson, my dear friend, that someone has stolen our tent.”

### **Things to say when caught sleeping at your desk**

It’s happened to all of us at some point. You had a long night but come morning, off to work and all you want is just a few moments of shuteye. And we present you with only the top things to say when caught sleeping at your desk like:

“They told me at the blood bank this might happen.”

“This is just a 15 minute power-nap like they raved about in that time management course you sent me to.”

“Whew! Guess I left the top off the White-Out. You probably got here just in time! Thank you!”

“I wasn’t sleeping! I was meditating on our mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm.”

“I was merely testing my keyboard for drool resistance. It wasn’t mentioned in the owner’s manual.”

“I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-related stress. Are you discriminatory towards people who practice Yoga?”

“Damn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem.”

“The coffee machine is broken and I didn’t think you wanted me to leave the office to go out and buy coffee without telling you first.”

“I am so glad you are here. Someone must’ve put decaf in the wrong pot and I had no idea!”

And the #1 best thing to say if you get caught sleeping at work...”...in Jesus name, Amen.”

### **The Cat**

Back in the days before instant communications, a guy whose most important thing in the world was his pet cat took a voyage to England, leaving the cat with his brother. As soon as he reached England, he breathlessly called to find out how his cat was doing. “Your cat died,” responded the brother.” Heartbroken, the guy said, “What a terrible way to give me that disastrous information. You should have prepared me by saying something like ‘the cat climbed out on the roof; I did everything I could to get him back including calling the fire department, but he fell and died instantly without any pain.’” There was a long pause and then the man added, “How is Mother?” “Well,” the brother replied, “yesterday she crawled out on the roof...”

## Dividing the Pecans

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing them.

“One for you, one for me,” said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down towards the fence. Another boy came riding along on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, “One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.”

He just knew what it was! “Oh my,” he shuddered, “it’s Satan and the Lord dividing souls in the cemetery.”

He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. “Come here quickly,” said the boy. “You won’t believe what I heard. Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls.”

The man said. “Beat it, kid; can’t you see it’s hard for me to walk.”

When the boy insisted, though, the man hobbled to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, “One for you, one for me. One for you and one for me.”

The old man whispered, “Boy, you’ve been tellin’ the truth. Let’s see if we can see the devil himself.”

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of Satan.

At last they heard, “One for you, one for me.” And one last “One for you, one for me. That’s all. Now let’s go get those nuts by the fence, and we’ll be done.”

They said the old guy made it back to town a full 5 minutes before the young boy.

I went line dancing last night. Well, it was a roadside sobriety test...same thing.

The young MIT graduate was having his first job interview with an engineering firm. When the Human Resources official asked him what sort of initial salary he was thinking of, the young man replied, "In the range of \$200,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." "Well," replied the HR guy, "How about benefits like these: 5-weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental benefits, full retirement benefits and a company car...maybe a Corvette." "Wow!" the young man responded. "Are you kidding?" "Yeah," the HR man replied, "but you started it."

I picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy. After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer. I told him the odds of two serial killers being in the same car was extremely unlikely.

The three hardest things to say are: (1) I was wrong; (2) I need help; and (3) Worcestershire Sauce.

It's been a bit of a strange day! First I found a hat-full of money. Then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar...

I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart while they have never even seen a single one of his paintings.

As the customer approaches the general store, he notices this large sign on the door: DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG! He carefully enters the store, but once inside all he sees is a fat old hound asleep on the floor. "Is *that* the dog folks are supposed to beware of?" he asks the store manager. "Yep, that's him," the owner responds. "He doesn't look dangerous to me. Why would you post that sign?" "Because," says the owner, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

What do you call a lazy baby kangaroo? A pouch potato.

A plumber fixes a leak at a doctor's house and hands him an astronomical bill for the work. "This is ridiculous!" the doctor says. "I'm a brain surgeon, and I don't charge that much." "Neither did I," replies the plumber, "when I was a brain surgeon."

My decision-making skills closely resemble those of a squirrel when crossing the road.

Some things are better left unsaid, and I usually realize it right after I say them.

It's not my fault; I was left unsupervised.

Going camping is like spending a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Middle age is when you recognize the classic rock songs that have been turned into elevator music.

When I was at the grocery, a woman was looking at the frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one large enough. She asked the stock boy, "Do these get any larger?" He replied with a straight face, "No ma'am, they are dead."

Sometimes you feel that there is nothing there for you. But there is: laundry. Laundry is always there for you.

At the bank, I told the cashier I'd like to open a joint account. When she asked me, "With whom?" I told her whoever has a lot of money.

We were doing home renovations and, incredibly, when we knocked down a wall, we found a secret, fully furnished room! And then I remembered that we live in a duplex...

An officer came to our door and asked me where I was between 5 and 6, and I told him, "In Kindergarten."

The most expensive vehicle to operate, by far, is the Costco shopping cart.

As I watch this generation try to re-write history, one thing I am sure of: it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

A Swiss man looking for directions pulls up at a bus stop in Zurich where two American tourists are waiting. "*Entschuldigung, konnen Sie Deutsh sprechen?*" he asks. The two American just stare at him. "*Parlez-vous francais?*" he tries. The two Americans continue to stare. "*Parlate Italiano?*" No response. The Swiss guy gives up and drives off. The first American turns to the second and says, "Maybe we really should learn a foreign language." "Why?" responds the second. "That guy knew three and it didn't do him any good."

The police arrested a man selling "secret formula" tablets he claimed gave eternal youth. It was actually the fifth time he had been caught committing the same medical fraud. The other times had been in 1794, 1856, 1928, and 1983.

My dad suggested that I register for an organ donor card. He's a man after my own heart.

A company I used to work for had a great idea, but it didn't work out and they went bankrupt. The problem was that they tried to cross a crocodile with an abalone. They hoped the result would be an abadile, but instead they ended up with a crocobaloney.

I ate dinner with a chess grandmaster one night. The problem was that we had a checkered tablecloth. It took him two hours to pass the salt!

When the old man was admitted to the emergency room, the doctor in charge asked him, "Do you know where you are?" "Baptist Hospital," the man quickly answered. "And, do you know who I am?" asked the doctor. "Dr. Jones." Then the old man leaned over to the nurse and said, "I

hope he's not going to ask any more questions?" "Why?" she responded. "Because all of those answers were on his badge."

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say: "close enough."

Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it!

Mr. Brown, an attorney, and Dr. Jones crashed their cars into one another on a slick street. Both were shaken up by the accident, so Mr. Brown took a bottle of whiskey out of his glove compartment and gave Dr. Jones a drink. Thanking him, Dr. Jones said, "Why don't you have one with me?" "Don't worry, I will," the attorney replied, "right after the highway patrol finishes up."

A magician had a terrible accident while he was doing the trick about sawing his assistant in half. The assistant was so shaken up by the episode that she moved to Dallas...and Tulsa!

"What happened to the car?" "I hit a cow." "There was a cow in the middle of the road?" "No, I had to chase it into the barn!"

Being very selective about purchasing a dog, the lady tells the pet store owner, "I'd like a dog I can be proud of." "This one's a beaut," he replies. "But, does he have a pedigree?" "Lady, if he could talk, he wouldn't speak to either one of us."

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

A couple is visiting a mansion in Newport. The host shows them dozens of paintings of his ancestors. When the host goes off for a minute, the man's wife asks, "Are those genuine Gainsboroughs?" The husband answers, "They aren't even genuine ancestors."

An abstract artist, looking at a portrait he painted of a client, is obviously upset. Another artist comes by and asks, "What's the matter?" The first artist says, "Well, I did this portrait of Thompson and he wants me to fix his nose a little." "Why don't you?" "I can't find it!"

The babysitter couldn't find the baby for hours, but when she looked away from the television, there he was!

And then there was the guy who took a taxi to bankruptcy court and named the cabbie as a creditor!



A Boy Scout wanted to earn a merit badge, so he started to help old ladies across the street. The first day it took two hours for him to help three old ladies across the street. Two of them didn't want to go!

A bank is a dignified institution that was established for people to have a place to keep the government's money until tax time.

And then there was the guy who entered the bank looking a little intoxicated. Noticing this, the guard asked him what he wanted. "I'm here to speak to the loan arranger," he replied. "Sorry, he's not here at the moment," the guard replied. "Well then, I want to speak to Tonto."

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," instructed the teacher during a lesson. One small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," offered one child. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

My neighbor rang my doorbell at 3 am...can you believe it!? Luckily I was still up playing the drums.

A man went into the bank for a loan. The lone officer said, "I'll have to have a statement from you." The applicant replied, "Certainly. How about this: A rolling stone gathers no moss."

A new bank employee was counting money so rapidly the bank manager was impressed. "Where did you learn your math?" he asked. The employee replied, "Yale." "That's great. What is your name?" "Yoshnson."

A young man new to town walked into the barbershop and asked for the works. As he was being shaved, he tried to make time with the manicurist. He suggested dinner and dancing. The manicurist replied, "I can't do that. I'm married." The young man laughed. "Ask your husband; he won't mind." "Ask him yourself. He's shaving you!"

Then there's the guy who likes to aggravate barbers. When he's shown the finished haircut in the mirror, and asked how he likes it, he responds with "a little longer in back."

A barber suggested a certain lotion for a balding customer. The customer rubbed the lotion into his scalp night and day for three years. At the end of that time, his head was still bald, but he had to shave his fingers twice a week!

After a terrible half-inning, the pitcher came back to the dugout. Before sitting down, he kicked at the bat rack. The manager said, "Don't do that. You'll break your leg and we won't be able to trade you."

Life isn't fair. When I tried out for baseball, I couldn't hit a curve. Now I play golf and I can't stop hitting them!

Major League baseball players make a lot of money. One day the pitching coach called the bullpen and got an answering service!

A man walked into a pet store and asked how to tell the difference between a male and a female canary. "It's easy," the clerk says. "You put down a male worm and a female worm. A male canary will go after the male worm and the female after the female worm." "Well, how can you tell a male worm from a female worm?" "Oh, for that you'll have to go to a worm store."

