

Letters from fans of Dr. Charles Jarvis:

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**I have never heard him, but my Mother and Daddy heard him speak at a Farm Bureau convention in Nashville, TN years ago. My Dad (80 years old now!) bought or was given a cassette tape of Charles Jarvis from that convention speech. Well, the cassette tape is broken and he wanted to know if I could fix it. Of course I can't...so I thought I would look online to see if I could find it...I'm excited about giving this to him. He loves to listen to it and has been for years! I just hope he likes the CD as well as the cassette. Think I will received it before Christmas?
I am an eleventh hour shopper and I should know better!!**

Anne

A few years ago my phone rang and the caller on the other end said this is Charles Jarvis. He was calling to say Merry Christmas from him and Maxine. During the conversation he told me he was trying to talk Maxine into doing a double gainer of the rim of the grand canyon. Your letter lets me know that at this point Maxine is still saying no! I really want to thank you for the update and I will send a card to Dr. Jarvis and Maxine.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Chris Pickens

I am not sure where we first became familiar with Charlie's humorous philosophy tape series, but we played the tapes for many years. Our three daughters when they were young memorized many of Charlie's wise insights. Charlie via his lectures and tapes contributed to a good clean, Christian, perspective of the important things in life and exposed the bad things for what they were. I wish we had more people like Charlie, especially in our Congress and White House at this time.

When you see him, give him our thanks for his messages and God's blessing.

Frank Searl, D.D.S.

My interest in seeking Dr. Jarvis' speeches originated a couple weeks ago when my wife and I were talking with friends, discussing how many of our acquaintances married over 20 years had recently gotten divorced. I told them my wife and I loved the line we'd heard Dr. Jarvis give in a speech. It went something like this: "My wife Maxine and I are determined never to get a divorce. We've decided to fight it out to the bitter end."

My great uncle, Walter Jarvis of Grand Saline, TX, was Dr. Jarvis' uncle. They were good friends, and Uncle Walter often travelled with Dr. Jarvis when he flew his plane to speeches. I grew up with Uncle Walter's grandchildren, and over the years we've kept in close contact. I'd heard about Dr. Jarvis for years before I ever heard him speak. Several years ago, our minister invited him to speak at a large church banquet. He was fabulous, one of the best, most entertaining speakers I've ever heard.

My Mom -- Uncle Walter's niece -- and Dad sat with him and had a great conversation. A year or two later, I asked Dr. Jarvis to speak at a Fort Worth civic club. He was already scheduled for that time, but his office gave us several Texas speakers which helped us find a good speaker.

Please forward this to Dr. Jarvis and his wife, and give them my best. I'll wait a few weeks, then give him a call.

Thanks again, Tony!

Rix Quinn

I look forward to hearing Charles Jarvis for the first time. How did I hear about him? Well, about twenty years ago I was a member of a Las Vegas Toastmaster's Club and Charles' name was mentioned as being a great exemplar of humorous public speaking. The person telling me was so animated I never forgot "Jarvis" (yet I've forgotten who told me!) and it's only recently that I googled and found him. Funny how a name sticks for so long but I'm always trying to understand how to tell stories and jokes better. I've just begun reading what seems like a mouth-watering article penned by you.

Kind regards,

Dan

Last November, while waiting in line to vote for the election, I overheard the gentleman standing in front of me and Dr. Jarvis sharing their experiences of service in the Navy. I heard Dr. Jarvis say that he became a Dentist after his service, and then traveled the country making people laugh.

A few weeks later, I saw Dr. Jarvis at the local grocery store I work at here in San Marcos. Knowing that he wouldn't recognize me from election day, I approached him and said, " I hear you've traveled the country making thousands of people laugh." He was quite taken back by me knowing this, especially given my age, 24. We talked for a minute and he gave me his "business" card, which just reads "Have a Happy Day!" He also told me to visit mcspeaks.com. A few days ago I was looking through my wallet and found his card and went to the website mentioned.

I admire people like Dr. Jarvis who have such a positive outlook on life and a positive impact on others. I am getting my BBA in Marketing at Texas State University and will graduate this December. I realize the ability humor can have in making a presentation effective. I hope that Charlie's four talks will help me as I enter the job market and build a career.

