IT’S AS SIMPLE AS ROOTBEER FLOATS

CREATING MEMORIES

 What does it take to create memories? Now for all of you intellectuals out there, I am not referring to the complex way our brain works to store short and long term information. I am referring to the simple but precious memorials that we all possess from the careless days our childhood offered to us to the present labor and complexity of adulthood. The word “memory” simply means “*The faculty of the mind by which it retains the knowledge of past events, or ideas which are past*.” The key thought here is that we have the ability to outline in the present what will be remembered in the future.

 When I reminisce about my childhood, my memories take me back to the carefree days of childhood. Society was different in the seventies and eighties as I was growing up. You could actually ride a bike then and not have to wear a helmet. You could roller skate without wearing knee and elbow pads. My dad owned a 1963 Plymouth fury and I don’t even know if it had seat belts in it. We would ride up in the back window, lie in the floorboard, and lay across our parents laps as we traveled.

 My memories take me to those nostalgic places of Thanksgiving and Christmas with the family. Even as I write this article, I can almost smell and taste my Grandmothers cornbread dressing. I grew up in a time when families still played board games, and my twin brother and I, being the youngest siblings, were the remote control for the TV.

 Memories have a wonderful way of making those who have been touched by age, young again. Whether the memories we possess are negative or positive they become a part of us and help develop us as a person. The unique thing about memories is that they can be created. We can create in the present what will be remembered in the future. What a wonderful opportunity for our own lives as individuals and those of our families! What memories are you creating for your children to remember? What will your children reminisce about to their children and families? Are we taking the opportunity to create positive or negative memories for our children?

 It does not take much for someone to create a memory. The title of this article is “It’s as easy as root beer floats”. Something that we have done in our family is to have a set time every week where we, as a family enjoy root beer floats. This is something that I trust will one day be a memory for my children that they can look back on and enjoy. We have supper together as a family around a table every night. I want my children to remember family time. Are you creating memories for your children? Take the time to make it special and fun. Create something positive for them to hold on to as they get older and begin to have families of their own. Memories are wonderful opportunities to secure the future happiness of your home. Will your children just remember how much you worked, or fought, or spent time with the boys / girls instead of them? Take every opportunity you can to create every positive memory that you can. Live now how you want your children to remember you in the future.

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