



A Letter To Mom . . .

first steps (which looked similar to my very first hula hoop lesson).

You were the first person to make me smile and laugh, and you were right there to hear my first words . . . "Dad-dee!" (Mom, I am sooo sorry about that.)

It makes me feel wonderful when people say I resemble you, and it's true! We have the same cheek bones and jaw line features . . . and your stubborn cow lick in my hair. If you look closely, you will see that even are toes are similar.

When you think about it, that isn't surprising. . . I will always be a part of you, because you created me; along with God.

You showered my face with a million tender kisses. You taught me all the important stuff about the world and my place in it. I learned everything that matters from watching you and listening to you.

You shared with me all the values that make you so special . . . kindness, forgiveness, honesty, persistence, thoughtfulness and especially patience!

You also taught me that even the worst day seems okay if I would eat something and then we'd talk about it. What I'm saying here, Mom is that you are the foundation upon which my character is built. And I just want to say thank you.

Thank you for always making me feel so warm, safe and loved, for giving me everything I needed to grow up and fulfill my potential, and for calling me your "perfect little angel!" (Despite overwhelming evidence that this was not actually the case).

Thank you for being my full time, on-call personal nurse, doctor and confidant. Thank you for your delicious home cooking and for packing so much love and nutrition into my lunch box day after day and year after year. (And an extra special thank you, Mom for the smell of freshly baked cookies).

Thank you for letting a chubby-cheeked two year old play with your most prized possessions. And for not saying, "I told you so, I told you so," when I did something wrong or if some plan went haywire.

Thank you for picking me up whenever I wanted a better view of everything. Thank you for flying to my rescue every time you heard me cry out . . . "I want my Mom-meeeeeee!!!"

Whenever I got into a bind, you were always there for me. You always knew what to say to make me feel better. Thank you for your gentle hands, and calm, wise words plus lots of warm and loving hugs, you mended broken toys and broken hearts time and time again.

Thank you Mom.

Thank you for believing in me and telling me I could grow up to be successful at anything I wanted to do.

Thank you for being right beside me encouraging me. And for telling me to always face the challengers of this world with a smile.

As you may recall, your little bundle of joy wasn't always a bundle of laughs, I'm sorry for the times I upset you or got into mischief, or made you worry about me, and for all the sleepless nights when I was away or on dates.

I'm sorry for splashing around in mud puddles after you dressed me up in my Sunday best clothes. And for breaking your coffee table glass when stacking pop bottles on it.

I feel bad about 2 a.m. feeding and times when I was too excited to sleep; like Christmas

I realize now what a tremendous sacrifice you made for me. I know I took precedence over your life, my meal times, and my potty training took precedence over absolutely everything.

Frankly, Mom I'd have been lost without you and I only wish I had the chance to repay the incredible debt I owe you. You are the GREATEST. Thank you Mom for everything! I Love You and I MISS you so much.

Times Remembered Betty A. Young

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Have you ever written your Mom a "thank you" letter for everything? In observance of Mothers Day on Sunday May 11th, I am sharing some quotes from a very special book (and also some of my own) that my daughter gave me on Mothers Day 1997.

Dear Mom,

Mom, the other day I was rubbing my belly button and it really made me stop and think . . . what a funny little reminder of such an important connection . . . a connection that reminds me of how I came to be me!

I'm sure it's hard to imagine that I was once small, helpless, and completely dependent on someone else, but I was. And that someone else was you, Mom.

You were there to show me my first butterfly and my first rainbow. You were there when I took my very

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Head of a Woman by Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, 1916

...One evening... David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

2 SAMUEL 11:2

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lystra in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Acts 11, Barnabas was sent to Tarsus to bring back whom? Mark, Peter, John the Baptist, Saul

3. According to Proverbs, the wicked have to do "what" to sleep well? Lie, Mischief, Sin, Frown

4. In Romans 12:1, what of ours should be a living sacrifice? Demons, Elders, Bodies, Children

5. Who was the father of Joshua? Nun, Abraham, Aaron, Noah

6. Moses died in the land of? Havilah, Moab, Shinar, Nod

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seeds of Hope



Roger Babson was a widely respected economist and entrepreneur who wrote numerous books and articles on financial issues. Once, while visiting the Argentine republic he was asked, "Why is it that South America, with all of its natural resources, is so far behind North America, notwithstanding that South America was settled first?"