Regards,

Brandon Hooks

Dr. Jarvis,

Your visit to Florence, Al to speak to the Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting in 1975 created quite a stir in our small community. The Chamber had never had such a distinguished speaker until your visit. I was a young CPA and attended the banquet with a client. My employer at the time (who remains in practice at 86 years young) suggested I attend and paid for the dinner, so naturally I went, not knowing that your talk would have such an influence on me. The local radio station at the time rebroadcast your talk and I taped the entire banquet. That along with those present to hear you repeatedly requested an encore and the station concurred. The gentleman stumbling through your introduction was Mr. Charles Peery, president of what was at the time First National Bank and he truly was a gentle man.

Humor has always been an important part of my family's philosophy, beginning with my mother and father and has been emphasized by my wife

and me to our children. I will admit however, that my wife grew tired of the "constant replay" of your talk over the next several years. I honestly had it memorized for years, then as children entered our lives, dad's toys had to be replaced to make room for children's" toys and I misplaced the tape (or my wife purposely misplaced). I have quoted you on several occasions as I have made presentations to my church(Baptist) and local CPA groups. Your boldness to witness and not miss that opportunity was an inspiration as well as the ability to laugh at yourself. I believe your words then are more applicable today.

I hope you enjoy listening to "The lost tapes" and I am thankful for what Tony set up on the Internet that has allowed me the pleasure of hearing your other talks that brighten my day as they did so many years ago.

God Bless You and your family.

Drew Parkhurst

Hi, sir. I just wanted to let you know that I am a huge fan of Dr. Jarvis, and I write a motivational newsletter. My New Year's message is included below, and I included the link to Dr. Jarvis' "Prescription for a Happy Life" to my readers (about 190 of them). I just thought I'd share in case you wanted to pass it on to Dr. Jarvis. He *is* one of my all time favorite speakers.

Have a great day and an awesome 2009.

Kelvin Ringold

I heard that Dr Jarvis was "the guy" when it comes to figuring out how to add humor to speeches and talks. I am a trial lawyer and I need to learn how to tell a story better. And, I do some speaking engagements and am trying to get more of that going but I need my presentations to be more entertaining.

Ah, old age. Our reward for avoiding dying young!

I heard about Dr Jarvis through a Dan Kennedy mention--Kennedy says he learned how to use humorous stories from Dr Jarvis. This is on Dan Kennedy's course on building a career in speaking.

Every new generation thinks it is reinventing new truths, but in fact, are just uncovering truths they might have been able to learn from those who came before--but we are not taught to revere our elders in this country.

Look forward to getting the materials and I wish he and Maxine all the best--with thank because what I will undoubtedly learn will be well worth the price I have paid for his materials.

Scott DeSalvo

I actually got to hear him in Arizona many years ago with my dad's dental office staff. He has the humor that stays with you (as well as the laugh!). He has brought much joy to my world. I will be sitting at a traffic light and hear his voice saying, "...we're vibrating. The light changes, he burns rubber for 500 yards and I turn right... ". Smiles, especially in traffic, are priceless!

Thank you for conveying my gratitude to him for his wonderful perspective on life,

Jamie Fletcher

It has been probably 20 years ago I heard one of his cassettes in the Chevrolet place in Madisonville. I heard enough of it to know that he was from San Marcos, so I called information and got his phone number and called him. I had a really nice visit with him over the phone and told him I wanted to buy the set. It was \$40 then including freight. He said he would mail them that day and said to send him the money when I got them. I sent the money that day and listened to the tapes until I wore them out. I called him back maybe 10 years ago and told him wanted another set because mine were worn out. I also told him that I wanted to talk to him and tell him one more time how much I enjoyed his tapes. He said "You just wanted to tell me that before I died". I told him about what he had on one of his tapes about having a friend who he did not tell he loved him and one day he died before he could tell him.

My Dad wrote two books about our family growing up on a ranch in Central Texas. I sent him both books and he wrote me a real nice letter saying he sure did wish he could have met him.

That's about all, except I quote Dr. Jarvis all the time and my son who listened to the tapes as much as I did, quotes him too.

