

Happy May MKs!

Yesterday I had the joy of watching my daughters' awards ceremonies for her public school here in Ozark, MO. As they went through the names of who was the "student of the year" in various topics, none of the parents knew what their kids would be awarded – if anything! As they were going through the 3rd grade awards, I was so proud of Katherine when she was awarded an honor roll certificate and ribbon and a spelling award. After they were finished with the 3rd grade awards, the ceremony was going to be over, as 3rd grade is as high as her school goes. At the very end of the ceremony the principal had one last award to give out. She went on to describe how the "Citizen of the Year" for the school was a great person, kind to everyone, loving, respectful and always had a smile on her face. I can't tell you how proud I was when she named Katherine as the Citizen of the Year for her school!!

As I was thinking about it this morning, the thought struck me that my pride in my kids is exactly how God views each one of us! Did you know that God is proud of you? My chest kind of expanded a little when Katherine's name was mentioned. I know that God's thoughts of you are the same! He loves you so much. When He sees that you make positive choices, love others, or stand up for Him, I believe he nudges an angel next to Him, and says "THAT'S MY KID!" Sometimes we forget that God looks at us like His special child. Today I want to tell you that God is proud of YOU!

By the way, I had a great time in Jamaica last week at Joel and Leah (Puffpaff) Wilson's WEDDING! I was able to see the Brown family, and swim for a while with them. It was great to see you all again!

Blessings to all of you,

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