TO ALL MY FRIENDS

I’ve learned….That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I’ve learned….That when you’re in love, it shows.

I’ve learned….That just one person saying to me, “You’re made my day!” makes my day.

I’ve learned….That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings

 in the world.

I’ve learned….That being kind is more important than being right.

I’ve learned….That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I’ve learned….That I can always pray for someone when I don’t have the strength to help him

 in some other way.

I’ve learned….That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend

 to act goofy with.

I’ve learned….That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I’ve learned….That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was

 a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I’ve learned….That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it

 goes.

I’ve learned….That we should be glad God doesn’t give us everything we ask for.

I’ve learned….That money doesn’t buy class.

I’ve learned….That it’s those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I’ve learned….That under everyone’s hard shell is someone who wants to be held when it is a

 life threatening situation.

I’ve learned….That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Friends are very rare jewels, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us.

Take the time to show your friends and family how much you care. Send this to everyone you consider a friend, even if it means sending it back to the person who sent it to you. If it comes back to you, then you’ll know you have a circle of friends.

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