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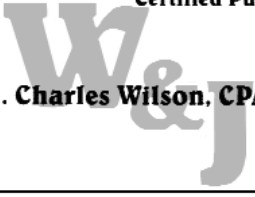
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Inspirational Thought...

Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

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Time Out...

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While he lay bleeding and unconscious on the road, this crazed individual tried to finish the job by running him over with his van. Jeremy's friend pulled my son's body out of the way just in time.

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This enraged motorist, potential murderer, and apparent father of two children has never been found.

Sitting in that chilly room in intensive care, memories of my son's childhood days kept filtering in and out of my mind; his first barbershop haircut, his first makeshift fort he built in the backyard, his first Cubscout badge, his first stitches for a cut on the foot.

But this injury was bad - and all the kisses in the world would not make it better.

A decision was made then - a decision to turn my life over to God - right away, all the way. The room suddenly seemed a much warmer place indeed.

Something unexpected happened later that morning - my son's condition was upgraded to fair. His recovery was progressing at a rapid rate. He was subsequently discharged two days later. Two years later, he is doing well with absolutely no residual side effects.

Was it the intervention of God or the intervention of modern medical science that played a major role here?

I believe it was God's intervention. Nothing would make me believe otherwise. My son's recovery was too fast, too uncomplicated. And although the event was a very traumatic one, everything fell into place at just the right time for all the right reasons.

I now take "time out" to consider each day as a gift and have stopped the incessant worrying about what will happen next year or tomorrow. I have ceased losing sleep at night over the fact that this dangerous criminal has not been found and punished for the terrible crime he committed. I have discovered that life, with all its terrors and tragedies, is still a thing of potential beauty and dignity, to live is good, to live with the Lord in your life is even better.

"Prayer digs the channels from the reservoir of God's boundless resources to the tiny pools of our lives."