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There are days that I just want to throw in the towel and scream at the top of my lungs “I SURRENDER”!!! Those days seem to start out bad and just stay on course for the entire day. Do you know why they stay on course for the rest of the day? It’s because my attitude is what determines the course that my day will take, that’s precisely why. When catastrophe strikes first thing in the morning ... whether in the form of a pen that bursts and leaves a lake of ink in my lap or the printer decides it doesn’t want to perform in the manner in which it was instructed to or even if someone close to me seems determined to infect me with their negativity ... I still have the ability within myself to NOT REACT ... to immediately go to the “switch box” in my head and change course. Often times though, I stay on course and the day just grinds to an achingly slow pace and with each step I take I find myself heading deeper and deeper into a

certain measure of despair.

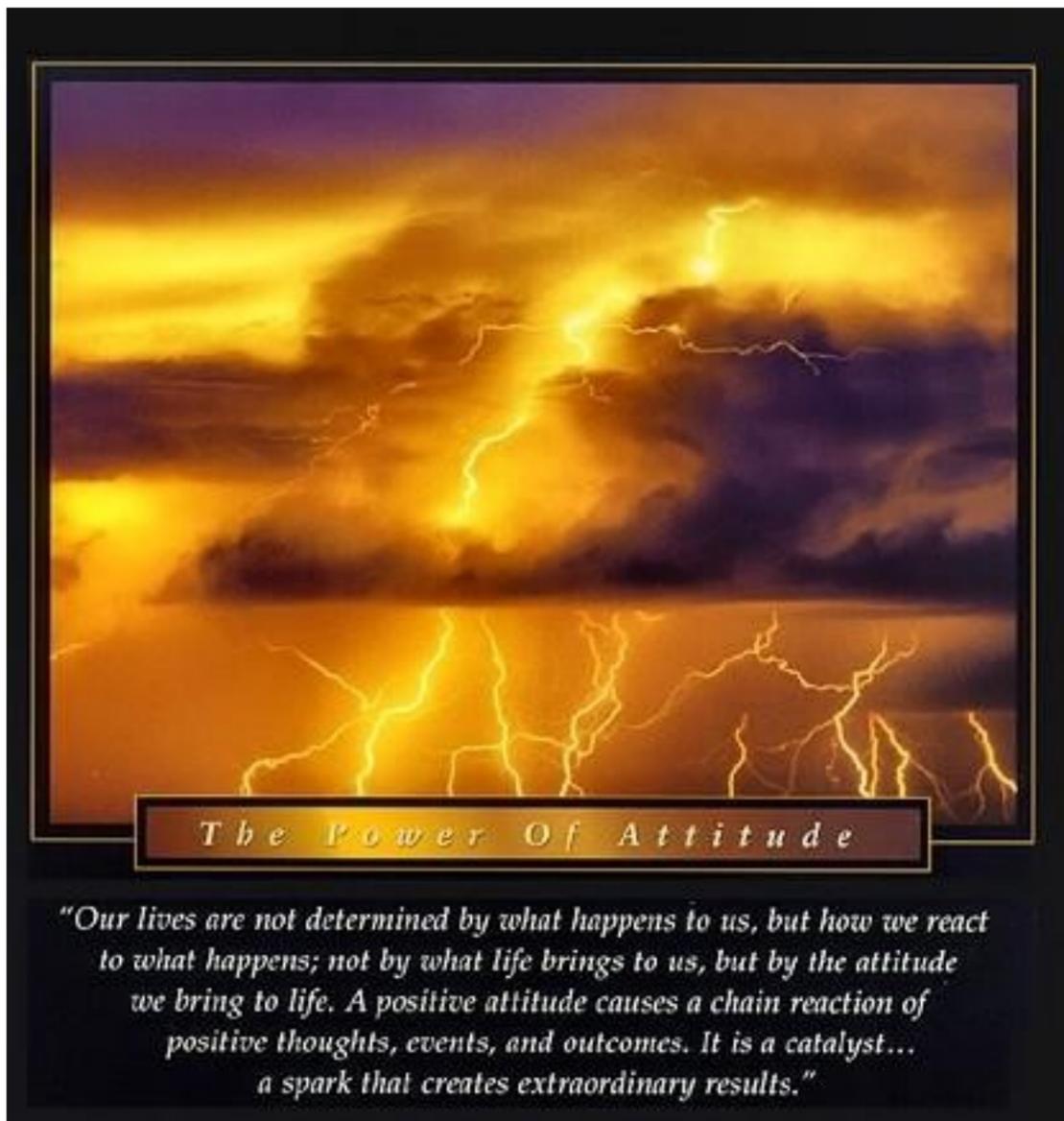
Now, as old as I am, you would think that I would have learned by now to not be SO REACTIVE. I should instead remain calm and serene and go to that little peaceful place in my head when things happen that I could really do without and yet have little or no control of. Perhaps a tiny dose of humor would help as well. What if, when the broken ink pen decides to leave its murky imprint permanently on my new jeans



