



The sounds of the season ...

As this Halloween approaches, there is a somewhat "scary" economic climate that looms in front of us that can put a "pall" over our everyday activities. And yet when we answer the door this Halloween for those little ones in costume, what comes to mind is that ***these kids are having fun***. They are excited to do something different from their daily routine by dressing up as Darth Vader, The Wicked Witch of the East (or West), a Pirate or Little Red Riding Hood, to name a few. These kids are exploring new adventures and experiencing new thrills. Much has been written about the "innocence of youth," their openness to new ideas and experiences and their ability to have natural, spontaneous fun.

As we mature, a lot of that openness and spontaneity can often disappear. To survive and succeed in the modern "adult" world, we certainly cannot be childish but we should strive to maintain a child-like openness to new ideas, new adventures and fun.

***Have you checked in with yourself recently?
Are you having fun?
Are you enjoying yourself?***

I recently attended a workshop where Alan Weiss, author of the book "*Million Dollar Consulting*" was the speaker. He had the audience in the palm of his hand with his knowledge, business acumen and outstanding sense of humor. It was clear from the outset that Alan's passion and sense of fun are the reasons he excels at what he does. He came across as sincere and full of life. What a gift — to have a room filled with 250 people — all of them enjoying themselves, learning, and laughing loud and hard. Alan not only made others laugh, he had the child-like quality of laughing at himself.

To quote Shirley Maclaine,

"The person who knows how to laugh at himself will never cease to be amused."

So in closing on this Halloween, try to laugh, seek out new adventures and have some fun. Openness, spontaneity, optimism and passion are the tricks and treats of being in a child-like state of mind. © Augur Inc. 2008

Happy Halloween!
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