

Remember the Duck

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There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting discouraged, he headed back inside for lunch. As he was walking back, he saw his grandmother's pet duck. It just so happened that he hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woodpile only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch that day the grandmother said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma. Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today, didn't you Johnny?" And then she whispered to him. "Remember the duck!" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing, and Grandma said, "I'm sorry, but I need Sally to help me make supper." But, Sally smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." And she whispered again, "Remember the duck!" Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed at the house!

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally could not stand it any longer. He came up to his grandmother and confessed that he killed the duck. She knelt down, gave him a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. It does my heart good to see you admit your wrong and because I love you, I forgive you. But I was wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

There are a lot of Christians today that are just like the little boy in the illustration in that they try to hide their sins or deny their faults. However, we cannot deny it nor hide it because we all have sinned and have fallen short of God's glory ([Romans 3:23](#)). The Bible tells us that God will forgive those who have sinned. We can be forgiven today because of the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross of Calvary ([Romans 5:8](#)). But we must admit our sins ([1 John 1:8-10](#)). Don't want to become Satan's slave? Accept God's forgiveness by trusting and obeying Him. The Bible says that if we believe on the name of Jesus, repent of past sins, confess the name of Christ, and are baptized into Christ, then God will forgive our sins.

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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Dad's Nine Rules for Living

by Frank Walton

Upon the occasion of his daughter's high school graduation.
via [Biblical Insights](#), Vol. 7, No. 8, Aug. 2007.

1. Put God First

We exist for His glory and then to enjoy Him forever ([1 John 17:3](#)).
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" ([Proverbs 9:10](#)).

2. Follow Jesus Daily

He became as we are, in order to make us like He is ([1 John 2:6](#)).
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through Me" ([John 14:6](#)).

3. Study the Bible Regularly

Scripture is God's one and only guidebook to eternity. ([Acts 20:32](#)).
"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" ([Psalms 119:105](#)).

4. Pray Constantly

It keeps us close to heaven's pure air for the soul ([Romans 12:12](#)).
"Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4: 16).

5. Think Hopefully

Our life is what our thoughts make it. ([Proverbs 17:22](#)).
"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life" (Proverbs 4: 23).

6. Improve Yourself Consistently

With God's help, you can make the best of any situation ([Philippians 4:13](#)).
"Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" ([Philippians 3:14](#)).

7. Do the Right Thing Always

Character is the sum of all our choices ([Proverbs 27:19](#)).
"The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day" ([Proverbs 4:18](#)).

8. Treat Others Lovingly

God put us on earth to help lift others up to heaven ([Matthew 7:12](#)).
"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in heaven" ([Matthew 5:16](#)).

9. Be a Faithful Member of Christ's Church

Jesus is counting on you to carry on His work by exercising your talents in His one body ([Ephesians 4:16](#)).
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" ([Revelation 2:10](#)).

I am proud that you are my favorite oldest daughter.
Love, Dad

Those to Serve

(B) Vernon Houts (FV) Keith Stifflemire

(O) Doug Pruett (A) Kyle Stifflemire

1st prayer Jack Wall

2nd prayer Calvin Burks

Announcements: Judd Wall

Singing: Mike Mallett

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
Mildred Lovell
Janese Lancaster
Ruby Jones
Lloyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personal

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Happy Anniversary

June 14th

Will & Autumn Varr

Dates to Remember

June 14th

Flag Day

June 18th

Father's Day

June 25th

Noon Fellowship Meal

June 28th

First Day of Summer

Men's Business meeting

June 25th 1 pm

Flash Photography

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid-afternoon, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking nonchalantly along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her mother, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"