Until he's about 15, a young fellow may be a Boy Scout. Then he becomes a girl scout.

My wife does a good job with the budget. We go without a lot of things I don't need.

A budget is a systematic way of living beyond your means.

The cabbie was having a bad day. The Los Angeles traffic was terrible and his fare was in a hurry to get to a meeting. "Can't you go any faster?" the rider complained. "Of course I could go a lot faster," the cabbie shouted, "but I'm not allowed to leave the cab!"

The owner of a clothing store came in from lunch one afternoon, only to find one of his salesmen wrapped in bandages, his skin bruised and scratched. "What happened here?" he asked. The salesman replied, "Remember that purple suit with the light green stripes and the yellow dots?" "Yes" "I sold it," the salesman explained. "But what about the bandages?" "The guy's seeing-eye dog didn't like it."

The office manager lost his temper with his inept employee. In exasperation he shouted, "I've taught you everything you know, and you still don't know anything!"

The two young boys were on their first train ride. When the vendor came through the car, their mother bought each of them a chocolate bar. Billy opened his and immediately took a bite just as the train entered a tunnel. When the train emerged from the tunnel, Johnny was just getting his wrapper open. "I wouldn't eat that," Billy cautioned. "I took a bite of mine and went blind for half a minute."

I've developed an app to fight insomnia. It lets you talk to really boring people until you fall asleep. It's online sedating."

The customer was complaining to the manager at the auto service center, "You promised to fix the brakes, but they seem as loose as ever. They need to be tightened." "All right," he replied. "Do you mind getting out of the car for a minute?" He gets into the driver's seat and quietly moves the seat forward a notch. "Now try the brakes and see what you think." The customer gets back in. "That's amazing," he exclaims. "I don't see how you did it, but the brakes are fine!"

A teenage girl was thrilled about her first job as a waitress, but lost interest after the first shift. "What's the problem?" she was asked. "It would be okay if the people didn't keep asking for stuff!"

The therapist's daughter asked her what "normal" was. "Honey, normal is what people are before you get to know them."

A man came into a bar with his dog, saying he was looking for a buyer for this remarkable animal that could actually talk. When the bartender refused to believe such a ridiculous claim, the dog spoke up. "Buy me. Somebody please buy me. My owner is mean and vicious. He kicks me and orders me around unmercifully. I'm a great dog. I was in the service, and have three medals for valor. Please buy me." The amazed bartender looks at the owner and says, "Why would you want to sell such a remarkable dog?" The man replied, "I'm sick and tired of his lies!"

Once there was a movie star who followed anyone who whistled at her. Her name was Lassie.

An efficiency expert is a guy who's smart enough to tell you how to operate your business, and too smart to start one of his own.

One gutsy employee asked for an extra day of vacation to make up for all the coffee breaks she missed on the vacation!

A man was fired by his employer. Another employee asked, "When do you plan to fill his vacancy?" The employer answered, "He didn't leave one."

A woman called a friend and asked how she was feeling. The friend said, "I have a terrible headache, and everything in my body hurts. I must be getting the flu." The woman said, "Well, I'll come over. I can cook supper tonight and help you with the children." "Oh, that would be wonderful of you." "I might as well stop by the market first. What does Jim like?" "Jim?" "Your husband." "My husband's name is Carl." "O my," I must have the wrong number." "Does that mean you won't be coming over?"

The Lone Ranger looked up at the hills to the west and said to Tonto, "There's a big party of Sioux on top of that hill." Tonto said, "We will go to the east." "No," the Lone Ranger replied, "there are Pawnees approaching from the east." "We will go to the south, *Kemo Sabe.*" "Osages." "North?" "It looks like a million Blackfeet to the north. Tonto, if they attack us, what will we do?" Tonto started to mount up, saying, "What do you mean 'we,' white man?"

A local business was looking for office help, so they put a sign in their window saying "An Equal Opportunity Employer." A short time afterward, a dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined. Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. The office manager looked at the dog and was surprised, to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he led him into the office. Inside, the dog jumped up on the chair and stared at the manager. The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type." The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager and gave it to him, then jumped back on the chair.

The manager was stunned, but he told the dog, "The sign also says you have to be good with a computer." The dog jumped down again and went to the computer. The dog proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs, producing a sample spreadsheet and database and presenting them to the manager. By this time the manager was totally dumbfounded. He looked at the dog and said, "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some interesting abilities, however I still can't give you the job." The dog jumped down and went to a copy of the sign and put his paw on the part about being an Equal Opportunity Employer. The manager said, "Yes, but the sign \*also\* says that you have to be bilingual." The dog looked him straight in the eye and said, "Meow."

My wife calls me "the computer"... Nothing to do with intelligence, I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.

Waiter: "How do you like your steak, sir?" Customer: "Like winning an argument with my wife." Waiter: "Rare it is!"

How we word things is a delicate art. When the waitress approached our table, I said politely, "May I ask you about the menu, please?" She frowned and said, "The men I please is none of your business!"

Few people realize how like we human beings penguins are. They are like family. They mate for life, keep in touch with their offspring and reflect other family traits. This carries forward unto death. When a penguin dies, the family will not allow the body to lie there on the ice. Instead, they dig a hole in the ice with their bill and wings and roll the body carefully into it. Then they stand around in a circle and sing, "Freeze a jolly good fellow, freeze a jolly good fellow."

The rain was pouring down outside O'Connor's Irish Pub near Dublin. There standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water. A passer-by stopped and asked him, "What are you doing?" "Fishing," replied the old man. Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me." In the warm ambiance of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman, being a bit of a superior smart aleck, cannot resist asking, "So, how many have you caught today?" "You're the 8th," replied the old man.

A guy goes ice fishing for the very first time. All of a sudden, he hears a voice. "There are no fish under the ice!" He ignores it and moves to another area, cuts a hole, and tosses his line in. Again, he hears the booming voice: "There are no fish under the ice!" He nervously looks up and asks, "Lord? Is that you?" "No, this is the rink manager!"

Frank had moved into a small town. Mildred, the town gossip, spotted his pickup truck in front of the town bar and immediately labled him an alcoholic. She told him to his face (with others present, of course) that everyone seeing his car there knew what he was doing! Frank, a man of few words, simply walked away. However, later that evening, he quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house and left it there all night.

A teacher was arrested today at the international airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, an ancient wooden device called a "slide-rule," as well as a code device called an "abacus" that he claimed was a calculator. At a morning press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction. "Al-Gebra is a problem for us," the Attorney General said. "Al-Gebra has terrorized many young people for years. They derive solutions by means and extremes and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They use secret code names like 'X' and 'Y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns,' but we've determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philosopher Isosceles once said, 'There are 3 sides to every triangle.'" When asked to comment on the arrest, the Attorney General said, "If we were to have better weapons of math instruction, we would have given more fingers and toes."

#### **A Letter from a Successful Businessman to the General Public:**

Dear Friends,

Many people have wondered why our Buy Food Supermarkets are so successful. The answer is easy. As founder of the enterprise, it occurred to me early on that people's names are the key. If you can find a person whose name fits the position, that person is going to be successful. I'd like to illustrate how that has worked out in our organization.

In the overall management of the company I have B. N. Counter as my Chief Financial Officer. Our terrific Public Relations man is Bragg O'Docious. In charge of site locations for our stores is Homer Pidgeon. Our Human Resources recruiter is Chase People. Security is handled by our Private Detective, Butler Diddit. My Vice President and trouble-shooter is Hap Hazard.

Steve Adore handles our Shipping, and Gustaf Wind is in charge of our Heating and Air Conditioning systems.

Heading our Meat Department is Phil A. Minyon, assisted by our Chief Butcher, Sawyer Bone. Newton Figg is in charge of Confections, and Ima Baker develops our delicious recipes. Our Chief Pharmacist is Tyler Knoll and he is assisted by Arthur Rightus. Dunbar Hopping is in charge of our Wine and Beer Department. Owen Munny trains our cashiers, Philip Shelves trains our stockers and Isaac Groceries trains our baggers.

I hope you find this information helpful for your enterprise, whatever it may be.

Yours truly,

Press E. Dent

CEO, Buy Food, Inc.

I have a new microwave TV set. I can watch a one-hour show in six minutes.

I'm not thrilled about all of the gadgets in my house. It's scary having things around that are smarter than I am.

A guy I know joined one of those electronic dating services. He wanted someone who was small, liked the water, dressed up a lot, and didn't talk too much. He got his response within two minutes; they got him a date with a penguin!

After a round of well over 100, the golfer said to his caddy, "Am I the worst golfer you ever caddied for?" The caddy replied, "I'm not about to say that, but I have been in spots today I never knew were on the property."

The golf pro walked over to a couple of ladies and asked, "Do either of you want to know how to play good golf?" One of the women replied, "Maybe my friend would, but I learned yesterday."

A graduation ceremony is where a commencement speaker tells 500 graduates all dressed alike that individuality is what makes the world tick.

Nowadays, when the speaker tells a graduating class that the future is theirs, is that a promise or a threat?

I've been going to the opera ever since I could walk. I knew Madame Butterfly when she was just a cocoon.

An out-of-stater was visiting the Alamo. A local waxed eloquent about how a small band of men had fought off the entire Mexican army. The out-of-stater said, "Back where I come from we had patriots too. Ever hear of Paul Revere?" The local guy responded with, "Paul Revere? Wasn't he the guy who went for help?"

On April 15, I get a chill thinking back on the fact that our country was founded on the principle of not having to pay taxes.

The judge called the prisoner into his chambers and announced sadly, "I'm afraid clemency is impossible. The Governor just got indicted."

A jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, explaining, "It was an act of God under very suspicious circumstances."

A young pupil asked his teacher, "What did I learn today?" "That's an odd question," the teacher replied. The young pupil said, "Yup, but that's what they'll ask me when I get home."

My landlord gave me three days to pay my rent. So I picked Easter, Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve three years from now.

A man from outer space landed in a Las Vegas casino just as a slot machine paid off a grand jackpot. As the money tumbled out, the space invader said to the slot machine, "You need to do something for that cold."

