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Hoyan!

My condolences to all the families who lost loved ones over these past few weeks. Kate Stevens was one of these individuals we will miss. Kate was one of those people you just loved to be around and would always bring a smile to your face even as you walked away from a chewing out, because she did it with respect and made sure you knew she cared about you and her Nation. She truly cared about people and loved being Oneida. Her laughter and humor provided us all with a better day when our paths crossed. A couple of other individuals were Archie Doxtator and Charlie Hill, they were both Fathers and Dads, Brothers and Bro's, Husbands and Honey's, as well as a True Friend to many. I knew Archie for 30 + years and Charlie for a few and can say with confidence that they were loved and respected by people all over the country. Both of them had an extremely humorous side and both had a very sensitive and caring side. They will all be missed until we all gather again in the Creators land, to laugh and enjoy each other's company along with all of our loved ones that have passed.

With that said I would like to share some humorous and scary thoughts about the world around us;

It seems to me there are more medicines, but less wellness in our people. we have bigger highways, but smaller journeys. We spend more money, and yet have less value; we buy more things, but enjoy fewer things.

We watch TV too much, and we don't pray enough. We have too many possessions and we don't put enough value in the natural world. We have more educational degrees but we make less sense, we have more experts, yet we have bigger problems. We drink too much, or smoke too much, but we don't laugh enough. We have taller buildings but have shorter patience; We have bigger houses and smaller families, we have all kinds of conveniences, and yet we have less time.

We try to clean up the air, but we sometimes pollute our souls. We can separate a human cell, but not our prejudices. We focus on steep profits and we're OK with shallow relationships. We talk too much, and we don't love enough. Too often we use words like hate instead. We have learned how to make a living off the land but not with the land. We can get all the way to another planet and yet we have trouble crossing the street to meet a new friend. We know more about outer space than we do about our own inner self.

We have accomplished big things, but not necessarily better things. We tend to write down more intellectual things, and yet we learn less. We plan more and more, but we seem to accomplish less. We know how to hurry up but we don't know how to wait. We have all kinds of tools like phones and emails and social media but we communicate less and less. We live in times of two incomes but more debt; we have fancier houses, but more broken homes.

We need to spend time with our loved ones, because they will be gone too soon.

We should speak good words to someone who looks up to you in, because those little ones will grow up and act just like you. Remember, to give a warm hugs because that is one of the only gifts you can give that doesn't cost a cent.

Say 'I love you' often, to your loved ones, and mean it.

Give people time to speak! And share the precious thoughts you have. And always remember, life is not

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measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.....
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