



Lasting Impressions By Roger Bothwell

It has been over nine hours now and my legs still feel like I am continually, simultaneously getting a few hundred hypodermic shots. I made the mistake of bushwhacking through the forest while I was wearing shorts and suddenly found myself in the midst of knee-high stinging nettles. They left a lasting impression.

There are many things and many people who leave lasting impressions upon us. Too much ice cream leaves its lasting impressions around our middles. Certain teachers we had left lasting impressions on our characters. Historical characters, both positively and negatively, have left lasting impressions on the world. Hitler certainly left his impression. But I would so rather think of Jesus, whose lasting impression was so powerful it divided time itself.

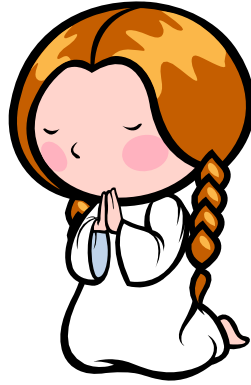
Most of the people I know would most of the time want to leave an impression but merely blend into the crowd. However, there are times in all our lives when we want to impress that certain girl or that certain guy. If we don't impress them, another will; and we will be getting a wedding invitation with someone's name embossed other than our own.

This week I was wandering through an old New England cemetery and saw lots of names. I wondered whether or not I would ever get to meet these people. There is a chance. If they made Jesus the Lord of their lives, their names will be lastingly impressed into the Book of Life mentioned in the Book of Revelation. Now that's a lasting impression I certainly want to make and very much want you to also make. Just ask. Heaven is eagerly waiting for your request.





Children's Prayers



Dear God, please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now.

Amanda

Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

Joyce

Dear Mr. God, I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart. I had to have 3 stitches and a shot.

Janet

God, I read the Bible. What does beget mean? Nobody will tell me.

Love, Alison

Dear God, How did you know you were God? Who told you? Charlene

Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.

Nancy

Share



Dear God, I like the story about Noah the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones. I like walking on water, too.

Glenn

Dear God, My Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go?

Love, Dennis

Dear God, Do you draw the lines around the countries? If you don't, who does?

Nathan

Dear God, Did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident?

Norma

Dear God, In Bible times, did they really talk that fancy? Jennifer

Dear God, How come you did all those miracles in the old days and don't do any now?

Billy

Dear God, Please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year.

Peter

Dear God, Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they each had their own rooms. It works out OK with me and my brother.

Larry

Dear God, I keep waiting for spring, but it never did come yet. What's up? Don't forget.

Mark



Share



Dear God, My brother told me about how you are born but it just doesn't sound right. What do you say?

Marsha

Dear God, If you watch in Church on Sabbath I will show you my new shoes.

Barbara

Dear God, Is Reverend Coe a friend of yours, or do you just know him through the business?

Donny

Dear God, I do not think anybody could be a better God than you. Well, I just want you to know that. I am not just saying that because you are already God.

Charles

Dear God, It is great the way you always get the stars in the right place. Why can't you do that with the moon?

Jeff

Dear God, I am doing the best I can. Really.

Frank

And, saving the best for last . . .

Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday night. That was really cool.

Thomas