If evolution really works, how come mothers have only two hands?

A small-town policeman stopped a speeding car and asked the driver for his name. "Ladislav Zybkcicraznovskaya," the man replied. The policeman scratched his head and said, "Well, don't let me catch you speeding again."

I can recite ten pages of the phone book by heart: "Smith, Smith, Smith, Smith..."

I was watching one of those old cowboy movies the other night, and there was this guy who was always being asked to sign things although he had never learned to write. So he went to the courthouse and asked the judge if he could change his name from X to O.

A young writer brought a manuscript to a publisher. The publisher said, "I'm sorry, but we only publish books by authors with well-known names." Great!" the man replied. "My name is Jones."

A little girl answered the door to find that a Census taker was seeking information. He wanted to know how many were in the family. The mother approached, drying her hands on her apron, and said, "There's me and my husband and the children: Mary and Jane and Jack..." at which the Census taker interrupted and said, "We're not interested in the names; the numbers will be enough." At that point the child pitched in, "We don't use numbers; we haven't run out of names yet."

A Navy psychiatrist was interviewing a potential sailor. To check the young man's response to a crisis, the doctor asked, "What would you do right now if you looked out the window and saw a battleship coming down the street?" The young man replied, "I'd grab a torpedo and sink it!" "Where would you get the torpedo?" the psychiatrist asked. "The same place you got your battleship!"

He used to be a tree surgeon, but one day he fell out of his patient.

So if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

They say we can have gatherings with up to eight people without issues. I don't even know eight people without issues.

Theme parks can snap a crystal-clear picture of you on a roller coaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still.

Someone posted that they had just made synonym buns. I replied, "You mean just like the ones that grammar used to make?" I am now blocked.

Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers ... if you do find one, what's your plan?

Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but the vending machine at work can't recognize a dollar bill with a bent corner.

I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.

My train of thought derailed. There were no survivors.

If you see someone buying candy, popcorn, and a soda at the movies, they are a drug dealer. There's no other explanation for that type of income.

I know it's time to clean out my purse when my car assumes it's an extra passenger who isn't wearing a seat belt.

When I was a teenager I fell off my bike and hurt my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then.

A boy of six, visiting in the country for the first time, came running to his mother. Bubbling over with excitement, he said, "I just saw a man who makes horses!" "Are you certain?" replied the mother. "Yup. He was just nailing on the horse's back feet."

The only man who got his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe.

The case was about to begin. The judge asked, "Where is the defendant?" One of the jurors stood up. "I'm the defendant." "What are you doing in the jury box?" "They brought me in with the rest of them." "You can't be the defendant and on the jury too." "I thought it was a little too lucky."

A man brought a parrot into the office of a late-night talk show. Knowing the show was always looking for offbeat guests, he told the talent coordinator, "If you pull his left leg, he'll sing 'The Camptown Races.' Pull his right leg and he'll sing 'Swanee River.'" "What happens if you pull both legs?" the coordinator asks. The parrot replies, "I fall off the darn perch, dummy!"

Success hasn't gone to his head—just to his mouth.

So many items are no longer made in America...I just bought a new TV and the box said "built in antenna"...I don't even know where that is!

A couple of hikers were tramping through the countryside and had lost their way, so by the time they arrived at the "George and Dragon," the village pub where they'd arranged to stay the night, the doors were locked and the owners had gone to bed. They knocked timidly on the front door. A head appeared at an upstairs window and shouted, "Go away. Don't you know what time it is? We're closed," and the window slammed shut. Undeterred, the hikers knocked again. "What is it now?" demanded the head. "Could we speak to George this time please?" asked one the hikers.



I sometimes wonder about the intelligence of the people they hire in supermarkets these days. I had a simple question of the guy at the market the other day, “Where can I find the canned peaches?” “I’ll see,” he replied and walked away. So I asked another one, and he also replied, “I’ll see,” and walked away. Neither one of the guys ever came back; so, of course, I had to find the peaches myself. They were on aisle C.

Operator: This is 911, do you have an emergency?

Man: Yes, someone has just been hit by a car, please send an ambulance.

Operator: Where is your location?

Man: On Eucalyptus Street.

Operator: Please spell that.

Man (after a long pause): I think I’ll pull him over to Pine Street.

My neighbor yelled at her kids so loudly even I brushed my teeth and went to bed!

Do you know that great feeling that comes from going to bed, falling asleep immediately and waking up the next morning ready for the day ahead? No? Neither do I.

In the course of things, self-driving vehicles may lead to country songs about how your vehicle left you.

Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the words defense, defeat and detail. Student: When a horse jumps over defense, defeat go first and then detail.

It rather startled me when I drove into the cemetery and the GPS said, “You have just reached your final destination.”

My mind is like an internet browser. There are at least 19 open tabs, three of them are stuck, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

When I sent an email to a friend I got an automatic response that said he only looked at his messages once a week, so it might be a while before I heard back from him. Knowing it will probably be a phone call, I plan to answer with: “It’s a miracle! You called at the very moment each week when I answer my phone.”

Be careful about calling the police about strangers in your neighborhood. They may actually be your neighbors without makeup, hair coloring and hair extensions.

I know technology is making me paranoid, but when I sneezed in front of my laptop it immediately began a virus scan.

The main function of the little toe seems to be to make sure all the furniture in the house is in the right place.

I changed my password to “incorrect” so that, every time I forget mine, the computer will say, “Your password is incorrect.”

My wife and I were on the couch watching television when I heard my phone leaving me a text message. So, I went to the kitchen to get it. It was from my wife telling me to bring the potato chips on my way back!

Never leave home without a kiss, a hug and an “I love you.” Then, when you get to the car, brush all the dog hair off your clothes.

One day you will find that there is someone who is obsessed with you. It’s probably going to be a dog, but it is what it is.

The cop pulled me over and said, “Papers?” I said, “Scissors, I win.” He must want a rematch because he’s been chasing me for 45 minutes.

You know how they sometimes throw the ball into the crowd after winning a game? I found out the hard way that that’s not allowed in bowling.

When I was a kid they didn’t call it behavior disorders; they said I was a brat!

Think how scary it must have been to live in the olden days when you were traveling and had an accident of some kind, there was no way to get help. People who lived before cell phones were so brave.

I never intended to make you think you are stupid, but when I asked you how to spell “orange” and you wanted to know if I meant the fruit or the color, it just caught me off guard.

When I retire I’d like to be a former lottery winner.

Instead of a “Do not disturb” sign, I want one that says, “Already disturbed; proceed with caution.”

I was lonely until I glued a coffee cup on the top of my car. Now everyone waves at me.

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn’t make a decision.

Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.

When she was told that the starting pay was \$40,000 but later could go as high as \$80,000, she said she would like to start later.

Trust science. Studies show that if your parents didn’t have any children there’s a high probability you won’t either.

If you’re not called crazy when you start something new, then you’re not thinking big enough.

Only in math problems can you buy 60 melons and no one asks, "What in the world were you thinking?"

When I get a headache I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.

Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

If you see me talking to myself just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.

"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo."

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. She's 5 and it's past her bedtime.

Today's 3 year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I was playing in the mud.

We got a surprise box of fruit apparently from some old friends we don't remember named Harry & David.

I'm so tired of ads on TV that I turn off the sound when they're on. I don't know what they are up to these days but I saw four ads in a row yesterday and have no idea what they were selling!

I'll never forget the look on the cashier's face when she rang up the bird seed and I asked her if she knew how long it took after I planted the seeds for baby birds to appear.

Our neighbors have just had triplets, three boys they have named Ready, Willing and Able. We can't wait to watch them grow up and see how their characters end up matching their names!

Survival tip: If you get lost in the woods, start talking about politics and someone will show up to argue with you.

It's hard to get help with your computer problems when the children are all at school.

Don't make fun of someone who speaks with a foreign accent; it means they know another language.

The best thing about being over 40 is that we did all those stupid things before the invention of the Internet, so there's no proof.

I've learned two important things in life. I can't remember the first one, but the other one is always to write things down.

Taking a dog named Shark to the beach is a very bad idea.

No matter how mean a person you may be, when a two-year-old hands you a toy phone, you answer it.

It isn't helpful to tell a stranger seeking directions to turn left where the old Post Office used to be.

A boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play.

She asks, "What part is it?"

The boy says, "It's a play about a married couple and I play the part of the husband."

The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."

I was in the six item express lane at the store quietly fuming.

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, *"So which six items would you like to buy?"*

Remember when we used to line up at the fair to see the fat lady with the tattoos? Now we can see them everywhere.

In life, it's important to know when to quit arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

Do you ever wake up, kiss the one beside you, and feel great to be alive? I did and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again.

She says, "I don't understand. There I am talking with my husband and he looks at me, stunned, as though he had never seen me before!" "He hadn't," her friend replies. "He was overseas when you got married. That's your husband's twin brother."

When I was a kid I used to watch the Wizard of Oz and wonder how the Scarecrow could talk if he didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook.

**WINDOWS: Please enter your new password.**

**USER: Cabbage**

**WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.**

**USER: Boiled cabbage**

**WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.**

**USER: 1 boiled cabbage**

**WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces**

**USER: 50damnboiledcabbages**

**WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character**

**USER: 50DAMNboiledcabbages**

**WINDOWS: Sorry the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.**

**USER: 50damnBoiledCabbages[censored]ifYouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow !**

**WINDOWS: Sorry, but that password has already been taken. Please try again.**

A politician visited a village and asked what their needs were. "We have two basic needs honorable Sir", replied the villager leader. "Firstly, we have a hospital but no doctor." On hearing this, the politician brought out his cell phone; and, after speaking for a while, he told them not

worry, a doctor will be there tomorrow. Then he asked for the second problem. "...secondly Sir, there is no cell phone reception anywhere in this village."

When I was a kid my parents would always say, "Excuse my French," right after they would use a swear word. You can imagine my first day in school when the teacher asked us if we knew any French.

What is the difference between an alligator and a crocodile? I believe the main difference is that one will see you later and the other after a while, but I could be wrong. After all, I'm not a zoologist.