Also, he's an Aggie

Jerry

Henry Baker here. I actually heard about Dr Jarvis via an old Dan Kennedy 'Speaking Bootcamp' system I purchase about a year ago (although it's from the early nineties).

Dan credited Dr. Jarvis as one of 'the best' speakers he'd ever come across and that he had modelled much of his 'podium' character on Dr. Jarvis. And I have yet to hear (haven't heard Dr. Jarvis) a more engaging, witty, a thought provoking speaker than Dan.

Kind regards, Henry.

Thanks for the extra CD... I heard about Charlie from Bill Gove a few years back when I took Bill's speaking training. Ironically, Dr. McFarland was one of Bill's mentors as well.

Bill, was an absolutely phenomenal story teller and he spoke very highly of Charlie (which isn't a shocker because they were friends), so I always wanted to get my hands on some of Charlie's story telling craft content. So thanks for putting it together!

**To Your Success!
Todd**

And, again, thank you both so very much. Listen, I want to pay you for Dr. Jarvis's four talks. I have not heard him but I know that I'm in for a **new delight** as I'm totally interested in hearing what someone has to say that's promoting this McFarland project; and, who was a close friend of Dr. McFarland's to boot! {I'm really looking forward to hearing Dr. Jarvis's perspective and messages}!

I'm not only from a family of Baptist Preachers; but, in fact, married our own local pastor's daughter some 50 years ago. And, I must admit that for a long time I wondered why Dr. McFarland did not become an evangelist... as that was his style. However, I came to understand that his 'speaking' to all those different groups could never have been done except by the secular approach used. Me, I'm really just a simple country boy... so simple in thought that I actually believe that God probably called Dr. McFarland to his life's work; and, possibly, may well have even called me, to listen to him so fervently.

The political polarization we now experience in our country is a shame and disgrace such that it reminds me of something Dr. McFarland said that goes something like... "I'm sick and tired of teachers who don't teach, preachers who don't preach, and leaders who won't lead"! It's really very simple, we are in dire need of a leader who can somehow find the way to actually lead American's back to that amazing America we had just a couple of decades ago... that kinder and gentler America that George Herbert Walker Bush often speaks of.

Well, I could go on and on... but, by now you've gotten a pretty good idea of who I am and where I come from.

Sincerely Yours, Wilson Thomas

I first heard Dr. Jarvis' talks on cassette tape when my father was in the hospital back in the late 1980's and early 1990's. One of the nurses brought him the tapes and he used to listen to them all the time. After he passed away, the cassette tapes were lost for a time. Recently, my Mom found the tapes and we listened to them on a recent trip. She said to me that it was too bad that we didn't have CDs of the tapes because they seemed to be in bad condition. So, I did some looking on the internet, found that you sold them, and ordered two sets for Christmas presents for my Mom and my brother.

Can't wait to get them!! Thanks, Karen

I have been listening to Dr. Charles Jarvis since the 1980's. I always played his tape when I was on vacation from teaching school in the Sacramento area, driving down to Santa Barbara to see my sister. He is the funniest and most useful speaker I have ever heard, including myself, as I teach elementary school children. 😊
Since I have Prescription for the Happy Life, do you have the other three tapes to sell separately?

If not I will put it in my budget to buy the tape you have available. My tape has a title in green lettering that says, "FUN TIME!"

Thank you for your information!

Sincerely,
Barbara Brown

Tony, I was working for Dairy Queen back in the early 1970's and my boss had a cassette tape of Dr. Jarvis's "Prescription To A Happy Life" and found it very entertaining and thought provoking. I have not thought of that tape until recently going thru my mid-life crisis stage of life. Went to the web and found Dr. Jarvis site, and looking forward not only to hear "Prescription" but the other CD's as well. I would like to know how you became involved in Dr. Jarvis's works and selling it on line.

**Thanks,
Byron Arnold**

In the late seventies or early eighties we heard Dr. Jarvis speak at a couple of Amway meetings, probably in Kansas City. We had tapes of those speeches, and those of us who heard him still laugh about our favorite Charlie Jarvis jokes. Right now we know alot of people who need a good laugh, ourselves included. Thanks so much for making them available to us.

