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## THE CARPENTER'S MISTAKE

After years of working for a company, Barkajambo, a carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the building trade and live a more leisurely life with his wife and family. He would miss the money, but he would manage on his pension. The building contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house, as a personal favour. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was evident to see that his heart was not in his work. His workmanship suffered and he used poor material. It was an unfortunate way to end his career. When the job was complete, his employer came to inspect the house and handed the old man the keys to the doors. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you in appreciation for your many years of valued service." What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he was the owner of a poorly built house, but he only had himself to be blamed. Even Jesus spoke of two house builders. One who dug deep and built firm foundations on bedrock. The other was foolish and recklessly built his house on sand. Jesus was referring to the way in which we live our lives and how we prepare for eternity.

**Lesson: Even if we live for only one more day, that day deserves to be lived graciously; preserving both our integrity in service and our respect of God and of our fellow human beings. We are saved by faith in Jesus alone, but we heap up treasure in Heaven through our respect and love for others.**

*Contributed by Jim Lual, SDB*

## **EASTER MESSAGE FROM SR. MARIE EUGENE LISTEN AND LIVE.**

Dear young people, listen and live  
Listen to your friend Marie Eugene,  
She said once;  
"The spirit of the children of the Church is  
a spirit of joy"  
Are you children of the Church?  
Listen to her and live in the spirit of joy  
Listen and live in the joy of that happy and secret light form  
within.  
Listen and live in joy which you should spread  
By being outgoing, loving and joyful  
Listen to our mother the Church in the Easter season,  
She is calling us to live in joy.  
The joy of our salvation,  
Because Jesus our redeemer has risen for the dead,  
Bringing us peace and joy,  
The spirit of the children of the Church.

*By Sr. Leonie r.a*

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## DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong,  
As they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Success is failure turned inside out  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far ;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

## MOTHER TERESA IN HER OWN WORDS!

"Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person." "I think today the world is upside down, and is suffering so much because there is so very little love in the homes, and in family life. We have no time for our children, we have no time for each other, there is no time to enjoy each other." "Love begins at home; love lives in homes, and that is why there is so much suffering and so much unhappiness in the world today...Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world." "The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved." "The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted." "There is more hunger in the world for love and appreciation than for bread." "We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty." "Abortion is murder in the womb ... A child is a gift of God. If you do not want him, give him to me." "The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between." "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." "The other day I dreamed that I was at the gates of heaven. And St. Peter said, 'Go back to Earth. There are no slums up here.'" Quoted as telling to Prince Michael of Greece in 1996. "The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it." "Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness." "At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.'" "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world." "I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much."

*Contributed by Fr. Matts SDB*

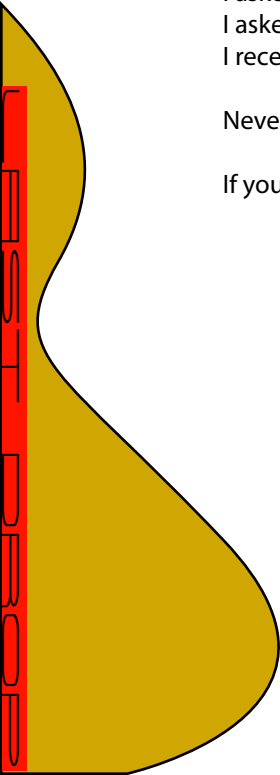
## **SPECIAL SITE FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**[WWW.THEDIVINEMERCY.ORG](http://WWW.THEDIVINEMERCY.ORG)**

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC: A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



I asked for Strength, And God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.  
I asked for Wisdom, And God gave me Problems to solve.  
I asked for Prosperity, And God gave me Brain and Brawn to work.  
I asked for Courage, And God gave me Danger to overcome.  
I asked for Love, And God gave me Troubled people to help.  
I asked for Favors, And God gave me Opportunities.  
I received nothing I wanted, But I received everything I needed!

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up. **Jesse Jackson**

If you judge people, you have no time to love them. -- **Mother Teresa**