Once there was a little boy who lived in the country with his father. They had to use an outhouse, and the little boy hated it. The outhouse was sitting on the bank of a creek and the boy determined that one day he would push that outhouse into the creek. One day after a spring rain, the creek was swollen and the little boy decided that that was the day to push the outhouse into the creek. So he got a large stick and started pushing. Finally, the outhouse toppled into the creek and floated away. That night his dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. Knowing that meant a spanking, the little boy asked why. The dad replied, "Someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it son?" The boy answered yes. Then he thought a moment and said, "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth." The dad replied, "Well, son, George Washington's father wasn't in the cherry tree."

My therapist placed a half-glass of water in front of me and asked if I were an optimist or a pessimist. I drank the water and told him I'm a problem solver.

My wife asked why I talked so quietly in the house. I told her I was afraid Mark Zuckerberg was listening. She laughed, I laughed. Alexa laughed. Siri laughed.

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head. He then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks. Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.' The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Please, may I come with him tomorrow?'

Did you know that "Dammit I'm mad" spelled backwards is "Dammit I'm mad"?

Money can't bring happiness, but there are many who would like to have the chance to test that premise.

Restaurant Sign: Remember what the valet who parks your car looks like because we do not have valet parking!

I've read that, by law, you have to turn your car lights on when it is raining in Sweden. How am I supposed to know when it is raining in Sweden?

I don't always carry the groceries in one arm; but why is it that, when I do, my keys are always in the other pocket?

Let's be honest. If people could hear what you are thinking half of the time, you'd either be in a mental hospital or in jail.

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I had done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: Two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

A politician, 3 doctors and 3 engineers decided to climb Mount Everest. They arrive there and start climbing the long way up the tallest climb on Earth. It's a grueling climb and they have to stop many times to rest and pull each other up. Halfway into the climbing, the rope starts to break. The doctors say they should all hang on and wait for help. Nobody believes they will arrive on time. The engineers, with their quick physics skills tell everyone "One of us has to jump or else we all die!" Nobody wanted to jump. Everyone held onto the rope with their hands tightly. Then, the politician let out a sigh. "You people are valuable resources for the country. A doctor can save so many lives. An engineer can build so many innovative things. But what am I? A useless politician. What do I do for society? Nothing. I just give speeches and that's it." - he gives out a very heartfelt sigh. The others were so touched, they all started clapping for the politician.

A new manager spends a week at his new office with the manager he is replacing. On the last day the departing manager tells him, "I have left three numbered envelopes in the desk drawer. Open an envelope if you encounter a crisis you can't solve." Three months down the track there is major drama, everything goes wrong - the usual stuff - and the manager feels very threatened by it all. He remembers the parting words of his predecessor and opens the first envelope. The message inside says "Blame your predecessor!" He does this and gets off the hook. About half a year later, the company is experiencing a dip in sales, combined with serious product problems. The manager quickly opens the second envelope. The message read, "Reorganize!" This he does, and the company quickly rebounds. Three months later, at his next crisis, he opens the third envelope. The message inside says "Prepare three envelopes..."

The Texas farmer goes to Ireland. And lo and behold, they were a family of farmers. So he packed his bags and took a trip to Ireland to visit the small town to see if he could track down some of his kin. After landing in Dublin, and driving an hour outside of the city, he stopped in a pub to grab a drink and start asking around about his family. The Texan sat down, ordered a pint, and started talking to the Irishman sitting at the bar. After explaining his story and the purpose of the trip, the Irishman responded, "You don't say! I've never heard of your family, but I'm a farmer as well. Tell me, what's it like farming in Texas?" "Gladly," the Texan said, "farming in Texas has been quite lucrative for me. If you started out in the morning, and drove west, you could drive all day before you reached the end of my property. And if you started the next day and drove East all day, you wouldn't reach the end of my property. Same thing North and South, you could drive either direction all day and you wouldn't reach the end of my farmland." "Ahh, I know what you mean," said the Irishman, "I've got a tractor like that as well."

For any idiot out there who wants to change Mother's Day and Father's Day into Special Person Day, there is already a day for you...it's called April Fool Day.

I'm watching a 3-year-old pull up apps on a cell phone and I have only now learned how to turn mine off without removing the battery.

People are excited about all of the new electronic gadgets that are now available to us but seem to forget to use the turn signals when they are driving.

Dear Santa, this year I want a big, fat bank account and a slim figure. Please don't get them reversed, as you did last year.

I will be posting telegraphically today. So, if you think of something funny, that was me.

When I ordered wine with my meal last night, the waiter asked my age. "Why?" do I look too young to get a drink?" "No," he replied, "I wanted to see if you qualify for our senior discount."

I'm tired of my brothers and sisters calling me "spoiled" just because I'm the youngest one in the family. The truth is that my folks simply kept having children till they found one they liked.

## 5. The Smile Aisle

### If a dog was your teacher, you would learn stuff like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.  
Never pass up the opportunity for a joy ride.  
Experience the wind and the fresh air in your face.  
When it's in your best interests, practice obedience.  
Let others know when they have invaded your territory.  
Take naps, and stretch before arising.  
Run, romp and play daily.  
Thrive on attention, and let people touch you.  
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.  
On warm days, stop and lie on your back in the grass.  
On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shade tree.  
When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.  
No matter how often you are scolded, don't buy the guilt.  
Instead, don't pout; run right back and make friends.  
Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.  
Eat with gusto and enthusiasm; stop when you have had enough.  
Be loyal.  
Never pretend to be something you are not.  
If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.  
When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close, nuzzle them gently.

### Diet Tips

1. If no one sees you eat it...it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, they cancel each other out.
3. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same amount.
4. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER count as such: Hot Chocolate, Brandy, Toast and Sara Lee Cheese Cake.
5. If you fatten up someone else around you...then you look thinner.
6. Movie related foods don't count because they are simply part of the entire entertainment experience and not part of one's personal fuel, such as Milk Duds, Popcorn with butter, Junior Mints and Red Licorice.
7. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breakage causes caloric leakage.

### New Breeds of Dogs

(The following breeds are now being considered for recognition by the AKC)

1. Collie + Lhasa Apso: **Collapso**, a dog that folds up for easy transport.



2. Spitz + Chow Chow: **Spitz-Chow**, a dog that throws up a lot.
3. Pointer + Setter: **Poinsetter**, a traditional Christmas pet.
4. Great Pyrenees + Dachshund: **Pyradachs**, a puzzling breed.
5. Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever: **Lab Coat Retriever**, the choice of research scientists.
6. Newfoundland + Basset Hound: **Newfound Asset Hound**, a dog for financial advisors.
7. Terrier + Bulldog: **Terribull**, a dog that makes awful mistakes.
8. Bloodhound + Labrador: **Blabador**, a dog that barks incessantly.
9. Malamute + Pointer: **Moot Point**, owned by...oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway.

## This Crazy World

Only in this crazy world:

Do pharmacies make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.  
 Do people order double cheeseburgers, French fries and a Diet Coke.  
 Do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.  
 Do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.  
 Do we buy hotdogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.  
 Do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

## Ever Wonder?

Why the sun lightens our hair but darkens our skin?  
 Why you don't see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"?  
 Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?  
 Why doctors call what they do "practice"?  
 Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?  
 Why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?  
 Why the time of day with the slowest traffic is called rush hour?  
 Why there isn't a mouse-flavored cat food?  
 Why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?  
 Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?  
 Why sheep don't shrink when it rains?  
 Why they are called apartments when they're all stuck together?  
 Why they don't make the whole plane out of the indestructible Black Box material?

## Written on T-Shirts

I don't suffer from insanity,  
 I enjoy every minute of it  
*I Work Hard because  
 Millions On Welfare Depend on Me!*  
 I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

*Don't take life too seriously, you won't get out alive.*  
You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.  
*Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder*  
Earth...is the insane asylum for the universe.  
*I'm not a complete idiot, some parts are missing.*  
Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.  
*I want to die in my sleep, like my grandfather...not*  
*Screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.*  
God must love stupid people,  
He made so many of them.  
*The gene pool could use little chlorine.*  
It IS as BAD as you think  
and they ARE out to get you.  
*I took an IQ test and the results were negative.*  
Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.  
*Ever stop to think and forget to start again?*  
That's It! I'm calling Nana! (seen on an 8-year old)  
*Wrinkled...Was Not One of the Things*  
*I wanted to Be When I Grew Up!*  
Procrastinate....Now!  
*Rehab....is for Quitters*  
My Dog....Can Lick Anyone  
*I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts*  
*Do You Want Fries With That?*  
Party-My Crib-Two A.M (on a baby-sized shirt)  
*Finally 21, & Legally Able to do Everything*  
*I've been doing since I was 15*  
Arkansas: One Million People and 15 last names  
*FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION*  
*It comes bundled with the software*  
I'M OUT OF ESTROGEN AND I'VE GOT A GUN  
*A journey of a thousand miles begins*  
*with a cash advance*  
STUPIDITY IS NOT A HANDICAP  
Park elsewhere!  
*DISCOURAGEE INBREEDING*  
*Ban Country Music*  
He who dies with the most toys is none-the-less dead  
"Time is fun when you're having flies"  
...Kermit the Frog  
*HAM AND EGGS-A day's work for a chicken,*  
*a lifetime commitment for a pig*  
WELCOME TO KENTUCKY  
Set your watch back 20 years.

*The trouble with life is there's no background music.*

MOP AND GLOW-The Floor Wax used by  
Three Mile Island clean up team.

### **The Evolution of Mom**

Parenthood changes with each baby. Here are some of the ways having a second and third child differs from having your first:

#### ***Your Clothes***

-1<sup>st</sup> baby: You begin wearing maternity clothes as soon as your OB/GYN confirms your pregnancy

-2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible

-3<sup>rd</sup> baby: Your maternity clothes ARE your regular clothes

#### ***The Baby's Name***

-1<sup>st</sup> baby: You pore over baby-name books and practice pronouncing and writing combinations of all your favorites

-2<sup>nd</sup> baby: Someone has to name his or her kid after your great-aunt Mavis, right? It might as well be you.

