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## **The Secret to Happiness**

A friend of mine told me a story of a business trip he took a few months ago.

While he was on the road, he decided to get dinner by himself.

After sitting down at the restaurant,

he noticed a family of four sitting together but not saying much to each other;

it looked like two really tired parents in their late 20s with daughters around ages three and five.

He decided to buy them dinner anonymously in the hope that it might raise their spirits.

After the family left the restaurant, the waiter gave him a note that the mother wrote to him.

The note read:

“To whoever you are, thank you for blessing our family tonight.

You have no idea what you’ve done to our hearts! Many thank yous!

Our oldest daughter said on the drive here,

‘there’s not a lot of good in the world anymore until you see good things happen.’

Much love!”

Obviously, my friend made a positive impact on that family,

probably making their night if not their week.

But what strikes me is that he is still telling this story two months later,

and keeps that wonderful note in his wallet.

Which reminds me of a simple lesson:

If you want to do something nice for yourself,

then do something nice for someone else.

*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah,  
and Happy New Year!*

*Tim & Wynne & Megan*

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