

An Eclectic Pool of Turn-Ons

By Emma Jackson

What turns me on? I have many things that make my heart fill with joy, pleasure and satisfaction. However, the two I will share today are my faith and my grandchildren.

My first turn-on, and I discovered this one later in life, is my faith in God through Jesus Christ. Yes, in earlier years I professed a Christian faith, however, it would take years, and troubling personal events before that faith would not waiver or become more evident as circumstances changed. I now believe that "I can do all (most) things" through faith in Christ (Philippians 4:13).

I am not so naive as to believe that "all" things including those that are unreasonable can be achieved. It takes the gift of divine and intellectual discernment to choose. It is the ability to recognize what is reasonable and what is not reasonable in desiring for achievement. I do not desire to climb to the top of Mt Everest, the tallest mountain in the world. That is unreasonable. However, I do have the faith and desire to achieve exercising levels to strengthen arthritic knees to lessen pain. *This turns me on!*

My second turn-on, or turn-ons are my grandchildren! They each turn me on in their own special way.

Toshyanna, the registered nurse is carrying on the registered nurse legacy in the family. We have things in common and we share nurse stories. Her carefree, bubbly personality *turns me on!*

Xavier called me the queen and that impresses me. However, that title came when his mom, my daughter, insisted that he help to clean the house prior to my visiting. His reply: "Why we have to do all this, it's like the *Queen* is coming." So, I went from "grandmommie" to "queen" and it's an ongoing joke. During my visit he prepared for me, the queen, his famous shrimp recipe. *He turns me on!*

Rachel never fails to call me to say hello and thanks for any gift I send her and she makes sure I am cared for when I visit in South Carolina. *That turns me on.*

Fulton, Jr turns me on when he answers my computer questions calmly and shares his computer skills long distance from graduate school in Illinois, never laughing about my computer illiteracy. He is striving to be the PhD Mathematician. *That turns me on.*

Asia wants to help me get documents ready for income tax reporting when she comes at Christmas, usually. Then, she wants to know what I have for donations to Goodwill that she can help sort and bag. *That turns me on!*

Quinn is my Denver "grand," the only one that's close by. She, because of some parental changes became my running buddy at a young age. We attended church, health conferences, recreational parks, movies, fairs and other events during the extended times she spent with me. Today, at age 24, she continues to be my "buddy." *This turns me on!*

My eclectic turn-ons are a divine gift and blessing.