-3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You open a name book, close your eyes, and see where your finger points

#### ***Preparing for the Birth***

-1<sup>st</sup> baby: You practice your breathing religiously

-2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You don't bother practicing because you remember that last time, breathing didn't do a thing.

-3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You ask for an epidural in your 8<sup>th</sup> month

#### ***The Layette***

-1<sup>st</sup> baby: You pre-wash your newborn's clothes, color-coordinate them, and fold them neatly in the baby's little bureau

-2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You check to make sure that the clothes are clean and discard only the ones with the darkest stains.

-3<sup>rd</sup> baby: Boys can wear pink, can't they?

#### ***Worries***

-1<sup>st</sup> baby: At the first sign of distress—a whimper, a frown—you pick up the baby

-2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You pick the baby up when her wails threaten to wake your firstborn.

-3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You teach your 3-year-old how to rewind the mechanical swing.

#### ***Activities***

-1<sup>st</sup> baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics, Baby Swing, and Baby Story Hour.

-2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics.

-3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You take your infant to the supermarket and the dry cleaner.

## Quick and Quack

(Two cartoon characters who never made into actual cartoons. They have stolen jokes from other parts of this collection, and are hoping they won't be charged with grand quackary)

Psychiatrist/Patient

Quick: Because your memory is slipping, you keep a list to remind you what to do?

Quack: Yes, I do.

Quick: How well does that work?

Quack: Very well until I lose my list.

Quick: How do you feel then?

Quack: Listless.

Doctor/Patient

Quick: I'm concerned about your health. You are seriously overweight.

Quack: What do you want me to do about it?

Quick: Go on a rigid diet.

Quack: I want a second opinion.

Quick: Okay, you're also ugly.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: You claim your company is bankrupt. What was the problem?

Quack: We attempted to cross a crocodile with an abalone.

Quick: What were you trying to produce?

Quack: An abadile.

Quick: What did you end up with?

Quack: A crock o' baloney.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: You're suing your church for defamation of character?

Quack: Yes, they insulted our group meetings in the church.

Quick: What group is that?

Quack: The Low Self-esteem Recovery Group.

Quick: How did they insult you?

Quack: They insisted we enter by the back door.

Employer/Employee

Quick: Do you believe in life after death?

Quack: I certainly do.

Quick: That explains it.

Quack: Explains what?

Quick: After you left work to attend your aunt's funeral, she came by to see you.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: What is this case about?

Quack: I'm suing the motor home manufacturer for a million dollars.

Quick: For what?

Quack: For severe personal injuries and destruction of my motor home.

Quick: How did that happen?

Quack: I put it on cruise control while I went in the back to fix coffee.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: You're suing the car manufacturer because you were trapped in your seatbelt after the accident?

Quack: Yes, they provided me with a tool to cut the seat belt but it didn't work.

Quick: Why didn't it work?

Quack: Because I keep it in the trunk.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: How fast were you going at the time of the accident?

Quack: I'm not sure.

Quick: Well, what gear were you in?

Quack: My sweat suit and running shoes.

Prospective Father-in-law/Son-in-law

Quick: You want to marry our daughter?

Quack: I do.

Quick: Do you believe you can support a family?

Quack: I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to take care of yourselves.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: The amount of damages you may be entitled to depends on the age of your wife.

Quick: How old is she?

Quack: She's 39 and holding.

Quick: How old would she be if she let go?

Government Official/Caller

Quick: (Answering phone) Emergency Information Center.

Quack: What hours are you open?

Quick: 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Quack: Is that Eastern or Central time?

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: What is your birth date?

Quack: December 16.

Quick: What year?

Quack: Every year.

Doctor/Patient

Quick: You've got a severe case of sunburn.

Quack: I know.

Quick: How did it happen?

Quack: I drove to the beach in my convertible.

Quick: Didn't you know you'd get sunburned?

Quack: No, because the car was moving the whole time.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: It is not helpful when you simply nod or shake your head in answer to my questions.

Quick: All your answers must be verbal.

Quick: Now, what is your home address?

Quack: Verbal.

Clergyman/Parishioner

Quick: You don't believe God is answering your prayers?

Quack: No.

Quick: Often it is better if we don't get what we ask for.

Quick: Would you give your children everything they asked for?

Quack: No, but their grandparents would.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: Are you in this courtroom today of your own free will?

Quack: No.

Quick: Is your appearance the result of a subpoena served on you?

Quack: No, this is the way I dress all the time.

Mayor/Citizen

Quick: What can I do for you, my good man?

Quack: Remove the "Deer Crossing" sign on our road.

Quick: Why?

Quack: Too many deer are getting hit by cars along there.

Quack: It would be better to get them to cross some other place.

Clergyman/Parishioner

Quick: Congratulations, I understand you have been married 25 years.

Quick: What's the secret of your success?

Quack: We agreed early on that I would make all of the major decisions.

Quack: Fortunately, over the past 25 years there have been no major decisions.

Airport Attendant/Traveler

Quick: Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?

Quack: If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?

Quick: That's why we ask.

Policeman/Pedestrian

Quick: (At traffic light intersection) Good morning, sir.

Quack: Good morning. Say, why does that stop light make a buzzing sound?

Quick: It's so blind people will know when the light is red.

Quack: Surely blind people shouldn't be driving!

Doctor/Patient

Quick: Do you know the secret of reducing the likelihood of a heart attack?

Quack: No, what is it?

Quick: Taking a baby aspirin every day.

Quack: Why is it a secret?

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: You came on the scene right after the accident had happened?

Quack: Yes, it was awful. There was blood everywhere.

Quack: Thank goodness, all my first aid training came back to me.

Quick: What did you do?

Quack: I put my head between my legs to keep from fainting.

Clergyman/Parishioner

Quick: You seem to have such a happy marriage.

Quick: I'm going to recommend that you teach a marriage enrichment class.

Quick: Tell me, how do you handle disagreements with your wife?

Quack: I use a three-fold approach: I apologize, ask forgiveness, and grovel.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: Doctor, we are trying to qualify you as an expert witness.

Quack: My expertise is as a forensic pathologist.

Quick: In other words, you perform autopsies.

Quack: Yes.

Quick: How many autopsies have you performed on the dead?

Quack: All of my autopsies have been performed on dead people.

Trial Lawyer/Witness

Quick: You're determined to sue for divorce?

Quack: (as a woman) Yes, there's no hope for reconciliation.

Quick: What's the problem?

Quack: We have religious differences. He thinks he's God and I don't.

Employer/Employee

Quick: We need to develop a living space that is neither an apartment nor a townhouse.

Quack: Wow. That's a conundrum.

Quick: No, it's a condominium.

## **Attorneys at Laugh**

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18<sup>th</sup>.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: No, he was sitting on a table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him!

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Huh?

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?



WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then is it possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which one.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan.

ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

WITNESS: We both do.

ATTORNEY: Voodoo?

WITNESS: We do.

ATTORNEY: You do?

WITNESS: Yes, voodoo.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: Uh, he's twenty.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Would you repeat the question?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8<sup>th</sup>?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at the time?

WITNESS: Uh....

ATTORNEY: She had three children. Right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

## Name Recognition

Name recognition is vital in politics and perhaps in other aspects of life. In our area a man whose name was almost identical to that of the star pitcher of our professional baseball team...one letter difference...ran for office; and he not only got elected as a result, he's still in office! Thus, it occurred to me that I could become a successful author by writing books with names similar to those of famous books, movies, etc. Here are some I am considering:

- The life of a guy who overcomes alcoholism: *Gone with the Wine*.
- Or one who, with the help of a psychiatrist, overcomes serious emotional problems: *The Kink and I*.
- A history of popcorn: *Merry Poppings*.
- A story about a boy who gets out of bed and takes over the farm when his father is injured: *The Son Also Rises*.
- And another about the boy's brother who leaves rural life and becomes a business executive: *A Farewell to Farms*.
- The original Yiddish cookbook: *Yeast of Eden*.
- A "how to" book on destination weddings: *The Bride on the River Kwai*.
- And sequels to it such as: *The Brides of Madison County*, *A Bride Too Far*.
- The life of a heroine of the African desert: *Florence of Arabia*.
- About the terrible storm that destroyed a town in Kansas: *The Blizzard of Oz*.
- The fascinating story of an elderly man who went back to college, but only attained average grades: *The Old Man and the C*.
- The tragic life of an exhibitionist: *The Man Who Nude too Much*.
- A landscape manual on planting a bunch of trees in your backyard: *Forest Clump*.
- A biography of the inventor of the refrigerator: *Coldfinger*.
- And of the inventor of the air conditioner: *Some Like It Cool*.

- Guidelines on how to move from rowdy bachelorhood to model fatherhood: *From Here to Paternity*.
- The story of leather-crafting from the former Soviet Union: *From Russia with Gloves*.
- A chronicle of the evils of watching pornography: *The Gapes of Wrath*.
- How to build strength through fitness training: *The Sound of Muscle*.
- About a choral group made up of flight attendants: *Singing in the Plane*.
- A history of education: *Bell, Book and Kindle*.
- And, even using the hymnal as a source, a book about the day all the toilet paper disappeared from earth: *When the Rolls Are Called Up Yonder*.

### **ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK**

1. Don't miss the boat,
2. Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead; it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit; when you're 600 years old someone might ask you to do something REALLY BIG!
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with what has to be done.
6. Build your future on higher ground
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Two heads are better than one.
9. Speed isn't always an advantage; the snails were on board with the cheetahs.
10. When you're stressed, float for awhile.
11. Remember that the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
12. Remember that the woodpeckers inside are a larger threat than the storm outside.
13. No matter the storm, when you are with God there's a rainbow waiting.

### **Communication Quotes**

One of the toughest assignments in life is to communicate what happened during a time when emotions were high. People who "fall in love" can hardly describe it. Those who went through the calamity or experienced a sudden loss, often convey the information in a confused manner. The same is true in car accidents.

The following is a series of actual quotes taken from insurance or accident forms. They are the actual words from people who tried to summarize their encounters with trouble.

"Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have."

"The other car collided with mine without giving me warning of its intentions."

