

Tuesday - February 28

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:23 (KJV)

My Grandma Ginny lived to be 90 years old. At her funeral, I remember standing by her casket, as over 500 people came through the line. My family and I still talk about how many of the callers said that Ginny was their very best friend.

My grandmother was only 18 when she had her first baby. This quickly changed her plans of going to college and being a teacher. After two more children, my grandfather left her and she was instantly a single mother. That was in 1959. To make ends meet, my grandmother cleaned houses, earning only a few dollars a day. She never owned her own home, she never learned to drive, but she never felt sorry for herself.

Grandma Ginny was a Christian and had inner joy. She shared her gift of educating children in a preschool Sunday School Class at Calvary United Methodist Church. Imagine how many lives she touched during her 50 years of perfect attendance. Many children in Jackson, Ohio knew their Bible Stories because of my grandmother. I am so grateful my son Tommy, had the opportunity to be in her class when we returned for occasional visits. My Grandma was the one that taught him the Lord's Prayer.

One of her other missions was to send cards to everyone she knew. Grandma Ginny sent birthday cards, get well cards, and sympathy cards, writing the most thoughtful and personal letters in each one. At times, the only card they received was from her.

She spent what little resources she had buying snacks for her Sunday School children and stamps for greeting cards. Even though she didn't have much money, she was the richest woman in town.

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Prayer: Dear God, thank you for giving me such a fine example in my grandmother to show how one person can share Your love with so many. Amen.