

if i had my life to live over  
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i would have talked less and listened more.

i would have invited friends over to dinner even if the  
carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

i would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living  
room and worried much less about the dirt when someone  
wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

i would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather  
ramble about his youth.

i would never have insisted the car windows be rolled  
up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased  
and sprayed.

i would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a  
rose before it melted in storage.

i would have sat on the lawn with my children and not  
worried about grass stains.

i would have cried and laughed less while watching  
television and more while watching life.

i would have shared more of the responsibility carried  
by my husband.

i would have gone to bed when i was sick instead of

pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if i weren't there for the day.

i would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, i'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

when my kids kissed me impetuously, i would never have said, "later. now go get washed up for dinner."

there would have been more "i love you's"... more "i'm sorry's"

but mostly, given another shot at life, i would seize every minute ... look at it and really see it ... live it ... and never give it back.

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a few of the older people may remember erma bombeck from years back. that's what she had to say. would you like to know what i would say (me and the singer dallas holmes)? i consider every day not spent for my Lord is less than it could be.

if i had it to do all over again  
i'd serve Jesus everyday of my life  
for i've found he alone can really satisfy  
and deliver me from all sin and strife

yes, it's Jesus, the only one  
Jesus, God's only Son  
yes it's Jesus that set my soul free  
and it's Jesus Christ that's coming back for me

so if you're looking for life  
stop looking right now  
for it's Jesus that can give life to you

you don't have to live your life over. you just need to know this is the first day of the rest of your life, and begin now to let Jesus be Lord. Jesus said, "truly, truly I say to you, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." john 3:7 many people have a head knowledge of Jesus and even confess Him as Lord, but they never bother to go any further. there's no true repentance and turning from their familiar ways.

"not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonderful works in Your name?' but then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you. depart from Me, you who practice evil.'" matt 7:21-23 you must be born again!