



Looking at this photo brings back many happy memories of a day that was perfect for taking photos. I remember the day so vividly in my mind. The sun was softly shining behind clouds that diffused the light perfectly. The location was on a deserted road that had a sign that read bridge out. These flowers were growing so thick and tall along the roadside and seemed to scream for someone to stop and take notice of their wild beauty. The flowers grew right up to the edge of highway and ran for about 100 feet. I was out of the car for about an hour and never saw another car. It was a perfect day for photography.

These gorgeous flowers spoke to me so plainly on this special day and they spoke with a language that every person can understand. I could almost sense the presence of a smile radiating from each of these blessed plants on this day. Strange how a scene so perfect, so tranquil, so easy to remember was seen by so few people. It is funny how just remembering the amazing (Perhaps imagined) smiles of a few hundred wild flowers can still bring warmth and sunshine to my life.

Is that not the case with us also? A smile has incredible power; a smile is the lighting system of the face and the healing system of the heart. A smile has the ability to open doors. A smile adds value and enjoyment to everything we do. A smile is a very inexpensive way to improve your looks; it costs nothing but creates much. We should consider ourselves improperly dressed unless we are wearing a smile. A smile has the power to make a person unforgettable.

If there should be anyone in this wide world who is smiling today, it should be us. We who are rich beyond belief to most of this world, why are we not smiling? Blessed with luxuries and privileges our grandparents could not dream of, and yet we wear a frown. Today, let us examine our hearts; let's look around at our family and friends and give them this beautiful gift

that only we can give . . . our smile. It just might surprise you how powerful your smile can be. It can not only brighten their day, but it can also change and improve our lives today.

If you find yourself traveling on a deserted road today with a sign that reads bridge out, why not give all who pass your way a big juicy smile? It just might make a happy memory for someone today, one they will never forget. Give it a try, what have you got to lose?

Something to think about:

- Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles.
- We have careful thought for the stranger,
 - And smiles for the sometime guest,
 - But oft for our own the bitter tone,
 - Though we love our own the best.
- Don't get angry at the person who acts in ways that displease you. Give him the smile he lacks. Spread the sunshine of your Lord's limitless love.
- Plant a word of love heart-deep in a person's life. Nurture it with a smile and a prayer, and watch what happens.
- Life is like a mirror—if we frown at it, it frowns back at us; if we smile, it returns the greeting.
- Some people grin and bear it—others smile and change it.

The guy who loves a smiling face
Rickey Moore

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