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Counting My Blessings

My Mom had a philosophy about life: I can't write in Cajun but her Cajun brogue sounded kinda like this, "Well, you go til you fall down, den you get up and go some mo." While her broken English might not convey her thoughts her lifestyle demonstrated her serious approach to living her faith.

My earliest memories are of living on a small farm my parents rented. Dad worked on large farms as a day laborer. Mom raised their children to know the Lord while caring for the large garden and the small patch of cotton, (Proverb 22:6). My mind's eye see's Mom along with several other mothers picking cotton while their children played at the end of the rows. This was my Mom's field and she was energetic. She ripped the bottom of the burlap sack and sewed another onto it. Her double sack was longer then her at five foot one inch. She picked two rows as she moved through the field. The opened cotton boles had sharp stickers. Her finger tips showed the evidence of her work.

At days end she weighed out each lady's sack and paid her for her days work. I think the pay was something like a penny a pound. Takes a lot of cotton to weigh a pound.

The sack was hung on the scale and small metal blocks of differing weights would bring the scale to even, giving the correct weight in the sack. While waiting, the mothers joked about who had picked the most cotton. Of course Mom was not in the mix. They all knew her double sack was the heaviest. They guessed about second place.

Mom always weighed in favor of her helpers. She gave them "Lagniappe" (Cajun for adding one extra to a dozen to be sure of giving a fair count). Mom applied that principle. She was determined to pay fair wages. That memory of Mom's Christian example is important to me.

I was their fourth child. They would have two additional children. Their family routine seldom wavered. Monday through Saturday, excepting Wednesday night work, was the order of each day including family Bible reading each night at bedtime. Sunday and Wednesday evening were set apart for attending church, for worship and for rest.

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Dad never attended school. At age eight he began working in the fields to help support the family. Mom completed the fifth grade. Their limited education did not hinder their desire to learn about the Good News from Jesus. As soon as my sisters could read well enough to handle Biblical words they took turns reading at bedtime. After reading from Revelation one sister asked Mom how that could be, (Revelation 11:7-14). Mom didn't hesitate, "I don know. But God said it will happen so it will happen!" Today instant television makes it easy to understand.

Several words express Mom's attitude toward her Lord and life in general, Tenacity, Perseverance, Steadfastness, Stick-to-itive-ness and Stamina. Mom knew who she was and to whom she belonged. Her loyalty never wavered.

Before I was old enough to reason, I understood intuitively that God was first, every day, all day. Her body language was predictable. She was a happy woman. She had a good Christian husband, healthy children, a large garden, a field of cotton, chickens, geese and other farm animals. She loved to cook, loved to eat, and loved to work. Seriously. She had a large box of scrap materials for making quilt tops. Her sewing machine was always ready. Her three girls learned from her and became skilled in needlework and using the sewing machine.

She cared for her family and worked the farm all day then by the light of the coal-oil lamp her hands were busy doing needlework until time for Bible reading and bed.

My worst shame and regret is that I did not appreciate my Mom. Until now. What she could not do for me physically during my teenage rebellion, she did for me on her knees. She always knelt to pray. She was tenacious, trusting God to protect me, (Matthew 5-7).

My blessings? Having Bible believing godly parents who lived their faith, who never gave up on me, who in life and in death showed me how to honor the name of our Lord Jesus.

Nothing in this life offers freely, the joy, peace, comfort and anticipation for eternity guaranteed by the blood of Jesus our Redeemer. Nothing!

Thank You Lord Jesus!

Buford Smith

Listener Letters

May God Almighty continue to bless this fantastic and powerful programme, Words of Life, on the Radio Africa station.

The life-giving messages continue to strengthen me in my walk with the Lord. Thank you for your faithfulness and labor of love for your fellow Christians.

Blessings for the good work to win souls for Christ.

Mr. Kwesi Koomson, GIS, P.O. Box CT 5815, Cantonments—Accra, Ghana, W. Africa October 18, 2020.

Thanks you for faithfully bringing such a powerful program “Words of Life” on Radio Africa every week.

The program has really edified and strengthened me spiritually.

May God continue to bless you for the good spiritual work.

Thanks for coming into my home.

Mr. Emmanuel Essilfie, P. O. Box AN 19222, Accra—North Ghana, October 10, 2020.

The Lord is so blessing me with His truth through the program, Words of Life, on the Radio Africa. Thanks for the rich messages and I have been greatly blessed.

I am very grateful for you for this powerful program and may God bless you all.

Thanks so much, yours in His service.

Mr. Alex Owusu, P. O. Box GP 2856, GH– INT SCH, Accra, Ghana, October 10, 2020

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