"I thought my window was down, but I found out it was up when I put my hand through it."

"I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way."

“A truck backed through my windshield into my wife’s face.”

“A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.”

“I told the police that I was not injured, but removing my hat, I found I had a skull fracture.”

“I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the roadway, when I struck him.”

“The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him.”

“I saw the slow-moving, sad-faced old gentleman, as he bounced off the hood of my car.”

“The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.”

“The guy was all over the road; I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.”

“I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.”

“In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.”

“I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision, I did not see the other car.”

“I had been driving for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.”

“I was on my way to the doctor’s with my rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have an accident.”

“To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.”

“As I approached the intersection, a stop sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.”

“My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.”

“An invisible car came out of nowhere, striking my vehicle, then vanished.”

“I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.”

“The telephone pole was approaching fast. I attempted to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end.”

“I was unable to stop in time and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passenger then left immediately for a vacation with injuries.”

### **Clever Definitions:**

**BEAUTY PARLOR:** A place where women curl up and dye.

**CHICKENS:** The only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

**COMMITTEE:** A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**DUST:** Mud with the juice squeezed out.

**EGOTIST:** Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

**HANDKERCHIEF:** Cold Storage.

**INFLATION:** Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

**MOSQUITO:** An insect that makes you like flies better.

**POLITICAL CORRECTNESS:** A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.

**RAISIN:** A grape with a sunburn.

**SECRET:** A story you tell to one person at a time.

**TOOTHACHE:** The pain that drives you to extraction.

**TOMORROW:** One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

**YAWN:** An honest opinion openly expressed.

**WRINKLES:** Something other people have....similar to my character lines.

## **Why God Made Moms**

Answers by 2nd Graders to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab

of mean.

2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he do drugs?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power cause that's who you go to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head.

## Signs of the Times

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

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In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

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In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS...

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In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

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In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

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Outside a second-hand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

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Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS..

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Spotted in a safari park:

ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.

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Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

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Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

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Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.

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On a repair shop door:  
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)

### Headshaking Headlines

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife And Daughter

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Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

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Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

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Miners Refuse to Work after Death

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Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

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War Dims Hope for Peace

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If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

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Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

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Enfield ( London ) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

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Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

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Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

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New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

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Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

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Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

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Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

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Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

### Anonymous Appeals for Personal Help



A couple of women moved in across the hall from me. One is a middle-aged gym teacher and the other is a social worker in her mid-twenties. These two women go everywhere together, and I've never seen a man go into or leave their apartment. Do you think they could be Lebanese?

What can I do about all the Sex, Nudity, Fowl Language and Violence on my VCR?

I am a twenty-three year old liberated woman who has been on the pill for two years. It's getting expensive and I think my boyfriend should share half the cost, but I don't know him well enough to discuss money with him.

Our son writes that he is taking Judo. Why would a boy who was raised in a good Christian home turn against his own?

I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get out?

My forty year old son has been paying a psychiatrist \$50.00 an hour every week for two and a half years. He must be crazy.

My mother is mean and short-tempered. I think she is going through mental pause.

### **A Play on Words**

1. ARBITRATOR . . . .A cook who leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's . . . .
2. BERNADETTE . . . The act of torching a mortgage . . . .
3. BURGLARIZE . . . . What a crook sees through . . . .
4. AVOIDABLE . . . . What a bullfighter tries to do . . . .
5. COUNTERFEITER . . . .Workers who put together kitchen cabinets . . . .
6. LEFT BANK . . . What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money . . . .
7. HEROES . . . What a man in a boat does . . . .
8. PARASITES . . . .What you see from the Eiffel Tower . . . .
9. PARADOX . . . .Two physicians . . . .
10. PHARMACIST . . A helper on a farm . . . .
11. RELIEF . . . .What trees do in the spring . . . .
12. RUBBERNECK . . . .What you do to relax your wife . . . .
- 13.SELFISH . . . .What the owner of a seafood store does . . . .
14. SUDAFED . . . .Brought litigation against a government official . . . .
15. CONSEQUENCE . . . .Order in which a criminal carries out his activities . . . .

## Some Thoughts about the English Language

The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me more than it should.

The sentence: I hadn't thought through the rough dough in the cake mix that was bothering me.

Is it the "S" or the "C" that is silent in scent?

Why does fridge have a "D" in it, but refrigerator doesn't?

You can drink a drink but you can't food a food.

The word "queue" is just a Q followed by four silent letters.

Why is a "W" called a "double-U" when it's clearly a "double-V"?

## Something's Punny

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work

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How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it

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Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen

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What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter

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Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favorite kind of music?"

The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."

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I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday but couldn't find any

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What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe

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I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case

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When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane

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She had a photographic memory but never developed it

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Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care  
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I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind  
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Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.  
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The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize  
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I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"  
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I used to be indecisive; now I'm not so sure  
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Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed  
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What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine  
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## **The Laws of Life**

There are some things you can't change.

1. Law of Mechanical Repair -After your hands become coated with grease, your nose begins to itch & you'll have to blow it..
2. Law of Gravity - Any item, when dropped, rolls to the least accessible corner.
3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. Law of Random Numbers -Dial a wrong number & you never get a busy signal & someone always answers.
5. Supermarket Law - Move to the shortest line, the cashier will have to call for help.
6. Variation Law - Change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
7. Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. Law of Result - When you try to prove to someone something won't work, it will.
10. Biomechanics Law -The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

11. Law of Theater & Arena - At any event, people whose seats are furthest from the aisle always arrive last, leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet, & leave before performance or the game is over. Those in aisle seats arrive early, never move, have long legs or big bellies & stay to the bitter end. Aisle people also are very surly folk.
12. The Coffee Law - As soon as you get a cup of hot coffee, your boss asks you to do something which lasts until the coffee is cold.
13. Murphy's Law of Lockers - Only 2 people are in a locker room - they have adjacent lockers.
14. Law of Physical Surfaces - The odds of a jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to newness & cost of the carpet or rug.
15. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
16. Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
17. Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.
18. Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - When you find a product you really like, they stop making it or the store quits carrying it!
19. Doctors' Law - You don't feel well & make a doctor's appointment. By the time you arrive you feel better. Don't make an appointment, you stay sick. Proven over & over with taking children to the pediatrician.

## **Aphorisms**

**An aphorism is a short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation. ]**

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

Stroke a cat and you will have a permanent job.

No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.

There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. For example, it could be the right number. (*Think about this one*) !!

No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.

Be careful about reading the fine print; there's no way you're going to like it.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?

### **More Play on Words**

\* Dad, are we pyromaniacs?

Yes, we arson.

\* What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled

\* Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.

\* Why do bees stay in their hives during winter?

Swarm.

\* If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.

\* Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.

\* I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.

\* How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced?

A buccaneer.

\* I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by.

I kneaded the dough.

\* I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.

- \* Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.
- \* Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock?  
Well, time will tell.
- \* When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stare.
- \* Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
- \* I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
- \* I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes.  
It's all about raisin awareness.

### **Talking about Walking**

Walking can add minutes to your life.  
This enables you at 85 years old  
To spend an additional 5 months in a nursing  
Home at \$6,000 per month.

I have to walk early in the morning,  
Before my brain figures out what I'm doing...

I do have flabby thighs,  
But fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day  
Is so when you die, they'll say,  
'Well, he looks good doesn't he.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise  
The last few years,.....  
Just getting over the hill.

### **Remember Where You Are**

These are actual comments made by southern policemen that were taken off their car videos:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."

2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs."
11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
12. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
13. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
14. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."
15. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

## **Ran-dumb Thoughts**

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

### **And Some Other Ones**

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.



When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

## Questions of the Day

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

HOW DID THE MAN WHO MADE THE FIRST CLOCK, KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS?

### **Guaranteed Chuckles (or Groans)**

1. The meaning of opaque is unclear.
2. I wasn't going to get a brain transplant but then I changed my mind.
3. Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.
4. A man tried to assault me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy!
5. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
6. If there was someone selling marijuana in our neighborhood, weed know about it.
7. It's a lengthy article about ancient Japanese sword fighters but I can Sumurais it for you.
8. (Censored by this sender because of some of the addressees.)
9. So what if I don't know the meaning of the word 'apocalypse'? It's not the end of the world.
10. Police were called to the daycare center. A 3-year old was resisting a rest.
11. The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.
- 12.. Need an ark to save two of every animal? I Noah guy.

13. Alternative facts are aversion of the truth.
14. I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
15. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
16. Did you know they won't be making yardsticks any longer?
17. I used to be allergic to soap but I'm clean now.
18. The patron saint of poverty is St. Nickeless.
19. What did the man say when the bridge fell on him? The suspension is killing me.
20. Do you have weight loss mantras? Fat chants!
21. My tailor is happy to make a new pair of pants for me. Or sew it seams.
22. What is a thesaurus's favorite dessert? Synonym buns.
23. A relief map shows where the restrooms are.
24. There was a big paddle sale at the boat store. It was quite an oar deal.

### **Things to Think about**

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have: 'the rule of thumb.'

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled, 'Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden'. Thus, the word GOLF entered the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred & Wilma Flintstone.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%.

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$16,400.

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel written on a typewriter: 'Tom Sawyer'.

The San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades: King David; Hearts: Charlemagne; Clubs: Alexander the Great; Diamonds: Julius Caesar.

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes. (If the statue is on the ground it is because of political reasons!)

Only two people signed the 'Declaration of Independence' on July 4 ..... John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2; but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? A. Their birthplace.

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?  
A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? A. One Thousand.

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common? A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? Honey.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by rope. When you pulled on the rope, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase: Goodnight, sleep tight'.

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey

beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them, "Mind your pints & quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase: 'mind your P's & Q's'.

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

Don't delete this paragraph below just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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### **Word Play**

I told my wife to embrace her mistakes. \*She gave me a hug."

I accidentally sprayed deodorant in my mouth. Now when I talk, I have a weird \*axe scent."

I married my wife for her looks. Just not the ones she's been giving me of late.

I am thinking of having my ashes stored in a glass urn. \*Remains to be seen."

My brother has been trying to make my dad wear his hearing aid. \*He just won't listen."

