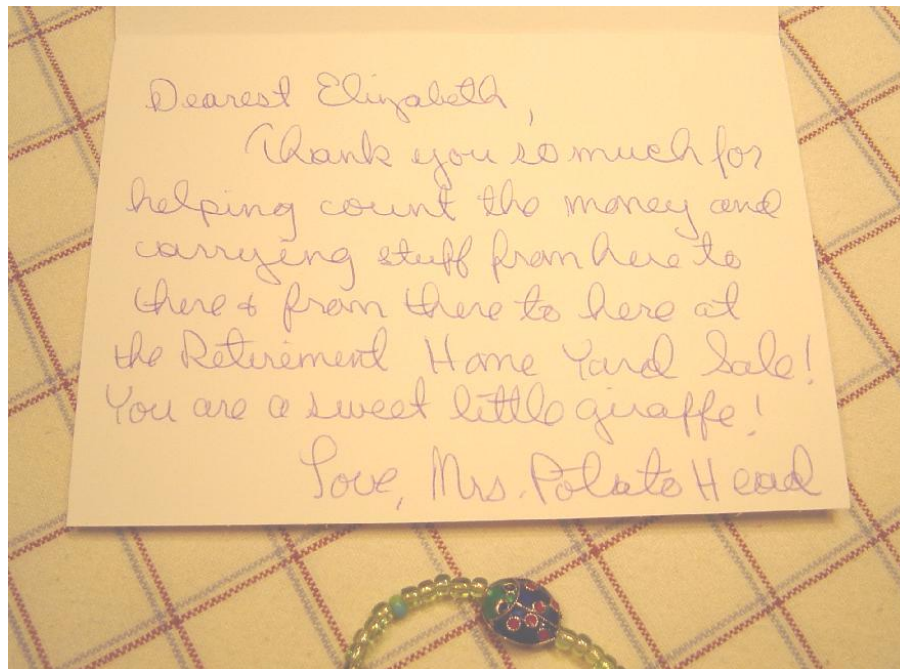


"Just Go Out and Do the Good Things"

Luke 17:5-10

October 3, 2010

Often, when we do something nice for someone they say 'thank you'. Last Saturday, a week ago, Elizabeth helped Mrs. Potato Head with the yard sale at the Retirement Home. Elizabeth helped count the money and helped carry the stuff from here to there and from there to here. And then this week Mrs. Potato Head sent Elizabeth a Thank You Card and even a little gift for Elizabeth!



When someone thanks you and sends you a card and a gift, that makes you feel good about helping others.

Now this morning Elizabeth was helping her mother in the kitchen. They were having fun singing silly songs, like;

Boom, Boom, ain't it great to be crazy?
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Silly and Foolish all day long,
Boom, Boom ain't it great to be crazy!"

"Thank you for drying the silverware," her mother said when they were finished. "Sure," answered Elizabeth.

But, you know, when Elizabeth was drying the silverware, her mother did not thank her for EACH TIME she dried a piece of silverware. She didn't say "Thank you Elizabeth for drying that fork and for drying that fork and for drying that spoon and for drying that knife and for drying that spatula and for drying that spoon." That would be too many thanks! Just one thank you at the end is fine! And her mother did not need to send a Thank You card and buy a gift for Elizabeth just for drying the silverware!

Sometimes, you do something nice for someone because it is EXPECTED and that is a good thing! You should not do something nice just to get something nice in return! Elizabeth did not say to Mrs. Potato Head "I won't help you at the Retirement Home yard sale unless you give me a gift!" Goodness no!

It seems to me that sometimes we think that if we do good things for God, He will do good things for us. I think that is a mistake. God continues to give us everything we have and everything we are; a home, a family, food to eat and . . . His Son Jesus.



So all the good things we do for God are our way of saying Thank You to Him!

In today's Bible lesson, the disciples wanted Jesus to give them more FAITH. Jesus said something like "You have enough FAITH. Just go out and do the good things! THAT is what I expect!"

Elizabeth said "I know you expect me to help in the kitchen Mommy. And I like to help because you make it fun!"

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