



## Monday Matters

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### Home - The Nicest Place on Earth

Searching for a new home is an interesting quest. There are countless reasons that motivates someone to begin that quest. It could be job related, family related or it could be the interest in a life style change - a bigger house, a smaller house, a city house, a country house - the list is endless. For whatever reason, when we move we take all of our stuff from the old place and move it to the new place. Often we lament about all that stuff and resolve to lighten our load. Some are decidedly more successful at doing this and some admittedly are unable to determine what they could possibly part with. Perhaps we attach memories to things and when getting rid of something we emotionally feel the memory will be weakened or be lost. It's a challenging process, but we always admit it's time to size down and unload the excess.

Once all these decisions are made and life settles down, the new place becomes home. With time and being surrounded by what we count as familiar our

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**Whenever God Shines  
His Light  
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### Quote of the Week

"Home is the nicest thing  
there is."

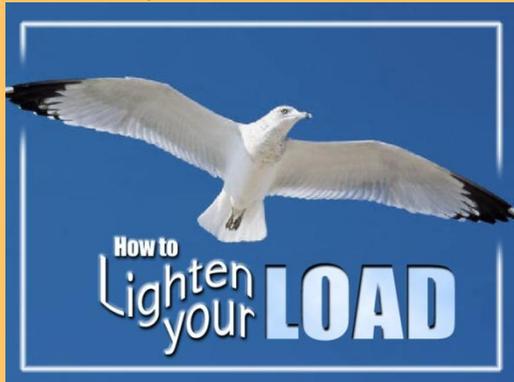
~Laura Ingalls Wilder~

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house becomes a home. Gradually it becomes our place of peace, comfort and contentment. It is a satisfying feeling to feel at home, to be in a place you call your sanctuary...your safe place, your refuge. It's a place you are loved and accepted for who you are.

Life itself can be a sanctuary - a safe place where you "live" because God loves you and accepts you for who you are. The realization of this comes when you have grappled with then grasped that truth. However, the story never stops with God. He has big dreams and plans for you. Even though He accepts you, He is ready and ever watchful to be involved with your life each day as it progresses and matures according to His ways. We all have burdens to carry - they mold and make us. But evaluate those heavy loads according to what God's purpose and plan is for your life. What would be diminished if you let go of some of the load to make your life lighter? Would life take on more peace, comfort and contentment?



What is the load you carry that God did not destine to use for His glory? Is it worry, bad habits or inconsistent living? Is it lack of trust in His love for you, impatience for "it" to happen now or dependence on people and things instead of dependence on Him? As for God - His way is perfect. He knows a life with a bearing-down load is not the freedom He has promised for you.

Live in His light with a lighter load and love what He is doing with your life.

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