

## Easy Does It

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“Do it right or don’t do it at all.” Then sooner or later Mom would tell me, “Don’t follow the crowd.” I wondered, “How many times do I need to hear her reminding me?” My parents were right, though, when they stated, “You get what you pay for.” And sometimes it was good to, “Let sleeping dogs lie.” “Don’t burn bridges.” has been passed down to my boys.

“If it was a snake, it would have bit ya!” Now, when my husband says he can’t find something I no longer admonish, “It’s right in front of you.” I just wait and eventually he sees it but has to share a paragraph. Go figure. My mind bubble says, “He’s as stubborn as a mule.”

In his head bubble he’s telling me to, “Hold your horses.” while I think, “You’re as slow as molasses.”, in fact, “You’re as slow as a seven-year itch.” In my mind I’m also saying, “Ya snooze ya lose. The train’s leaving the station.” Actually, it’s all a crock. He would say, “That’s the brass tacks.”

When our boys grew into their teen years, the cute toddler “awbaby” for strawberry and “hamgaber” for hamburger became “I’m gonna give you a knuckle sandwich!” to one another but I could still get away with “Wake up, sleepy head.”

I guess the key is what Grandma often said. She was, “Listening at.” Listening is, in fact, the key. Grandma was right, as usual.