

Positively Speaking

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The Seven Ups

My dear young friend, Leah Conner, passed away unexpectedly recently, leaving behind a loving husband and two precious little boys. Her death came as a tremendous shock to all of her friends and loved ones. Just a few days before she died, Leah emailed this inspiring little message to me.

"Happy Wednesday, Pastor Mark! I thought you might be able to use this sometime." (I used this at her funeral service, and several people requested a copy)

The Seven Ups

1. Wake Up! Decide to have a good day.

"This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24

2. Dress Up! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." -- I Samuel 16:7.

3. Shush Up! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.

"He who guards his lips guards his soul." -- Proverbs 13:3

4. Stand Up! For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good.." -- Galatians 6:9-10

5. Look Up! To the Lord.

"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me". -- Philippians 4:13

6. Reach Up! For something higher.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." -- Proverbs 3:5-6

7. Lift Up! Your Prayers.

"Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." -- Philippians 4:6