

Seven Wonders of the World

One of my wife's friends shared this story with her. The author is unknown, but its message is profound.

A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. Although there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids.
2. Taj Mahal.
3. Grand Canyon.
4. Panama Canal.
5. Empire State Building.
6. St. Peter's Basilica.
7. China's Great Wall.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list.

The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then listed what she thought the Seven Wonders of the World to be:

1. To see ... as in the beauty of a red rose.
2. To hear ... as the strumming of a banjo from the back porch on a summer evening.
3. To touch ... as in a fuzzy, cuddly puppy.
4. To taste ... as in the pleasure of a strawberry shortcake.
5. To feel ... as in the soft skin of a newborn baby.
6. To laugh ... as in the antics of a child on Christmas morning.
7. To love ... as shown in the eyes of a newly married couple.

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous.

The story is a gentle reminder: The most precious gifts in life cannot be built by hand or bought by money.

--Beecher Hunter