

You've Got Mail

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I will admit though that there are some days that I would rather email you than talk to you. Why, you ask? You know why. It's the very same reason you too would rather email someone than pick up the phone and talk to them. Its called AVOIDANCE!

In one push of the button you can email all those relatives you would rather not talk to and tell them what side dish they will need them to bring for Thanksgiving dinner. Followed by a polite reminder, that if they intend to eat inside your home, then they better take their shoes off at the front door.

If you had to call each of them, then you'd have to hear about your aunt's latest bout of gout, how the economy is forcing your father-in-law to give up eating, or worse yet you'd end up talking to your 3 year old niece for 10 minutes before her father finally figures out she has answered the phone. Moreover, there is no polite way to tell anybody about your shoe neurosis without sounding like a quack.

So instead, if you are like me, you have taken to emailing. Not only to save time but more importantly to say things via email that you would never say to someone face to face.

I have come to realize first hand that people will say things via email that they never - in a million years - would say if you were standing in front of them. You know the type of emails I'm talking about. I've written them and I would bet you have too. Someone ticks you off, so instead of going to their office to talk it out, you spend thirty minutes composing, deleting, and recomposing a scathing, well-written, spell-checked, response that makes you sound 10 times smarter than you really are. You read it over and over and then empowered you hit "SEND". And the email wars have begun!!!

You check your inbox repeatedly to see if the recipient of your well-composed email dares to respond. Thirty minutes later you get her response. Why thirty minutes? Because that's how long it's taken her to compose her own biting three-sentence counter-email. And HER RESPONSE IS IN ALL CAPS! Game on.

You not only respond to her email but this time forward it to your two closest friends with a heading "Check out what this moron said to me!" It can be exhausting not to mention time consuming.

These days I am constantly barraged by emails from: school, friends, family, work and most importantly from this guy in Nigeria who says he has chosen me, just me, to share his money making ideas with.

Two years ago, I took my email addiction to the next level. I had a silly notion that buying a phone that allowed me to access my emails at all times would somehow enhance my life. Big mistake! There is never a moment now that I am not receiving emails. And I have become quite a pro at it. I can check my emails while driving, while exercising, while eating and to be quite frank, every once in a while I'll even glance down at my emails in church.

I am glad to report that God hasn't emailed me yet, not only because that would seriously freak me out, but more importantly because I am sure he knows that emails are the work of the devil.

Telling Tales

Angel Kane and Becky Andrews live in Wilson County. This is their story (or tale) about their life, families and times that they share. Besides their weekly column Telling Tales Angel and Becky Co Founded Wilson Living Magazine. The idea of developing a magazine for Wilson County first came to Becky and Angel one afternoon while they sat on her back porch watching their children play in the backyard.

They were discussing the outpouring of emails, calls and responses to their column "Telling Tales" and wanted to find a way to capture that community spirit. People were stopping them wherever they went to share their own "tales." They suddenly realized everyone has a story to tell and many of these stories were amazing. And in that moment, Wilson Living Magazine came to life. Be sure to check out Wilson Living Magazine at www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com

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