



Grandmother's advice still rings true today

I hope you have been able to get 2018 started in good fashion. Many of us start the New Year with the ambition of turning over a new leaf, but some of us roll our eyes at the very mention of New Year's resolutions. I know I'm guilty of it. The reason why I do is so many of those resolutions have fallen by the wayside. My intentions to grow a better version of me tend to get pushed aside by the demands of a busy life.



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I can hear my late grandmother now saying, "Time flies and you better remember to stop and smell the roses!" Well, I wish I could tell her how right she was.

Nowadays there is always something to do with work, or with the equally busy schedules of my wife and children, that quickly consumes the days of the week. I'm often left wondering where the time has gone, and if I actually accomplished the important things I set out to do.

I know I'm not alone in this dilemma. It's one of those extremely frustrating parts of life when we lose focus on what's important, whether it be spending quality time with our family, or all too often, spending time investing in ourselves. The hustle and bustle of everyday life push us to forego opportunities to continue our education or pursue a healthier lifestyle. We quickly lose sight of accomplishing our goals at the expense of meeting the expectations of others.

As parents we inherit this responsibility to put the needs of our family ahead of our own.

This, in turn, drives an overwhelming commitment to our careers so that we can rest in comfort knowing that we provide the best life possible for them. Regardless of the number of ballgames we have to attend, the countless recitals or the never-ending list of other social functions, we make sure that our children can participate in any and every way. We place these hectic schedules first, and forsake those chances to improve upon ourselves. In essence, we let life get in the way.

This New Year provides another opportunity to pursue a resolution. Whether it's to live healthier, to give a little more, or to just spend more time relaxing, the commitment must be accompanied by a can-do, never-quit attitude that doesn't fade away as we fall back into our normal, busy routine. This goes beyond New Year resolutions to even those once-in-a-lifetime chances to accomplish something dear to us. We must not look for excuses to not follow our own ambitions.

Being selfless is an attribute admired by all, and in this day and time it's becoming more and more rare. Nonetheless, I plead for you not to forget about yourself. Don't overlook those opportunities to accomplish your own dreams. Take the chance, and know that your family will support you, just as you support them. Be proud of what you have been able to provide, and reward your hard work accordingly. Most of all, make the commitment to Bring the Power back to your own life.

From each and every one of us at Southern Pine Electric, we wish you a happy New Year, and we look forward to the opportunities and adventures that 2018 has to offer.

The Mississippi Legislature convenes in January for the 2018 session

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