

The Seven Wonders of the World

A group of students were asked to list the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list.

The girl replied, 'Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many.'

The teacher said, 'Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help.'

The girl hesitated, then read, 'I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to touch
2. to taste
3. to see
4. to hear

She hesitated a little, and then added

5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. and to love

The room was so full of silence you could have heard a pin drop.

Those things we overlook as 'ordinary' are truly wondrous.

A gentle reminder that the most precious things are in front of you.

Your family, your faith, your love, your good health!

*The Mausoleum of Halikarnassos

Nails and Scars

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the wooden fence in their back garden.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence.

Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down.

He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to spend the time driving those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father



suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone!

The father took his son by the hand and led him out to the fence.

He said, "You have done well, my son, but now look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same.

When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like these holes." You can put a knife in a person and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say "I'm sorry", the wound is still there. A verbal wound can sometimes be as bad as a physical one.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11

Bad Parrot Reformed



A young lady named Joan received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious, and laced with profanity. Joan tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, and anything else she could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.

Finally Joan was fed up and she yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. Joan, in desperation, threw up her hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that she'd hurt the parrot, Joan quickly opened the door to the freezer.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto Joan's outstretched arm and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I am sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior." Joan was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As she was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the chicken did?"

