

Being Turned On

You may have had an experience similar to this one. Most of us have. You're cleaning out a desk drawer and find a flashlight you have not used in more than a year. You flip the switch but you are not surprised when it gives no light. You unscrew it and shake it to get the batteries out, but they won't budge.

Finally, after some effort, they come loose. What a mess! Battery acid has corroded the entire inside of the flashlight. The batteries were new when you put them in, and you stored them in a safe, warm place. But there was one problem. Those batteries were not made to be warm and comfortable. They were designed to be turned on, to be used.

It's the same with us. We were not created to be warm, safe and comfortable. You and I were made to be "turned on" -- to put our love to work, to apply our patience in difficult and trying situations -- to let our light shine.

And smiles and hugs are great starting points!

--Beecher Hunter