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So here we are saying thank you G-d for the year gone by and looking forward to the New Year with high hopes and aspirations. Let us take a moment to thank those that make it all possible, our loved ones. Always remember the story,... "TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE"....

A man came home from work late again, tired and irritated. He found his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door.

- "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"
- "Yeah, sure, what is it?" replied the man.
- "Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?"
- "That's none of your business! What makes you ask such a thing?" the man said angrily.
- "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy.
- "If you must know, I make \$20 an hour."
- "Oh," the little boy sighed, head bowed. Looking up, he asked "Daddy, may I borrow \$10 please?"

The father was furious. "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is just so you can borrow some to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed.

Think about why you're being so selfish. I work long, hard hours every day and don't have time for such childish games."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even madder about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money.

After an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think that he may have been a little hard on his son. Perhaps there was something his son really needed to buy with that \$10, and he really didn't ask for money very often.

The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened it.

"Are you asleep, son?" he asked.

"No daddy. I'm awake." replied the boy.

"I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier." Said the man.

It's been a long day, and I took my aggravation out on you.

Here's that \$10 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, beaming, "Oh, thank you, Daddy!" he exclaimed. Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out a bottle of coins he has been saving.

The man, seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, then looked up at his dad.

"Why did you want more money if you already had some?" the father demanded.

"Because before I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied. Then the boy continued

"Daddy, here, I have \$20 now. Can I buy an hour of your time?"kind of puts a lump in your throat.

Sometimes we forget how precious is the time that we spend with our family and love ones.

As we are about to say good by to another year, let us take a moment to reflect. There have been some good times that made us laugh and times that made us shed a tear, but thank G-d we made it. You go out there everyday doing G-d's work, don't forget to take care of those most important in your life, yourself and your loved ones. Go ahead make that resolution to spend just a few extra moments to share a laugh, share a hug, share a smile with a loved one, you will both feel better. Remember to the world we are just people, but to some people we are the world. Thanks to each of you for helping make our world a better place by your actions and deeds. Seasons Greetings, a very Happy New Year To you and you families.

A couple of short New Years blessings...

May the coming year bring you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastroenterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber and the IRS. May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall.

May your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest, not rise.

May you find a way to travel from anywhere to anywhere in the rush hour in less than an hour, and when you get there may you find a parking space.

May you wake up on January 1st, finding that the world has not come to an end, the lights work, the water faucets flow, and the sky has not fallen.

May what you see in the mirror delight you and what others see in you delight them.

May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes, and tell the world about your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner, and may your checkbook and your budget balance, and may they include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your significant other ,your spouse, your child and your parent.

And finally, may you fill your world with love even more than you have in the past.....

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in his loving care.

Amen.

Should you ever need a shoulder to lean on or have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give up a call or drop us a line.

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