Does Dr. Jarvis still speak to groups, and where might we hear more of him?

Thanks, Wilma

Hi Tony, My very good friend Bob Norton who lives in Stockton, CA and has recently bought a home in Pine Bluff, AK and lives in both places at the present was passing thru San Marcos, TX and stopped to see his very good friend Ken and son Casey Moreland. Ken gave Bob two tapes.

Each year a group of us including Bob Norton go fishing for a week up north neat Mt. Shasta. Bob likes to talk so when he offered to play a tape (which he said we needed to hear) on the way to Medicine Lake we thought that would be a good idea as we have heard all his stories several times over the years and a change was welcomed. The ride takes about one hour, so it worked out just fine. We went to the lake three times during the week and listened to the two tapes two or three times coming and going. As I am a little hard of hearing and Dr. Jarvis does talk fast, I was able to hear some of the stories the second time I missed on the first.

I enjoyed the tapes so I Goggled drcharlesjarvis and ordered the tapes. We found parts in each tape which applied to each of us and as we like to feel better by making each other feel bad it was perfect medicine for each of us. We have been fishing each year for many years and of course our group which at one time could be as many as ten or twelve is now down to four with grandsons going along.

The Doctor is the first person I know that can keep Bob quiet for an hour and I thank him for that. We have a great time, catch lots of trout and do enjoy camping together. Give my best to the Doctor.

Jim Remington

My dad has had a tape of Dr. Jarvis for years and we (my 10 brothers and sisters and I) have listened to the tape so many times that we practically know it by heart. One of my sisters surfed the web recently to see if there were more out there and she found you. We are very excited.

We thought Dr. Jarvis had died and I are glad to hear he is still with us. How is he? Does he write to his fans?

Thanks so much for keeping these circulating!!!! And all the laughs though the years.

Teresa Preiss

Doctor Jarvis:

I just wanted to let you know how important and relevant your recorded speeches continue to be. Even at this day and age I feel they are needed more than ever. Regardless of what you claim them to be your recorded speeches are far more than humorous talks. Your speaking ability together with your creed and poems go straight to the heart. Charlie, take care of yourself and Maxine too.

Leonard Heman

Sometime ago after I had ordered and received the complete CD set of Dr. McFarland's recorded speeches you telephoned me. This was quite a thrill as was a telephone call from Dr. Jarvis. I remember you told me to call you "Tony". Dr. Jarvis and I had numerous long distance conversations most lasting over forty minutes. He asked me to send him a letter on how I first heard of Dr. McFarland etc. I did. We got to be good telephone friends. He told me his age and health concerns. I told him I had Parkinson's Disease but I was doing good. Tony, It has been a while since Charlie and I talked. I started to call him when I could not remember or find, in my partial outlines, which speech Dr. McFarland tells about going to Olney England. He wanted to visit the Church and grave of John Newton the author of the hymn Amazing Grace. Charlie and I had talked about outlining all of Dr McFarland's speeches. Having second thoughts about calling them, not knowing of their health situation at this time, I chose to ask you if you know how they are doing.

Leonard Heman

I received the tapes for Christmas that my wife ordered from you. I really enjoyed hearing Mr. Jarvis again. I was exposed to his humor by a friend who had attended an Amway seminar at Tan-Tara-A at the lake of the Ozarks back in the late seventies. I listened to it a hundred times before losing it in a move. Thanks so much for making them available to us. If you are ever at the lake look us up at Indian Rock Golf Club. We have owned it for about 15 years since leaving Illinois.

Gary Irwin

I heard him on the 1979 Toastmasters international conference tapes when I was 8 or 9 years old. My parents took me (dragged me) to toastmasters as my dad was a district governor. He (Charles) is an outstanding speaker with serious points to make using humor as a vehicle. It just occurred to me this year to look him up on the internet and was pleasantly surprised to find out that his happiness series was available through your site. It is a great service. I just wish he would get more exposure to a younger audience as he message and his skills deserve wider distribution. One of my favorite lines that I have stolen from Charles is “Ministers who are not fired with enthusiasm should be fired.... with enthusiasm.” I whole heartedly agree.

