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This week our daughter Alyssa and her husband Morgan came home for a visit. It has been wonderful to see them. I love them and I am grateful for their good choices. I have been thinking about those choices this week. Morgan is 20 years old. They have been married for two years. He has a beautiful baby boy (6 months) and another one on the way. Morgan has worked so hard these past two years to provide for and take care of his family.

A few months ago I was in Arizona visiting them. I was talking to Morgan about work, life etc. At some point I asked him about hobbies and what he enjoyed doing when he wasn't working. He looked at me for a long minute. I could see his mind searching to understand what I was saying, then he replied "I only work, I don't have time for anything else." Morgan has sacrificed all of his free time, worked full time, and completed schooling courses and certifications for advancements for his career in corrections. He is focused on his family and making sure that their needs are provided for, AND he never complains...

I hurt my back this week bending and twisting to move a box. It has bothered me for a few days but one morning I woke up at 4am with it aching and couldn't go back to sleep. I got up and got ready for the day. From our staircase I can see out the front door. A man was walking up to deliver a package. As he set it on the porch I couldn't help but feel grateful that he was out working this morning. I imagine he has a family and I somehow felt that he was earning extra money before going to his 8-5 job.

I have thought about my husband and how hard he has worked, always sacrificing for our family. Now my children are sacrificing to make a wonderful life for their children.

I am grateful for the men in the world that are good examples to their kids. Those that love them and are willing to sacrifice their own hobbies and time to provide and teach their children.

The Lord is clear that men need to provide for and protect their families. The success of a man is not measured by what he achieves but by the diligence he gives in working to achieve it.

New Testament

1 Timothy 5:8

8 But if any provider not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Book of Mormon

2 Nephi 1:21

21 ... arise from the dust, my sons and be men, and be determined in one mind and in one heart, united in all things, that ye may not come down into captivity.

Our Savior is a perfect example to men. He rejected temptation. He was obedient. He went about doing good, always in service to others. He gave His life to redeem us. Our Savior taught how men should be.

Book of Mormon

3 Nephi 27:27

27 ... therefore what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am.

I am grateful for the honorable men in my life. I am grateful for the example they are to their sons.



With love,
Leslie

Sweet baby Joy is feeling much better.