### **Signs of the Times**

Cocktail lounge, Norway:

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

Doctors office, Rome:

SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.

In a Nairobi restaurant:

CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER.

On the main road to Mombassa, leaving Nairobi:

TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDERWATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

On a poster in Johannesburg:

ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CAN NOT READ? IF SO WE CAN HELP.

In a City restaurant:

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND ON WEEKENDS.

In an Irish cemetery:

PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.

Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations:

GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:

OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS, AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY EXCEPT THURSDAY.

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest:

IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON OUR BLACK FOREST CAMPING SITE THAT PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SEX, FOR INSTANCE, MEN AND WOMEN, LIVE TOGETHER IN ONE TENT UNLESS THEY ARE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Hotel, Zurich:

BECAUSE OF THE IMPROPRIETY OF ENTERTAINING GUESTS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THE BEDROOM, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE LOBBY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Airline ticket office, Copenhagen:

WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

A laundry in Rome:

LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME.

**Reflections on Life:**

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short. Enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to be happy. But its all up to you and no one else
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.



33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need
42. The best is yet to come...
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

### **One for the Golfers:**

1. I was three over today: One over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool ~  
George Brett
2. After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the  
time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye ~  
Chi Chi Rodriguez
3. Swing hard in case you hit it ~ Dan Marino
4. My favorite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered  
~ Lord Robertson
5. If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play at it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf ~ Bob

Hope

6. If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball ~ Jack Lemmon

7. I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced.  
~ Lee Trevino

### **Signs of the Times**

SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN VANCOUVER:

We will heel you

We will save your sole

We will even dye for you.

SIGN ON A BLINDS AND CURTAIN TRUCK:

“Blind man driving.”

SIGN OVER A GYNECOLOGIST'S OFFICE:

"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

IN A PODIATRIST'S OFFICE:

"Time wounds all heels."

AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE:

"If you don't see what you're looking for, You've come to the right place."

ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK:

"We repair what your husband fixed."

ON ANOTHER PLUMBER'S TRUCK:

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

AT A TIRE SHOP IN MILWAUKEE:

"Invite us to your next blowout."

ON AN ELECTRICIAN'S TRUCK:

"Let us remove your shorts."

IN A NON-SMOKING AREA:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

ON A MATERNITY ROOM DOOR:

"Push. Push. Push."

AT A CAR DEALERSHIP:

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

OUTSIDE A MUFFLER SHOP:

"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

IN A VETERINARIAN'S WAITING ROOM:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

AT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY:

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."

IN A RESTAURANT WINDOW:

"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

IN THE FRONT YARD OF A FUNERAL HOME:

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

### **Great Trivia**

'A SHOT OF WHISKEY' - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

BUYING THE FARM - This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT - This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

RIFF RAFF - The Mississippi River was the main way of travelling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB - The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS - Travelling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT - Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a crisscross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

SHOWBOAT - These were floating theatres built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small towns along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie

"Showboat", these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

OVER A BARREL - In the days before CPR, a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel, you are in deep trouble.

BARGE IN - Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

HOGWASH - Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off were considered useless "hog wash".

CURFEW - The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu" which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew".

BARRELS OF OIL - When the first oil wells were drilled, there was no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

HOT OFF THE PRESS - As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press, it's hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

There, don't you feel smarter now?

### **Betcha Didn't Know ...**

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for Blood plasma.

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No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times.

Oh, go ahead.. I'll wait...

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You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television

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Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age, or older.

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The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

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The King of Hearts is the only king WITHOUT A MUSTACHE

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American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive  
From each salad served in first-class.

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Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise  
(Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does this tell you?)  
(Those women are going in the 'right' direction...?)

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The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.  
So did the first 'Marlboro Man'.

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Walt Disney was afraid OF MICE!

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PEARLS DISSOLVE IN VINEGAR!

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A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

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**Let's Hear It for the Honey Bees!**

Did you know that one of the first coins in the world had a bee symbol on them?

Did you know that there are live enzymes in honey?

Did you know that in contact with metal spoon these enzymes die?

The best way to eat honey is with wooden spoon, if you can't find one, use plastic.

Did you know that honey contains a substance that helps your brain work better?

Did you know that honey is one of the rare foods on earth that alone can sustain human life?

Did you know that bees saved people in Africa from starvation?

One spoon of honey is enough to sustain human life for 24 hours?

Did you know that propolis that bees produce is one of the most powerful natural ANTIBIOTICS?

Did you know that honey has no expiration date?

Did you know that the bodies of the great emperors of the world were buried in golden coffins and then covered with honey to prevent putrefaction?

Did you know that the term "HONEY MOON" comes from the fact that newlyweds consumed honey for fertility after the wedding?

Did you know that a bee lives less than 40 days, visits at least 1000 flowers and produces less than a teaspoon of honey, but for her it is a lifetime.

Thank you, BEES!

**An Aphorism is a statement of truth or opinion expressed in a concise and witty manner.**

I find it ironic that the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini women reveal 90% of their bodies. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you think you're falling in love someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat, you're just easier to see.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can go in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.

Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch.

### **Something for the Lexophiles**

You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish,

Trying to write with a broken pencil is pointless.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

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A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

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The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.



Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When chemists die, they barium.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

### **A little pun with words**

I once dated a girl who broke up with me because I only have 9 toes. Yes, she was lack toes intolerant!

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven? I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" He replied, "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon."

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it but nobody saw it.

Singing in the shower is fine until you get shampoo in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a song but the chick peas can only hummus one.

Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court... it was a brief case.

How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house.

My friend said she wouldn't eat cow's tongue because it came out of a cow's mouth. I gave her an egg.

Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but he

made a great ruler.

My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. That's right...Jack and the beans talk.

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You probably have not heard of herbivore.

I was struggling to understand how lightning works and then it struck me.

Six cows were smoking joints and playing poker. That's right. The steaks were pretty high.

I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.

## **Food for Thought**

01. If a bottle of poison reaches its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
02. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
03. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
04. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
05. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
06. Over 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
07. If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
08. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
09. As I've grown older, I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake!
10. I'm responsible for what I say, not for what you understand.
11. Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.

12. My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously, there's a new strain out there.
14. It's not my age that bothers me - it's the side effects.
15. I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.
16. As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
17. As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy-efficient.
18. I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.
19. If you find yourself feeling useless, remember: it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, thousands of lives and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.
20. Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.
21. I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas
22. I'm on two simultaneous diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.
23. I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.
24. My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.
25. Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.
26. My wife says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true, I would have found mute by now.

## 6. You Must Be Kidding

Confuse your doctor by putting on rubber gloves at the same time he does.

I don't think therapists are supposed to say "wow" that many times in your first session.

If it is true that stress brings on weight loss, why the heck am I not invisible?

Me: (Sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red)...I can't see you anymore. I am not going to let you hurt me like this again! Trainer: It was just a sit-up; you did *one* sit-up.

A patient tells a psychiatrist that he's convinced there's somebody under his bed. "Visit me for three days a week at \$300 per visit and you'll be cured," the psychiatrist assures him. The price tag is a little rich for the patient, so he says he'll think about it. Six months later, the two meet on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" asks the psychiatrist. "Because a bartender cured me for only \$10." "How?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed."

Mother was a health food nut, much to Dad's chagrin. She was always adding wheat germ and other supplements to his food. "You'll live to 100 if you keep eating like this," she insisted. "No, I won't," he muttered as he readied himself for another spoonful of fortified oatmeal. "But it is sure going to seem like it."

If my body is ever found on a jogging trail, just know that I was murdered somewhere else and got dumped there.

What do we learn from cows, buffaloes and elephants? It's impossible to lose weight by eating green vegetation and walking.

Wouldn't it be nice if the label on your medicine bottle said, "May cause permanent weight loss, remove wrinkles and increase energy"?

I thought it was the dryer that made my clothes shrink. Turned out it was the refrigerator.

The druggist gave me a bottle of pills my doctor had recommended, but he warned me that I might nonetheless experience pain in my hands and wrist...in trying to get the cap off the bottle!

An overweight business associate of mine decided it was time to shed some excess pounds. He took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at work carrying a gigantic coffeecake. We all scolded him, but his smile remained cherubic. "This is a very special coffeecake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious

coffeecakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' "And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say, please, please, please, eat a salad!

Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.

She used to serve him dehydrated food, right out of the package. One day he got caught out in the rain without a raincoat and put on 150 pounds.

Doctor (sighing): And what is it today, Mr. Abernathy? Patient: A pain in the neck. Doctor: Having or being?

Recently a man tried to treat himself with a cure from one of those magazines that promise to cure everything. Some of the information must not have been correct, and he died of a typographical error.

A dentist was working hard on a new patient and finally finished drilling deep enough in dealing with the cavity and asked her, "Are you sure this tooth has never been drilled before?" She replied, "Never. Why?" "Well," the dentist said, "There are some gold flecks on my drill." "Maybe you hit the clasp on the back of my necklace!"

My dentist said to me the other day, "I have bad news and good news." I said, "What's the bad news?" "You need a root-canal." Then, I replied, "What's the good news?" "I birdied two holes yesterday."

A local orthodontist recently perfected an interesting technique...he can remove your life savings through your child's mouth.

When my dentist gets through doing a canal, you don't know whether it's root or Panama.

"What's wrong with me, Doctor?" He replied, "You're too fat, you smoke like a chimney, you can't seem to catch your breath, and you're in the wrong office. I'm a lawyer!"

"Doctor, my right foot hurts." "It's old age," he replied. "Then how come my left foot doesn't hurt? It's the same age."

The second day of a diet is always easier than the first because by then you're off it.

With vigorous exercise I've managed to work all the fat off my stomach. Now it's all behind me.

It took a lot of willpower but I finally managed to give up dieting.

A doctor called his patient and complained, “Your check came back.” The patient replied, “So did my bursitis.”

A doctor said to his patient, “The best thing you can do is to quit smoking, cut out drinking and quit keeping late hours.” The patient replied, “Doctor, I don’t deserve the best. What’s second best?”