Thanks again. If my dad likes them I may have to get the rest of the CDs for him. Thanks again and Merry Christmas.

Derek Luyk

This is a very old story. We have a family owned agribusiness based in Florida. Many years ago (70's and 80's) we would have an annual weekend where many of the employees would be invited for events all day Saturday (golf, tennis, etc.) followed by a banquet. My father was president and CEO for many years and he received a cassette tape of one of Dr. Jarvis' speeches as part of the speaker's bureau. He thought that Dr. Jarvis would make a highly entertaining speaker, particularly if he could meet some of the employees but I think Dr. Jarvis would not give a speech if he could not be home in time for Sunday church so we were never able to get him for one of our banquets. My immediate family, three brothers, parents and me, listened to that tape for what seems like a hundred times. If you asked any one of us today, we could probably quote many parts of that speech. We are Lutheran and in one part of the speech he says that he doesn't talk about Lutherans because "you wouldn't of caught it." Or getting a few kind words-"don't eat them eggs." "Who said 'I never met a man I didn't like?' Right, Elizabeth Taylor. I met someone who didn't know Elizabeth Taylor, why I've had dream after dream about Elizabeth Taylor." I think he begins that speech with something about getting applause which he wouldn't get at home because he was making eyes at some girl and Maxine said, "The way you're looking at that girl, you'd think you'd never seen legs before." And he says "That's what I was thinking. And ever since then I soak up any applause." The whole story about peeling apples one handed is hilarious. Somehow that tape got lost. My youngest brother Googled

Dr. Jarvis earlier this year and told me that you could purchase some of his speeches. I thought they would make a perfect Christmas gift for my father.

As you know, he is a very funny speaker and I think having a few of his speeches would bring back some very special memories for all of us. He is a talented speaker and just hilarious. I agree with so many of the things he says about people and their character. “My momma told me to just be myself. And I said ‘you’re gonna have to quit talking to her, because no one likes you.’ I well remember his comment on what he thinks about a particular person. He would have to follow that person around to see how he treats people who can’t do a thing for you. I still agree with that and have raised my own children in that mold. Gee I didn’t really mean to go off on this. As you can see, he made a real impact with one little tape thirty years ago!

Diane

Please let me introduce myself. My name is David Bryan Smith and I am America’s Gentleman Hypnotainer – a professional hypnotist, and humorous speaker. I ran across an old tape series by Dr. Jarvis at a garage sale and could not get enough of this material. I must tell you that the tapes (and I listen to many tape programs) were probably the worst recorded lecture I have heard but, contain the most valuable material on humorous speaking I have ever run across. I’ve listen to them many, many times and have benefited greatly from the good Dr.’s advice (and I have a habit of not taking Dr’s. advice too seriously.) ;-)

If possible I would love to connect with Dr. Jarvis in some way either through letters, the internet or possibly a phone call. Would you happen to have any info of this sort to help in my quest?

On a personal note, I just lost my mother (Dec. 17th, 2005) and now my father (Sept. 27th) and I feel the need to connect with some of these Gems of our industry before they pass into the great beyond. I hope you can understand.

Any information in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Very best regards,

Dave

I heard Dr. Jarvis back in the 70's. My father had recorded a broadcast on WVNA (?) located in Tuscumbia, Alabama. I think it was a talk Dr. Jarvis had given to the Florence Chamber of Commerce. I had moved out on my own and I had returned home for a visit, no doubt to get money, but my Dad and I had gone some where in the car and he played the tape for me. I remember we arrived at our destination before the tape had ended, but we just set in the car together until it was over. I have listened to it many times over the years. Sometime in the 70's my Mother purchased a cassette. I still have both the bought and the recorded cassettes and I think it is time to upgrade to the CD :) and see if he really has a *second talk!* After all these years I still find myself repeating some of his humor... always giving Dr. Jarvis credit.

I think it way past time for some of the younger generation in our family to hear what Dr. Jarvis has to say. Some of the 6 to 29 year olds do not know much about being kind to one another. I played one of my cassettes to a 23 year old and had to explain some things to her. I remember one thing was what a Fuller Brush Salesman was.

