

Appreciate Every Day and Every Moment

Dear WC,

I am only a teenager and I know I don't know everything there is to know about life. My father died a few years ago. It became my mom's full responsibility to provide for her and I. My mom and dad were very much in love. Even when they had disagreements, they would never have any serious arguments in front of me. I could tell something was up when they weren't talking to each other. After a while I understood that they were being good parents because they never argued in front of me; they always took their debate, as I call it, and kept it between themselves.

When I look back at this now, I understand how much they truly loved me. My dad was a special man and I miss him very much. He would always ask me how everything was at school and he was always concerned about my grades. He was always telling me how important it was to get as much as I could out of my education. He would check on my social life and give me rules and guidelines to follow, as my mother does. I have to admit there were times when I would protest the many questions about my whereabouts and rules placed upon me. Now I know they were just educating me about the part of life that school does not educate you about.

As hard as my mother has tried, we have always had a hard time financially. We have already downsized several times. We went from losing our house to moving into an apartment and now into an efficiency apartment. It is one of those places where everything is all in one room, the kitchen, the bed, everything, except a separate bathroom. While it doesn't happen all the time, I do miss not having a room of my own. There are moments when I would like to go somewhere, shut the door and read a book or think, but I would not have it any other way now.

My mother has this disease that I can't even spell but it is paralyzing her. She lost her job. There is a big debate over Workmen's Compensation and all sorts of things, but all I know is that at the present time we are having a very difficult time even in our little efficiency apartment.

I have applied for a few jobs. It doesn't seem very easy to be accepted when you're my age. Our food is barely holding out. We do go to the food pantry, even though we did have a difficult time getting there when the pantry was open, especially when there was still school and my mom could not get out on her own.

If you could please visit, my mother and I would welcome it very much. My mother has been reading your column for years. To be honest, meeting

with you would be very important to my mom. My Mother has often said, “We need more people like WC, to keep getting all of us together so we appreciate our lives and one another.”

God Bless,
A Loving Daughter

Dear Caring Daughter and Readers,

Thank you very much for writing your detailed letter, which I abbreviated for the column, it was very moving. You, yourself, are to be complimented on being such a wonderful daughter and a caring human being.

My dear readers, here is this teenage daughter, who, as some of us may understand, stated that she did not know everything. I cannot tell you how many people I know say, “If you want to know anything, just ask my kids, they’ll have an answer for everything!” I know eventually they understand that knowledge comes with age and we do become more intelligent every day. I know I do. We learn by experience, by our mistakes and from everyone around us.

This young lady shared with me how her world had changed from being a carefree teenager, where her parents used to shelter her from their minor arguments, to losing her father, whom she loved dearly and who loved her in return. They are going through a time of sadness and mourning for the wonderful man who had shared their lives and cared for them deeply. Now she is dealing with her mom becoming progressively sicker before her eyes, watching her mother drifting into paralysis – how tragic and sad. Once again her world is changing.

The daughter showed me where she had applied for jobs and there was no opportunity given her. Together we reached out and helped her get a job where she is very much appreciated for her maturity and conscientious efforts, proving she can be a good employee. I’m very happy to say that since she started working, her employer has given her three raises, significant enough to compliment her work, encourage her to continue doing good work and providing her with much needed funds to help at home.

Together we have eased their burden by paying overdue utilities, as well as paying some in advance. I spoke with the landlord who was doing well enough financially to cut their rent in half, yes, in half. The landlord told me, “I have been so blessed to be carefree for many years. I am debt-free and everything I have coming in has actually been extra, just going into

savings.” The landlord then said, “By cutting their rent in half, I really don’t need that money to live on or to even save up for the future. It means so much to me to be part of helping. I cannot tell you how good it makes me feel that now when I pray at church, I feel very proud that I’m just beginning to understand and do my part.”

How profound this statement was from this wonderful person. As I have mentioned before, as we reach the end of our life, none of us bring anything with us, so why not share in kindness and generosity now, when we can. This makes God smile upon us and as the landlord said, the good feeling of our own consciousness knowing we are doing God’s will is so important. Is there any better feeling?

Please keep this caring daughter and her mother in your thoughts and prayers. They need our prayers and support.

Some of you may remember Paul Phillips, who has Lou Gehrig’s disease. He is presently at home in Hospice care. He lost his ability to speak some time ago and is being loved and cared for by his family.

As some of you may know, there have been three local teenagers who have lost their lives recently in auto accidents. Their families, friends, class mates, teachers, and the rest of us are all devastated by this loss. Our deepest sympathies go out to these families and we ask that you keep them in your prayers. Life for anyone of us can change unexpectedly, and it is up to us to live it with a Caring and Sharing heart.

At the present time I am troubled by the many requests for help.

Financially, I alone cannot help all of these people. So please, if you can see it in your heart to Care and Share, it would be greatly appreciated. Let your own conscience be your guide.

Thank you for reading. Thank you for networking.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone,

WC

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