

POEMS & PROVERBS

Advice

**Giving to others our counsel we lend, is most honorable and kind.
But if they find we're misinformed, they'll pay us no more mind.**

**We can give of what we've got, and nothing more you see,
until we seek His gracious help, upon our bended knee.**

**So when we think that we must give, advice to ones we love,
make sure we know that it is so, from guidance up above.**

Jim Goodrich - 1977

Motherhood

The love and devotion of a mother will be exhibited in the conduct of her children, as the hand that rocks the cradle has the ability to instill the spirit of peace and righteousness, including a love of god, into the hearts and minds of those she nurtures.

A child's adult perception of good and evil will be founded upon what they have learned during those very important formative years.

Jim Goodrich - 2003

Fatherhood

A father has the responsibility to stand for truth and righteousness, to manifest good works, and to exemplify Christ-like traits in all of his actions. If he chooses to the contrary, he could very well be obliged to watch his posterity dwindle in unbelief.

Jim Goodrich - 2003

Admonishment

Childhood is a time to learn, the reason for our lives;
that we may know where man will go, when our mortal body dies.

To find out where we came from, and where we want to be,
when we leave this frail existence, to live eternally.

What must we do, to give us hope, for the blessings of our Savior?
How can we find our peace of mind, and win His loving favor?

Have faith in our Lord's mercy, and in His loving grace.
Prepare to meet Him at the judgment bar, and see Him face to face.

Love the Lord with all your heart, and worship Him within,
and seek the things that we must do, to win the war with sin.

Give honor to our parents, to do so we must be,
good children of the Lord above, a light for them to see.

Forgive the sins of others, and help them on their way,
for God the Father gave His son, our sins for Him to pay.

Remember always, why our God, gave His son to send.
Then lastly, live in righteousness, and endure until the end.

Jim Goodrich – Christmas 2005

Poverty

The eye of the needle for a rich man, obstructs him in his goal,
for the riches of the world can taint, and corrupt the mortal soul.

Success is not determined, by our monetary wealth,
as we must develop godly traits, and nourish our spiritual health.

The soft embrace and loving touch, from ones we know in life,
gives comfort to our open wounds, through poverty and strife.

We must not lose our vision, of salvations gift of life.
How shallow is the natural world, to ignore God's truth and light.

So when we think that life's unfair, without what money buys,
then see it in a helpful way, a blessing in disguise

Jim Goodrich - 2004

Farewell My Friend

**At last this journey's over, and my pilot is in sight.
I see the Savior, He's my friend; He is taking me tonight.**

**Before I leave I want to speak, a word or two with you.
I would like to say I love you, and I know you love me too.**

**I ask that you'll forgive me, for my actions and my deeds.
I know that foolish thoughts and words, can plant some hurtful seeds.**

**Our children really need to know, my love for them is strong
To their children show them love, and teach them right from wrong.**

**One last embrace before I go; and I'll be on my way
For even though I'll miss your touch, I know I cannot stay**

**For me this life is over, I can now move on in peace.
So let me go my loving friend, for my life is soon to cease.**

**And when it comes your time to leave, this frail existence too;
The Savior will be there for you, at the veil he'll guide you through.**

Jim Goodrich - June 2008