(not to mention on my legs themselves) I just laughed at the shape it left behind ... oh look ... it looks like a poodle (instead of a puddle) ... (rofl: rolling on floor laughing). So what if the printer decides it has a mind of its own (as can ONLY happen in “techie world”) ... (sarcasm alert) ... what if instead of fuming about it and getting grumpy about it, I instead say (aloud – it seems to be more effective) “look here printer ... this is not a good day for you to misbehave – I am going to have to turn you off now and make you stay in this corner until you decide to correct your current stance”. Okay, in reality I can’t even

SWITCH BOX

-By Brenda Dwyer



The Power Of Attitude

“Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but how we react to what happens; not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst... a spark that creates extraordinary results.”

believe I just wrote that let alone actually thought it because I would certainly never talk out loud to a piece of machinery (except my car) ... but “any who” ... my point is this ... why get so wound up in the moment? Why don’t I just instead go on my way and address it later? If the problem hasn’t remedied itself by the time “later” arrives then I will address it in a way that can only be appreciated by like-minded people ... I will shoot it (with a water gun). NOTE TO (your) SELF: I did mention a (tiny dose of) humor helps. Then last, but certainly not the least of my musing, what would happen (given I was changing course in my mind) if someone did bring their negativ-

ity with them first thing in the morning? What then? Well, I could simply ask them to “check it” (to kind of break the ice) and should they ask “check what?” I would simply respond ... check the personal baggage at the door please then come on in. I am sure they would get the message and then I wouldn’t have to worry about trying to hustle and get a “negativity quarantine” put into place. To persevere is, I think, key. To be purposeful in starting each day with a positive outlook is some-

thing to continuously strive for. I know I’m not the only one with this particular struggle. I hear others comment often about individuals who seem to be happy all of the time and how wonderful their life must be. Really, you think so? I don’t ... I don’t think their lives are any more fascinating or wonderful than my own ... I just think they know all too well the secret to being happy all of the time, it’s called ...

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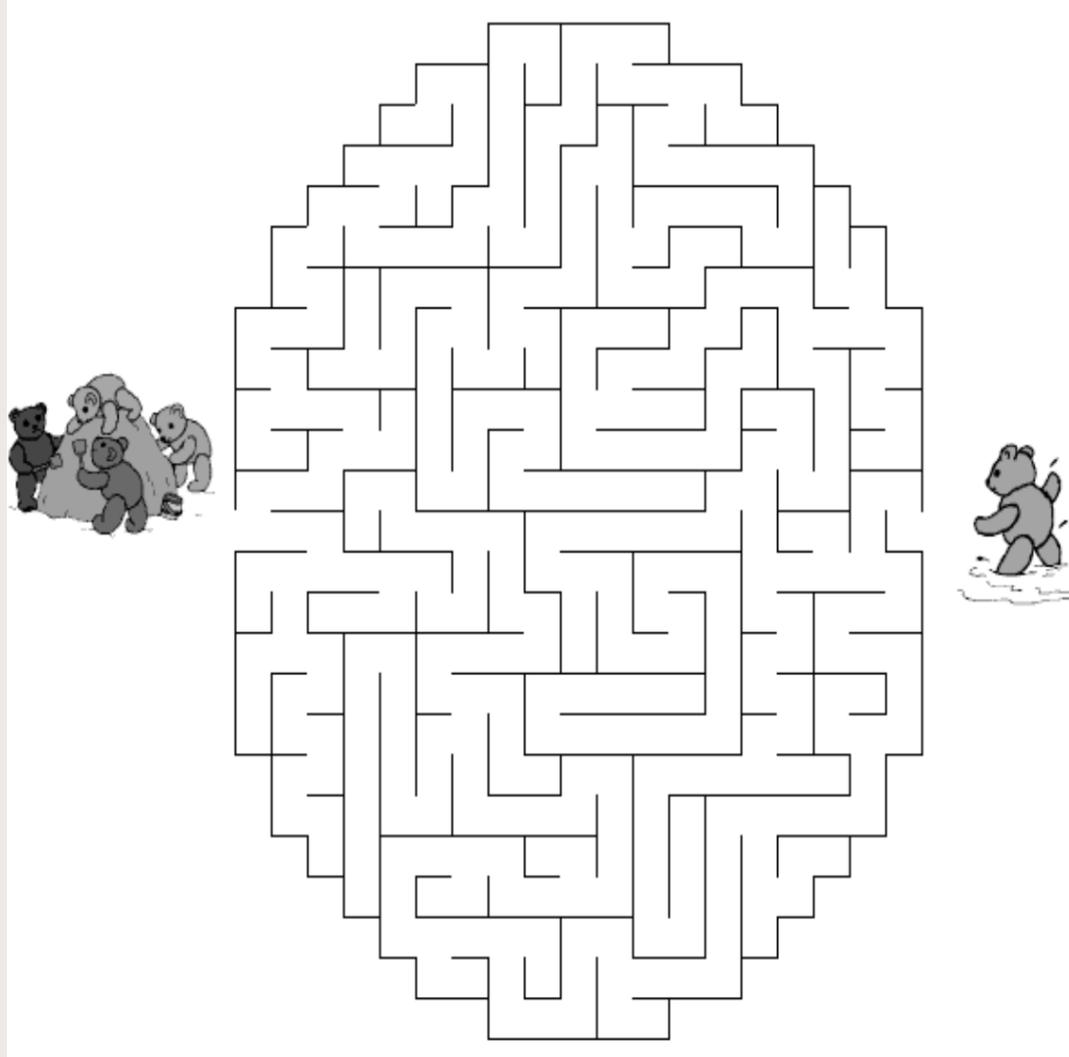
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Inside The Tea Room

