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Grandkids

Because they're not in the area, I seldom have an opportunity to spend time with my grandkids. However, a few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to spend a couple afternoons watching my almost two-year old grandson.

What can we learn from our grand and great grandkids?

Slow Down

I realize I'm tall and that I have long legs, but it's really obvious when you're walking with a two-year old. As we walked, at his pace, of course, I realized how fast I typically walk.

As we all know, life is in a hurry and life is all about "Hurry up!" But really. Do we have to be in such a hurry all the time? Where's the law etched in stone that says, "He who hurries the most, gets the best seat in heaven?"

God didn't create us to be in a hurry. Need proof? How often is God in a hurry? How often do we see Jesus rushing around like we do? We're in a hurry because we choose to be. Okay, there are some exceptions, perhaps, but they are actually only exceptions. We can choose to slow down in the same way that we chose to hurry, hurry, hurry.

Stop & Notice

As my grandson and I walked, we came to a bunch of river rock. Walking around, my grandson chose one rock from the thousands of rocks, handed it to me, and off we went. One rock. How did he decide on that rock? Because he noticed the little things.

Grandkids are great teachers, if we would only be better students. One rock. One flower out of hundreds of flowers in a field. One black spot on the big ball. They see it because they notice the little things.

Because we're adults, it's easy to think, "I don't have time for that. I've got more important things to do!" Like what? Every little thing before us is set there by God so that we would stop and take notice. How disappointed our Creator must be with His finest aspect of creation when we fail to take time to stop and notice the little things.

Enjoy the Simple

Kids, grandkids, great grandkids and wrapping paper. What's the fascination? It's a mindset that says, "I enjoy the simple things of life."

"More, more, more." That's the motto of our world who says that if we just have one more thing, we will finally be happy. But it never works!



Forty years ago, people had so much less, but they were happier. Poverty-stricken people who wonder where their next meal will come from are happier than we are. Why? Because they learned to enjoy the simple, to spend an entire afternoon with an old, broken down bicycle, a pile of old lumber, a few nails, and a hammer, or some old dress-up clothes.

The simple is still out there and we can still enjoy it when we decide to enjoy the simple instead of racing after more.

Grandkids are amazing teachers and some of our most memorable lessons are learned as we walk hand in hand with a two-year old!