



Monday Matters

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Lines of Life

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There are eight types of lines in visual arts. They are horizontal, vertical, diagonal, curved, patterned, contour, implied and actual. Horizontal lines provide stability and rest to the image. It defines permanency and consistency. Vertical lines give mood. They can create a sense of strength and also stability. Diagonal lines create stunning perspectives. They produce dynamics as if something is moving. Contour lines provide the edges to shapes, and composition lines are actual or implied lines which guide the viewer's eye about the art piece. Each type of line has an artistic purpose to achieve.

Looking in the mirror can give you an instant image of a collection of interesting lines. These lines on our face are a road map of experiences and memories. Laugh lines tell of silly times enjoyed with our children or grandchildren. They tell of times that we have laughed at the circus clown and his hilarious antics, or chuckled while watching America's Funniest Videos. They tell us of the good times we've had with family and friends. The many enjoyable and rich moments in life become visible over the years through the lines on our face. Lines also tell of our worries. They tell that we have worried over our children's challenges in life. They tell of our worry over a sick loved one or the worry about an uncertain future.

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Quote of the Week

"The cares of this life
emerge as very small items
indeed along our daily
path."

~~ Watchman Nee~~

The Nelson Family

No two facial road map lines are the same. They are uniquely created within the framework of life - a unique life. So, when you look at those developing lines or those well-routed lines, count your blessings. They may be a visible reflection of the most happy of times...or the hard times that you have survived. Think of the person you have become so far. Think of the richness that has been cultivated in your life through all the times -happy times or challenging times.



What can you do with the results of those lines created by life? Are there experiences that you can share with another? Is there a young mother struggling with a sick child? Can you pray for that young mother, or share a comforting word of how you met that challenge one day with your own child? Is there joy to share? Have you had a good laugh with a friend over funny stories about how life at times dishes us something wonderfully unexpected - those funny little moments that should not go unnoticed?

Life is big - embrace it for what it is and know that you are going somewhere for some reason. That may not always be clear along the way, but in God's divine plan you are clearly in His line of vision and clearly in His heart of love. When you develop lines of joy or lines of sorrow, know that God can turn that into something that makes your life deeply rich and meaningful for His glory.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

~Helen Keller~



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