

Families Living the Gospel

Don't Be A Litter Bug!

On my way home from a weekend at a friend's lake house in Michigan, I witnessed something astonishing, something that I had not seen for a very long time. I had spent the weekend sitting by the lake relaxing, going out on the boat, swimming in the clear blue water, listening to the birds chirp, watching the animals wander through the woods, and just enjoying the natural beauty of the place. But now it was time to come home and there I was driving along when I saw a man throw many pieces of trash out his sunroof.

It would fly over his car, hit my windshield, and then bounce to the side of the road. This happened at least 15 times. I saw napkins, wrappers, straws, and cups just fly out into the world to be forgotten by the side of the road.

I was shocked! Was this really happening? I didn't think people littered anymore! Are there still people in the world who have such little regard for the environment? I guess so.

Not only is littering illegal and if caught, comes with a hefty fine, it causes serious damage to the environment. It makes our roadways, beaches, and parks look dirty and littering severely and negatively impacts the health of local wildlife. And I can't forget to mention, it cost over \$11.5 billion to clean up!

This summer, when you are out and about, throw away your garbage correctly, it's a small way to show care for our common home. When you are out for a walk or playing at the park, pick up trash left behind. Do the right thing! We all need to do our part to keep the Earth clean.

Watch this space for more ways you can make a difference this summer!

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