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News To Help You Save Time And Money

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Learning The True Value Of Money

A rich rancher had a lazy and fun-loving son. Wanting to teach him the value of hard work, he told his son one day: "I want you to go out and earn some money today. If you don't, you won't get any dinner tonight."

The son didn't know what to do, so he asked his mother for help. She gave him a gold coin, which he showed his father that night.

The rancher said, "Fine. Go throw it in the well."

With a shrug, the boy did as he was told.

The next morning the rancher gave his son the same instructions. This time the boy went to his sister, who lived in town. She also gave him a gold coin. Once again, that evening, the rancher told his son to toss it down the well—which he did with a shrug.

On the third day the rancher again told his son to earn some money. But he found that his mother and sister couldn't spare any more gold coins, so he went to town to look for work at the market. After hours without luck, one merchant offered him a few silver coins in exchange for loading his wagon. It was exhausting work, and the boy kept it up all afternoon until he received his pay and staggered home, hungry and trembling with fatigue.

And again the rancher said, "Take those coins and throw them in the well."



This time the son protested: "No, father! I worked hard all day for that silver!"

The rancher smiled. "Now you know what money is really worth."

~Amy Shair

Win A Prize!

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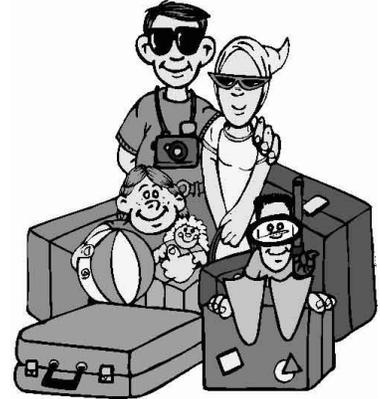
*Success is getting what you want.
Happiness is wanting what you get.*

—Dale Carnegie

5 Tips For A Better Family Vacation

Vacations are exciting, but also stressful. Here are 5 ways to help reduce stress for both parents and kids on your next family vacation:

1. Make a three-part checklist for the trip with items to do a week before, a day before, and an hour before leaving. Give a copy to everyone in the family and make them responsible for marking each item complete. Have everyone check each other's lists.
2. Be ready with spontaneous family games that don't require any props. You can play them in the car, the hotel room, anytime there's a waiting period. You can find ebooks filled with these kinds of games...download one for the trip.
3. Be ready to play airport or destination scavenger hunt or bingo. Have the kids search for certain things, like "The first person to spot an Arrival Board" or "The first person to find a taxi." At the end of a period, add the points and offer prizes.
4. Every day at dinner, go around the table and ask everyone what their favorite thing was that day. This is an amazing way to anchor positive memories.
5. Give everyone time apart, time to do nothing, time to be independent (as appropriate for each person's age). This can be as little as a 15-minute break to play on your separate phones, read, nap, or take a walk alone.



The Internet Is (Almost) Everywhere

Access to the Internet has expanded around the world, according to the Pew Research Center. A global survey found that 54 percent of people in the developing world considered themselves "Internet users" in 2015, up from 45 percent just two years earlier. Those users include 37 percent of survey respondents who said they own a smartphone, an increase from 21 percent in 2013.

Still, growth is slow in some parts of the world. In Africa, the countries Burkina Faso, Uganda, and Ethiopia have Internet use rates below 20 percent. The rate is 42 percent in South Africa and 39 percent of Nigeria, two of Africa's largest economies.

Meanwhile, advanced economies have much higher rates—94 percent in South Korea, 93 percent in Australia, 90 percent in Canada, 89 percent in the United States, and 89 percent in the United Kingdom.

**NEED A DEEP CLEAN
BEFORE SUMMER
VISITORS ARRIVE?**



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What Are Teens Looking At?

If you think your kid is checking his or her smartphone every 30 seconds, you may not be far off. A study of more than 200 eighth-graders reported on the CNN website found that the heaviest social media users check the Internet more than 100 times daily, even when they're in school. Here's what they're looking at:

- Checking their online posts for comments and "likes" - 61%.
- Seeing whether friends are doing things without them - 36%.
- Making sure friends aren't saying mean things about them - 21%.

Fifteen percent of teens in the study reported receiving inappropriate photos. And 94 percent of parents were unaware of the amount of fighting that occurs on social media.

Need help with
projects around
the house?



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Summer Quiz Question

Question: Where did camels originate?

The first person to call in with the right answer will win a prize!

Call Amy at 919-469-6539 with your quiz answer.

NOTE: It usually takes 2 days for the winning answer – don't hesitate to try!

The Spring Quiz Winner was Julie Gattis.

Timely Gardening Tips

- **Remove Flower Seeds** – As you make the rounds of your garden, clip away faded flowers of plants that make seed including crepe myrtle, rhododendron and azalea to help develop more flower buds for next season's bloom.
- **Dig Flower Bulbs** – As soon as foliage dies down, dig tulips, Dutch iris, narcissus, and other hardy bulbs. Divide and replant bulbs immediately, or store in a cool, dry place and plant them this fall. It isn't necessary to dig them up each year, but at least take them up and divide often enough to keep them from becoming root bound.
- **Hang up the hummingbird feeders!** 
- **Summer Pruning** – For bushy well-shaped plants that bloom profusely, prune shrubs as they grow. Prune by cutting or pinching out growing tips to make vigorous new shoots from several branches. In June, prune abelia, forsythia, privets, mock orange, deutzia, althea, bush honeysuckle, weigelia and euonymus
- **Prune Climbing Roses** after they bloom; fertilize at that time.

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FIREWORKS !

Check out Amy's latest blog post for a list of activities, celebrations and fireworks for the July 4th holiday!

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