

**Upcoming Events...**  
**1 Corinthians Class:** Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.  
**Barnabas Group Meeting:** March 28

**Next Week's "Teaser"**  
"Redeeming the Time"

*"Worry not that your child listens to you; worry most that they watch you."* - Ronald A. Heifetz -

**March Birthdays**  
30 Barrett Hoffman

**April Birthdays**  
1 Daniel McKnight    11 Dolly Cashion    23 Shannon Hudson  
3 Amanda Hoffman    16 Alana Hudson    26 Stori Rose Hoffman  
6 Susan Hudson        17 Belva Meanor

**April Anniversaries**  
19 Bill & Kena Brown

**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## What If Adults Acted Like Children?

By Steve Higginbotham

Last evening, my seven-year-old daughter was upset and crying over something that was rather insignificant. As I was trying to console her, I told her that this issue was nothing about which she should be crying. It was petty, childish, and her tears, well...were more an attempt at manipulation than tears of sadness.

So the adult that I am, attempted to "reason" with the child that she is. I attempted to convince her that crying over such an insignificant issue was childish. I tried to explain to her that her mother and I deal with the very same issue she was dealing with and we don't cry about it. I then asked her the following question, "What do you think would happen if adults acted like children?" Her response ended our conversation. She said, "They'd all go to heaven."

I turned and looked at my wife sitting across the room. My wife just smiled and said, "There's your MercEmail article for this week."

My little girl was right. If adults would just act like children, they'd all go to heaven! *"But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14).*

Out of the mouth of babes...

*"To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while."*

- Josh Billings -

## When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, you fed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

(Written by a former child)

## Living The Way We Pray

Author Unknown

*I knelt to pray when day was done  
And prayed "O Lord, bless everyone*

*Lift from each heart the pain  
And let the sick be well again"*

*And then I woke one day  
And careless went on my way,  
The whole day lone I did not try*

*To wipe a tear from any eye.  
I did not try to share the load  
Of a brother on the road.*

*I did not even go to see  
The sick man just next door to me.  
Yet once again when day was done  
I prayed; "O Lord, bless everyone"*

*But as I prayed, to my ear  
There came a voice that whispered clear  
"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray  
Whom have you tried to bless today?  
God's sweetest blessings always go  
By hands that serve him here below."*

*And then I hid my face and cried  
"Forgive me God for I have lied.*

*Let me but live another day,  
And I will live the way I pray."*

**"What kind of example am I?..."**

***"Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you;  
and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith."***

Hebrews 13:7

***"Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one  
who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God."***

3 John 1:11

***"Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ."***

1 Corinthians 11:1