A man went to the doctor complaining that he found himself gasping for breath and his eyes kept bulging out. Following a thorough examination, he was told that there seemed to be no remedy for his problems and he should face up to the possibility of sudden death. Deciding to enjoy whatever life he had left, the man went to his clothing store to buy a dozen silk shirts, saying he wore a neck size 14. The clerk said, “I’m sorry, sir, but your neck looks bigger than that. I would recommend a 16.” “I know my size!” the man replied. “I want them in a 14.” The clerk said, “I’ll get them for you, but I must warn you that, with a 14, you will find yourself gasping, and your eyes will bulge.”

A man went to see a woman doctor. She told him to go into the examining room and remove all of his clothes. He did so. In a few minutes, there was a knock on the door and the doctor came in. She then gave him a very thorough examination. When she finished, she asked, “Do you have any questions?” “Yes,” the patient replied, “I do have *one*; why did you knock?”

I told my doctor I couldn’t hear. He told me I was better off, the way things are today.

My brother was having a tough time losing weight. Our sister thought he should cut back gradually, so one day she asked, “Mike would you like to split a doughnut with me?” Mike answered, “Why don’t we split two?”

The patient said, “Well, I’d like a second opinion,” to which the doctor replied, “Okay, I’ll tell you again.”

I quit buying natural foods when I found out that 80% of people die from natural causes.

I won’t eat organic foods; I need all the preservatives I can get.

My goal for the year was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.

Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza.... OK, I ate a pizza! Are you happy now?

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

The psychiatrist waited until the patient had become comfortable on the couch, then said, “Why don’t you start at the beginning?” The patient responded, “Okay. In the beginning I created the heaven and the earth...”

“Doctor, I just can’t help believing that I am a dog.” “How long has this been going on?” “Since I was a puppy.”

I got a little shaky when I had my surgery. Before the anesthesia had a chance to work, I could hear the surgeon singing, “De knee bone connected to the thigh bone. De thigh bone connected....”

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement. The FIRST patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week. The SECOND sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then. Why the different treatment for the two patients? The FIRST is a Golden Retriever. The SECOND is a Senior Citizen. Next time take me to a vet!

Ask your doctor if a medicine that has 32 pages telling you of possible side effects can possibly be good for you.

I never thought I would be the sort of person who would wake up in the morning and go to the fitness center. Fortunately I was right.

When I paid for my membership in the fitness center the bank called to see if my credit card had been stolen.

I’m told that every piece of chocolate can reduce my life by two minutes. If it were true, I would have died in 1821.

My blood test showed high sodium, high cholesterol and toxins. My wisecracking doctor said it sounded similar to a potato chip.

My tolerance for “political correctness” is extremely low today. I used to think I had some immunity built up, but obviously there is a new strain out there.

I put my scale in the corner of the bathroom and there it will remain until the little liar decides to apologize.

Restaurant sign: Vegans, if you want to save the animals quit eating all of their food.

So you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?

On the first day of my diet I removed all the bad food from the house. It was delicious!

By replacing potato chips with grapefruit as a snack, you can lose up to 90% of what joy you still have left in your life.

Consider the moment when the steak is on the grill and your mouth begins to water at the thought of how it is going to taste. Do vegans get the same sensation when mowing the lawn?

My goal was to lose ten pounds this year. Only fifteen to go.

When this woman walked past my table at the restaurant and said, "A cow died so you could have that hamburger," I had to retort with, "If you weren't eating its food, it might have lived."

I'm giving up eating chocolate for a month. Sorry, bad punctuation. I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for a month.

And then there was the man whose doctor told him, "You've got kidney stones, gall stones and bladder stones. Welcome to the Stone Age."

I'm sure glad they've finally come out with diet water. I was gaining too much weight drinking the regular stuff.

An overweight woman got this recommendation from her doctor. Eat your regular meals for two days then skip a day. Repeat this routine for two weeks and then come back to see me. You will have lost five pounds." When she came back, however, she had lost 20 pounds! "This is amazing," the doctor said. "Did you follow my instructions?" "Well, I did as best I could," the woman replied, "but it almost killed me skipping around everywhere I went every third day."

The reason I keep gaining weight is that I have so many metal fillings in my teeth that the refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen.

Which better fits your schedule: exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?

My latest ploy is to tell the waiter I want a skinned, broiled chicken breast but ask him to bring me lasagna with garlic bread by mistake.

He: It's hard to believe, but these wonderful hamburgers come from a plant. She: Really? They are so delicious. Which plant do they come from? He: A meat-processing plant.

A man came to see his family doctor. The man told his doctor that he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination was complete, he said: "Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me." "Well, in plain English," the doctor replied, "you're just lazy." "Okay," said the man. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."

Doctor: How is the kid doing who swallowed the coins? Nurse: No change yet.

If you're paying \$3.00 for a bottle of Smart Water, it's not working.

Got up at 5 a.m., ran a mile, came home to a vegetable smoothie for breakfast...don't remember the rest of the dream.



## 7. Something Worth Saying

When you can't find the sunshine . . . be the sunshine.

Start each day with a positive thought such as "I can go back to bed in about 16 hours."

Every problem in life can be solved, except maybe how to refold a road map.

A friend is one who walks in when everybody else walks out.

Prayer is the original wireless communication.

Be the kind of people who, when your feet hit the floor first thing in the morning, the devil says: "Oh, oh, here they come!"

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Happiness sometimes sneaks through a door you didn't know you had left open.

A mistake is a lesson on its way to being learned.

Just remember, once you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed.

Friendship is when people know all about you but like you anyway.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that an amateur built the Ark and professionals built the Titanic.

Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening. It just stops you from enjoying the good.

A good laugh and a long night's sleep are the best remedies for anything.

I don't have time to worry about the people who don't like me. I'm too busy loving the people who love me.

When I can't reach people I love with my arms, I hug them with my prayers.

All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

It doesn't matter how much money you make, how big your house is, or how fashionably you dress, everyone's grave is the same size.

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

Friends are God's reward for caring.

Christianity is not a way of life, it is life in Christ.

At your darkest hour, remember how The Book ends.

Turmoil in life is surface stuff—dig deeper.

One day less on earth is one day closer to eternity.

Always weigh the news against the Promises of God.

You have promises to keep and smiles to go before you sleep.

We are only what we pass on to others.

The time you spend with your children is your best investment in the future.

We have a God who had the humility to stoop to Bethlehem and the generosity to submit to Calvary.

We're not here to swap; only to give.

Church isn't a place; Church is people.

The Lord is always more ready to listen than we are to pray.

The A, B, Cs of avoiding a fall: Always Be Careful.

Someone always wants to hug us no matter how unworthy we may be. His name is God.

Even when I can't see you I can hear the smile in your voice.

God has given you this day. How will you use it?

The world says seeing is believing; faith says believing is seeing

Gifts of God—Mercy, Forgiveness and Grace—come wrapped in a package of Love

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

Rather than being a prisoner of old age, choose to escape one day at a time.

In the history of the world no one is born too soon or too late; our time is now!

There is no room for darkness when we let our light shine out upon the world around us.

For the faithful Christian, life is not a race but just a trial run, with eternal grace when the trial is done.

Forgiveness frees the soul of having to keep score.

Success is not in winning; success is in not needing to win.

Life is for living; love is for giving.

Fill, O Lord, this empty space and make my heart a Jesus place

There is a vacuum in the heart of everyone until it is filled with the love of God. Are you willing to be a vacuum-filling salesman?

An act of contrition always improves our condition.

With the Father above, the Holy Spirit within, and Scripture around...grace abounds.

Truth matters

more than any other word

Faith matters

more than any other belief

Love matters

more than any other feeling

Christ matters

more than anything else

If what we say is not how we live, who cares what we say?

Losing oneself in Christ is both the ultimate sacrifice and the perfect victory.

We are—for good or ill—what we pass on to others.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." (Jim Elliot)

Jesus Christ is life; everything else is details.

A genuine smile is contagious. Why not start a healthy epidemic today?

Words are useful but the experience overshadows them all.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace

as you trust in him,

So that you may overflow with hope by the power of

the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13)

All the promises of God

Find their "Yes"

In Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Help us, Lord, to reflect You to others that they may be drawn to You.

Be patient! God isn't finished with me yet.

The possibilities of prayer run parallel with the promises of God.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less.

We'd find it easier to love everyone if we knew the circumstances of their lives.

Painful experiences of the past can become bridges into the lives of others.

People want to know how much you care before they care how much you know.

If what we say is not how we live, who cares what we say?

St. Paul did it to survive, but somehow we got too busy making tents.

If you wrote the story of your life, who would be the main character?

When everything seems to be going wrong, don't be bitter...be better!

"Death is not a period but a comma." *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

God never quits dancing with us; he just changes the pace.

Intercessory prayer is holding the other person in your heart in the presence of God.

Life on earth is chancy.

Life in Christ is absolute

and all-encompassing.

Through Christ alone

We have an accessible God.

What's the difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.

Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Too many people want to serve God only as advisers.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes do raise a question.

People are funny. They want to sit in the front of the bus, drive in the middle of the road and sit on the back pew.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation keeps pressing the doorbell.

The one phrase that is sure to wake up the audience: "And in conclusion."

To make a long story short, don't tell it.

Don't be the kind of church member who, when singing "Standing on the Promises," is just sitting on the premises.

We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Be fishers of men. You catch them, He will clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God has put a period.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God does not grade on the curve; He grades on the Cross.

Jesus promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Prayer is not giving God instructions; it is just reporting for duty.

The task ahead of us is never greater than the power within us.

The will of God will never take you to a place where the grace of God will not protect you.

If an egg is broken by an outside force, life ends. If it is broken from within, life begins. Great things always begin from inside.

Happiness is not having what you want. It is appreciating what you have.

Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are.

Kindness is not an act. It is a lifestyle.

"To succeed in life, you need three things: a backbone, a wishbone and a funny bone." (Reba McIntire)

Nothing is more beautiful than a smile that has struggled through years and tears.

There comes a day when you realize turning the page is the best feeling in the world, because you realize there is so much more to the book than the page you were stuck on.









