**Mother May I?**

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**ROUND 9:  MOTHER ON LIFE IN GENERAL**

Sometimes Mother just shared her words of wisdom on life in general.  In the moment they seemed silly and useless, but given time you will realize how profound these words are.

I will bet you may even hear yourself saying these idioms one day.

**Mother says:  “You’ll understand when you’re older.”**

*Translation: I don’t have a clue how to explain it to you.*

\*The Dutiful Daughter will appreciate what she knows now.

What are things you know?  What do you know about yourself, your loved ones or the world?  Share your wisdom on life and love.  Stuck for a place to start?  Start with “This much I know is true…”

\*The Wild Child dreams of being older.

What do want to be like when you are older? Will you wear a red hat and purple dress?  Will you continue your education?  Will you be the spoiling grandmother?  How will your older days be?

**Mother says: “One day you’ll have kids and I hope they act just like you!”**

*Translation:  I cannot wait to give you the “I told you so” face when you have to discipline them.*

\*The Dutiful Daughter will understand how alike kids are.

Aren’t most kids alike?  There are common behaviors kids share.  The growing pains, the “me” stage, the “I’m too embarrassed to be with mom in public” phase, these and many other behaviors that kids go through while growing up.  What behaviors do you remember having that were “typical” kid behaviors?  Did you share these with your mother or your children? {insert 9dd2.jpg} (caption, reword as needed: Tania shows a very typical kid behavior in her I want layout.)

\*The Wild Child thinks she’s unique as all kids are.

What makes you unique? What behaviors do you have that are unlike the typical behaviors of childhood? What about your children? {insert 9wc2.jpg} (caption, reword as needed: Jane shares her son’s unique imagination and love for dress up.)

**Mother says: “Be careful what you wish for, it might come true.”**

*Translation: You asked for it.*

\*The Dutiful Daughter will take each wish come true as a blessing.

Share a wish you had that came true.  How did it impact your life?

\*The Wild Child will scream that’s not what she meant!

Have you ever wished for something, and then regretted it? Have you ever wished for something not to happen and it did anyway?

**Mother says: “I don’t know is not an answer.”**

*Translation: You better come up with something, quick.*

\*The Dutiful Daughter will know why she is doing something.

Why are you using those embellishments on your layout?  Why did you choose that photo?  If you use a brad, it should be to fasten not to decorate.  Photos should tell a story and not just be extras you took.  Make every item on your layout have purpose.

\*The Wild Child doesn’t have to know, just do it.

Use up some stuff, so what if it doesn’t have meaning.  Sometimes embellishments don’t have purpose, that’s why they are embellishments.  Grab a bunch of your favorites and go crazy. {insert 9wc4.jpg} (caption, reword if needed: Tami shows that sometimes embellishments are just there for beauty)