-By Brenda Dwyer

She thought if she tippy-toed up behind Mr. Frog he wouldn't hear her nor would he see her. Across the sodden grass she crept ... putting her feet one in front of the other. Just as she was about to whisper his name he let out a deep, resounding croak. It startled her so that she fell, off-balance, to her knees. There he stayed. Right there in front of her ... just inches away. His little eyes blinked time and again. It was as if he was waiting for her. She could see the sleek texture of his back, the glistening skin beckoning for her touch. She gin-

gerly reached her chubby little fingers out to touch him and as if he knew ... he turned on his two tiny front legs as if to greet her. It was a magical moment, for sure. "Why hello there Mr. Frog" she whispered. "I'm so sorry if I gave you a start!" she went on. "When I saw you here I thought it would be wonderful to get to know you." And so it went ... she chatted and he just sat there soaking up her attention. They met this way off and on for the next two years until one day Mr. Frog was no longer there. It broke her heart after she realized that her friend was not coming back. She was, however, two years older now and was able to think back on

all of the fun times, all of the times she had confided in her friend and ... she was thankful. Sometimes the memories of a thing are so very precious (for they last a lifetime) and no matter where life takes us ... we can carry them along.

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A Friend is ...

"What kind of friend are you?"

What do you mean?

"I mean, would you consider yourself to be considerate, loyal, available and steadfast?"

Well, quite honestly, I don't know where to start.

"It's not that difficult."

Your question is multi-layered, the way I see it.

"It's a simple question."

Perhaps, but you're not asking it of a simple person.

"Come again?!"

First of all I would need you to define what you mean by a friend and then I would have to tell you a story. You see, I have never attracted friends, per se. I have been a friend at times when someone needed me but I have never had the time nor the inclination to be a friend to any one person for any great

length of time.

"Wow."

Most people have at least one really good friend that they can depend on for most anything. Some people have friends that they have had since childhood. Quite a few people seem to collect friends and have several. I don't fall within either one of those classifications. I am more of a loner and yet I am available for any one person who may need a friend at any given time.

"I've kind of noticed that about you." "You seem to really be in the moment with people when they are talking to you ... it's like they are the only person in the world that exists when they are in front of you ... but then you are off to something else as soon as they're gone."

Yea, I guess that is how it

would seem. Doesn't seem so bad to me though ... what is to be gained by having someone else to be responsible for all of the time? It takes so much energy to nurture friendships and I would rather expend that energy on my husband and my family. I love having people in my life that I can exchange ideas, experiences and love with and my life is so very full that the only way I can ever imagine having the type of friend you are probably thinking of would be if God put someone in my life with that intent. In the meantime ... I will keep on being the only kind of friend I know how to be ... someone who gives you 100% in the moment ... and just hope it is enough.

I always tell people that I meet that seem to want more



of me that I know at some point in our journey I will fail them ... God will never fail them ... but I will. I know it. I simply never seem to find enough time to satisfy a long term friendship.

So, in answer to your ques-

tion "what kind of friend are you" ... I would have to say I am honest, dependable, considerate and available ... in the moment. That's the only kind of friend I know how to be.

What kind of friend are YOU?



From our Kitchen

Easy Granola

4 cups old-fashioned rolled oats (not quick cooking)
1 cup sliced almonds
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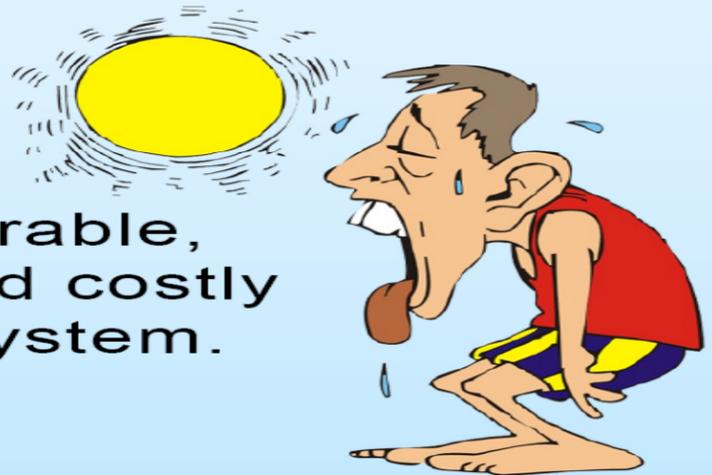
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