After a moment's thought, the financier replied with a question of his own. "What do you think is the reason?"

"South America was settled by the Spanish who came in search of gold," answered the president. "but North America was settled by the Pilgrim

Fathers who went there in search of God."

Warned Babson, "May we never forget the foundation upon which our permanent prosperity is based."

Years ago David wrote, "The foundations of law and order have collapsed. What can the righteous do?" Have we as a nation forgotten those words of wisdom? We enjoy our heritage of greatness and free government because our forefathers had a deep faith in God. Our Bill of Rights came into being because of their belief in the Word of God. Where do we stand today? Is our very foundation collapsing around our feet? And if so, what are we to do?

"If my people will humble themselves and pray, seek and turn from their wickedness I will hear them!"

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More than 30 exhibitors are expected to present information and free materials at the East Central Kentucky "Fair on Aging" to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at West Irvine Elementary School, 155 River View Road in Irvine.

The event is open to the public at no charge with the purpose to provide area senior citizens and their caregivers, plus grandparents raising grandchildren, with information regarding the services available to them. Attendees learn about retirement planning, Social Security, grandparent rights, financial planning, Power of Attorney and Living Wills, caring for

aging parents, Senior nutrition, Alzheimer's and other mind altering diseases of the elderly, fall prevention, public and personal safety, housing, extended care services and much more. No solicitation or sales takes place during or after the resource fair.

Organizations set up exhibits, provided informative lectures and submitted information for the Fair on Aging resource guide. Rather than charging a booth registration fee, booth participants provide a door prize with a value of \$25.00. Lunch and a light breakfast are provided at no charge to all participants. The event is

also being held in one of the newly constructed elementary schools that is fully accessible to the aging population.

This event is a community-wide, collaborative event that is sponsored by several agencies. The fair is expected to be well attended and greatly appreciated by everyone involved. There are no other events of this magnitude in the eastern Kentucky are that focus primarily on the information programs and services for our aging citizens.

For more information, contact Isaac Hollon, Estill County 4-H Youth Development agent at 723-4557.

Doing Our Duty

by BOB CASEY, Preacher
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In both the Old and New Testaments, the word duty is only mentioned seven times regarding different obligations, with the word duties only being used one time.

The definition of duty is: "We were or we are indebted," translated in **Luke 17:10** as our duty.

The apostle Paul spoke in this manner in **Romans 1:4** saying that he himself was a debtor, not in financial matters but in spiritual obligations.

First to all, all of mankind has a duty to almighty God. Why is this? In **Psalms 100:7**, it is written: "Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Also in **Mark 9:41**: all the servants of God are said to belong to Him. And Paul says we were also bought with a price in **I Corinthians 6:19-20**. And of course we understand the price is Jesus upon the cross. So Paul informs each of us that we have a duty to glorify God in body and spirit. Are we doing this?

Secondly, we have a duty to make an attempt to save others. The apostle began this by preaching the gospel in **Acts 2**. We also can imitate this by making an attempt to teach and preach in **Luke 14:23**. Our Lord uses the term compel them to come in. This word has a sense of urgency, and a sense of strong application. This is certainly needed in days like ours, because our nation is fastly falling apart because few are listening to our master's voice. Are you one of them?

Thirdly, we have a duty to ourselves.

To John 2:8, "Look to yourselves. That we lose not those things which we have worked for, but that ye receive a full reward." In **Acts 2:40**, "Then with many words did they testify and exhort, saying, Save ourselves from this crooked generation." How was this accomplished on their parts? First by hearing and believing the message of guilt by crucifying the Lord. Then seeking salvation they showed them repentance by crying out: Men and brethren, what shall we do then? The answer was clean and precise, and its still the same today. They said: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name (authority) of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Did the Lord add them to the church? Yes he did, and he still does the same today! Have you been one of them? If not, why not? Our Lord is coming again, and we do not know the day, so why are you all taking this terrible chance? Come with us. Hear the gospel and obey it, do not delay! If you miss Heaven, it will be your own fault, and you know it! Let us help you to obey today.

Sincerely, Bob Casey (859) 369-4165

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