

## **"A GIFT FOR THE ELDERLY"**

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**Three sons left home**, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The **first** said, "I built a big house for our mother."

The **second** said, I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The **third** smiled and said, "I've got you both beat. You remember how mom enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, mom sent out her **letters of thanks**:

"**Milton**," she wrote one son, "The house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"**Gerald**," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes, and the driver is so rude!"

"**Dearest Donald**," she wrote to her third son, "You have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."

There are many things that are humorous in life, but there are many things that are just not humorous, but are very serious. One of the most serious situations that face all of us in this world is the matter of salvation. **To be saved** from our sins here and in eternity, the Bible teaches that one must:

1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (Acts 16:31) 2) Repent Of Sins (Acts 17:30) 3) Confess Christ Audibly (Acts 8:37) 4) Be Baptized In Water (Acts 2:38) 5) Live A Christian Life (Acts 14:22) 6) Be Active In The Church (Acts 14:22)

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