



Look backward
with gratitude
& forward with
confidence.

What are you looking for?

Saturday, I had a great day; I met my daughters for a picnic at Little River Canyon, near Fort Payne, Alabama. It was the first time we have all been together for a while and it was a day I will not soon forget. We did not have expensive food or fine china, nor did we have to make reservations, but what we shared was very satisfying to body and soul. It was the kind of meal where your fingers were the utensils and drinks were served out of bottles and cans.

We sat under the trees and exchanged stories of Hannah's School in New York, Rebekah's work, school and gymnastics. We laughed and teased each other as I demonstrate my skills on the balance beam (Old fallen tree). We recall other trips to this spot and smile; we look forward to how our lives are changing and dream of what it will be like. We put our arms around each other and walk to look over the canyon. We sit and listen to the sounds of the river below us. We lie on the rocks and soak up the sun, then much too quickly, we hug and say goodbye.

Many times as we stare out over beautiful vistas like this gorge, we see much more than the gorgeous sight that's before us. We look back into the past and remember or we peer into the future and wonder; come with me and examine the years that have numbered your life, what do you see? Gaze into the future, what do you hope to see?

No matter how you answered those questions, we can all find so many things to be thankful for. As we look over our lives a great deal of what we see depends on what we are looking for. Spend your time looking for the good things in your life and in others and guess what you will find?

Something to think about:

- ❖ A blind man's world is bounded by the limits of his touch; an ignorant man's world by the limits of his knowledge; a great man's world by the limits of his vision.
- ❖ Only he who can see the invisible can do the impossible.
- ❖ Vision encompasses vast vistas outside the realm of the predictable, the safe, and the expected.
- ❖ Vision looks inward and becomes a duty. Vision looks outward and becomes aspiration. Vision looks upward and becomes faith.
- ❖ Some people go back into the past and rake up all the troubles they ever had, and then they look into the future and anticipate that they will have still more trouble, and then they go reeling and staggering all through life.
- ❖ The intelligent person is not only open to new ideas—he looks for them.

Looking for something

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