

Precious Moments

Erma Bombeck wrote a column on what she might do differently were she given the opportunity to live her life over again. Some of the things she included were, "If I had my life to live over again, I would have waxed less and listened more. I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth. I would have eaten less cottage cheese and more ice cream." She summarized by saying, "Given another shot at life, I would seize every minute of it -- look at it and really see it -- try it on -- live it -- exhaust it -- and never give that minute back until there was nothing left of it."

As I read these comments, it made me think of how important it is to make moments very special ones. There are moments I would like to relive. I would like to have taken some moments to tell my mother, "I love you," and to have taken a minute here and there to tell teachers, coaches, relatives, "Thank you for taking the time to teach, train and inspire me." I wish I had not tried to rush through my teenage years. I would like to have been more careful with my studies, and to have spent just a little more time questioning teachers and drawing more information from them.

How would you change the moments in years gone by? Are moments and minutes inconsequential to you and me, or do we make each moment count? Can we say that as the years, months, weeks, days, and minutes go by that we do all we can to get as much out of them as possible? Do we make the moments precious by what we put into them? Or do we shrug our shoulders and say, "Oh, just another day." Make the most of the moments God has given us!

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