

MoNdAy FuNnIeS

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Our attempt to help you smile every Monday Morning

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## Wisdom For The Week :

(My friend Linda Myers suggested I share this story.... thanks Linda)

My father owned a small store in Hyde Park, Utah. In that store he had a small meat market. One day when I was about 10 years old, I went with him to the meat packing plant to pick up some beef for our meat market. While we were there they gave us a tour of the plant. I remember the things that were going on in that plant so vividly even to this day.

In those days we called hot dogs "WEENIES" (why they call them hot dogs now is a wonderful story in marketing and changing consumer image but a story for a later time)...

One of the things that impressed me the most was a lady we met there. She sat at the end of a big machine that was grinding up meat, cooking it, and then the meat would come out of the end of this "WEENIE MAKING MACHINE" encased in a covering as individual "weenies". Her job was quality control. As she sat there watching, if any of the "weenies" were not made correctly, she would reach out and grab the malformed "weenie" and pull it out before it got packaged.

As I stood there with my 10 year old perspective, I noticed that even though she got most of the bad "weenies", she missed one or two. So the next time I saw that she missed a bad one, I pointed to it and she grabbed it out. Then a few minutes later

she missed another bad "weenie" and so I pointed to it and she grabbed it. Finally I looked up at her with my 10 year old innocence and said, "why do you keep missing some of the bad "weenies"? She smiled and said, "I GUESS I HAVE BECOME WEENIE BLIND"...

To this day, I still think of that once in a while. It helps remind me that sometimes when we get so busy in life "DOING" and "DOING" that we get so we miss some of the little important things. We tend to mistake "ACTIVITY" for "ACCOMPLISHMENT". Stephen Covey calls it "First things first". We become "WEENIE BLIND" to little important things, because we are not focused on those important things. We are just trying to get done with the "HAVE TO DO THINGS" in life.

So tonight before you go to bed, here is a suggestion to help you see if you have become "weenie blind". Try telling your companion and your kids how much you love them.... Or take 30 minutes to just sit quiet and listen to music or meditate... Or take time to read a story to your child or grandchildren. Or bring a flower home to your wife... Or write your companion a love note and hide it where he or she will find it tomorrow... Or ask your companion how his or her day was and then just listen and don't talk.... It is the little things like that which make lasting impressions - not how nice the dinner was or how clean the house was or how much money you earned so you could have a bigger house.

I wonder if I am the only one who has sometimes become so busy and so stressed with my life that I have become "WEENIE BLIND" to some of the little important things in my life that make such lasting impressions?

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(Contributed by Clint Long... Thanks Clint)

Just something to think about:

Never read the fine print. There ain't no way you're going to like it.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? I wonder if they will still wear clothes that let them show?

Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow - it's more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than in a Hyundai.

After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.

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## Consumer Tips

Here is something worth looking into from one of our MoNdAy FuNtEs subscribers

Dear Cordell,  
I don't know if any of your readers might be interested....but just in case--- I am an educator in Salt Lake City School District who works with Hispanic students, and I just self-published a book called *My Years As A Hispanic Youth Advocate.....and The Lessons I Have Learned*. If anyone is interested

in knowing more about this book, they can contact me  
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Thanks!

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