

Family

With the Christmas season approaching and being a grandparent, I started thinking more about family and how wonderful all my family members are. I am lucky to have brothers and sisters, children and grandkids that I treasure.



And what generated this thinking, was when my wife and I sat outside with our young grandson and interacted with him as he played with his digger tractor and dump truck in the dirt. Just watching him brought joy to me. It made me think of the pictures you see of grandparents with their grandkids which always seem so warm and wonderful.



There has also been sadness this year as my mom passed and my nephew suffers from cancer, but I am glad for the support that is there for them and the support for those that are most involved with the caretaking.

Family structure is so different now than in the days of our parents. I found a nice article titled “[Types of Family Structures](#)” that points out that there is no right or wrong type as long as the family is filled with love and support.

In my reading on families, I also learned of the value of sitting down for a family meal, something that I was fortunate to do with my children. The article has statistics that show the benefits of family times like these: <https://steemit.com/steem/@michaellamden68/family-times>.

Family Poem

“Just as the earth goes through seasons, so does a family in the course of time endure seasons. Falling in love, marriage and the birth of children are times of renewal like spring. Long pleasant periods of calm are like the feeling of an endless summer. As we and our children grow older, our leaves start to change. We start to experience Autumn. This may seem like dying but it is only signs of a new phase of life. Crises and hardship are times for the family to stay close together, help each other out and endure the frigid winds of change. This period is akin to Winter. Life is full of seasons and changes which are best experienced with the support of friends and family.”

Source: <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/family/>

“60 Minute” Postscript

This evening (12/11/16), 60 Minutes had a wonderful story entitled “[Man Returns to Childhood Home Against the Odds.](#)” The link to the story is. Over 20 years after an Indian boy was separated from his mother, he finds her again. What a wonderful story.

Photo shopped Christmas Card

I photo shop quite often but this one is a real tree topper – [Mom Makes Cute Photo shopped Christmas Card While Her Husband is deployed in Iraq.](#)