

Mother's Day is in May and this is how Erma Bombeck would do things.

If I Had My Life To Live Over Again, I Would -

- go to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I wasn't there for the day.
- burn the pink candle sculptured like a rose before it melted in storage.
- talk less and listen more.
- invite friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained or the sofa faded.
- eat the popcorn in the "good" living room and worry less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fire-place.
- take the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.
- never insist that the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.
- sit on the lawn with my children and not worry about grass stains.
- cry and laugh less while watching television and more while watching life.
- never buy anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.
- instead of wishing away 9 months of pregnancy, cherish every moment and realize that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

- Submitted by Alice Miller

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ultimately pollutes wells, rivers and lakes. Out of sight, out of mind.

We've used this approach for years. Factories like Bakelite in Belleville were situated close to water to make it easier to dispose of manufacturing byproducts. We seemed to think if we flushed our sewage into streams that would carry it away then our troubles were over. Of course, flushers upstream of us thought the same thing.

This business about being green ain't easy. We've now become accustomed to toting our own bags into the grocery store to avoid the five cent fee for a grocery bag. That is, if we can remember to get the bags out of the car. I can't remember the number of times I've gone into the store, then turned around and walked back to the car, remembering my bags only after I've entered the store. It's OK if the store charges me a nickel. But to hold the moral high ground, *if I bring my own bags, they ought to give me a nickel* for each bag of my own that I fill. Rather than that, corporate biggies smirk as the net profit rises.

Greening is good and necessary for the environment. I know that. I just don't like having to pick up the mess that careless, selfish, thoughtless people leave on our roads, saving a micro-cent by turning off the bathroom lights when I shower and I like even less witnessing organizations using "greening" as a profit lever.

- George Underhill

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