

Paradox Of Our Times

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Today we have bigger houses and smaller families.
More conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees, but less common sense.
More knowledge, but less judgment.

We have more experts, but more problems.
More medicine, but less wellness.

We spend too recklessly,
Laugh too little,
Drive too fast,
Get too angry too quickly,
Stay up too late,
Read too little,
Watch TV too much,
And pray too seldom.

We multiplied our possessions, but reduce our values.
We talk too much, love too little and lie too often.

We've learned how to make living, but not a life,
We've added years to life, not life to years.

We have taller buildings, but shorter tempers,
wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less.
We buy more, enjoy it less.

We've been all the way to the moon and back,
but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbors.

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space.
We've split the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, learn less, plan more, but accomplish less.
We've learned to rush, but not to wait.
We have higher incomes, but lower morals.

We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies, but have
less communications.
We are long on quantity, but less in quality.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion.
Tall men, and short character.

More leisure and less fun, more kinds of foods, but less nutrition.
Two incomes, but more divorce.
Fancier houses, but broken homes.

That's why I propose, that as of today, you do not keep anything for special occasion, because every day you live is a special occasion.

Search for knowledge, read more, sit on your front porch and admire the view without paying attention to your needs.

Spend more time with your family and friends, eat your favorite foods, and visit the places you love.

Life is a chain of moment of enjoyment, not only about survival.

Use your crystal goblets, do not save your best perfume, and use it every time you feel you want it.

Remove from vocabulary phrases like "one of these days" and "someday."
Let's write that letter we thought of writing "one of these days."

Let's tell our families and friends how much we love them.
Do not delay anything that adds laughter and joy to your life.

Every day, every hour, and every minute is special.
And you don't know if it will be your last.

If you're too busy to take the time to send this message to someone you love, and you tell yourself you will send it "one of these days."

So believe me,
"one of these days"
You may not be here to send it.