My husband has a son about 41. I have many times looked at him and thought he is the closest person to Dr. Jarvis I will ever meet. We laugh about sending him in the fast food restaurants for us because he always comes back with extra food or the freshest or the very biggest pieces of chicken. He says, "do you really think that person behind the counter wants to be there? It must be very boring and I try to make them smile. Most people just rattle off the order and complain. The smallest things makes such a different in their day." He is a very gifted person. He likes everyone and they like him. What is the old saying? ... he can sell ice to a Eskimo. Well, this man gets them to give it to him and then ship it for free. But in return they will get much more because down the road he will see that they get a heater. The other unique thing about him is he is a rocket scientist. I really don't think he needs to hear Dr. Jarvis because he already practices much of what Dr. Jarvis preaches, but I know he will enjoy Dr. Jarvis's humor.

God Bless Dr. Charles Jarvis,

Chris Pickens

I heard about Dr. Jarvis through a humor tape series I got from the library here in Orange County California. I was astounded at what a fantastic speaker he was and his humor just floored me. I've listened to the "Damn Yanker" tape a dozen times. Outstanding performance.

There just isn't enough intelligent, positive non-filth-ridden humor out there these days and when I find some, I cherish it! And I'm not an old geezer, either. I'm actually under 40 years old.

Andy.

It was just done from a search for clean humor as a gift to a friend with health problems. I wish I could say more.

It is so difficult to find clean humor and yet it so medicinal to belly laugh. Please thank Dr. Jarvis for producing such Cd's and know that it will be uplifting to others. Isn't that the great gift to others.....to make their day and lessen their burden.

Thank you,

Louise

Hi, my name is Preston West. I heard Dr. Jarvis speak many years ago when I was in dental school in Texas. I am now a 57 year old dentist in Houston, Tx. I have done comedy for a number of years, but have done very little in the last 5 years. However, I have been tempted to give speaking another try. My comedy and style are very different than Dr. Jarvis's. I suppose my main interest is in how he did get started on "the circuit". My main speaking has been comedy clubs, roasts, and the like. Do you think any of the materials would help me? I know that things are much different now and my humor is more "Woody Allen"ish. Please let me know what you think.

Thanks, Preston West

I heard about Dr. Jarvis 29 years ago, when I first started in "Life Insurance" with a company called "The independent Order of Foresters". I was a young guy then 26 years. I actually have the cassette "prescription for a happy life" but parts of it is damage. Over the years I have share the message with many others and especially my two children. I was a sad person 29 years ago, but when I heard Dr. Jarvis spoke, his message gave me hope & actually helped to turn my life around. Today I am a successful Financial Advisor - I have my own company "Jardine Financial & Insurance Services" for the pass 27 years. it is unfortunate I never had the opportunity to meet him personal, He is the funniest person I ever heard speaking, a true gift to humanity.

I am Looking forward to having the series of tape to share with my two daughters now 20 & 23 years.

Thank You

Larry Jardine

My son, Mike Bricker, recently place an order with you for copies of Dr Jarvis's talks, and you expressed a desire to hear from him as to his thoughts about Dr Jarvis and his fine humor. Well Mike was ordering the talks to replace a tape that he had barrowed from me and misplaced. Years ago, the good Dr. was speaking to the Chamber in Missoula, MT, and was scheduled to be in Chicago at seven PM the next night. I was at that time Station Manger for Frontier Airlines in Missoula, Dr. Jarvis's flight was delayed due to weather and I assisted him in getting confirmed on later flights so he could get to Chicago on time. I was very pleased, several days later, when I received a tape from him. I have enjoyed the four disks that Mike ordered for me and think that the Dr's humor is the best . I wish Dr. Jarvis the best in his retirement.

Robert Bricker

I was fortunate to hear him speak a couple of times probably in the late 70's or early 80's in Portland, Oregon. My dad was president of a hospital who had Dr. Jarvis speak at a couple of different events for the medical staff and the employees. My wife is a dentist (peridontist) and directs a dental study club here in Spokane, Washington. Each year we have a theme for the year. Next years theme is "humor". So I was helping her with humor ideas for next year searching for dental humor and I remembered Dr. Jarvis. I often refer to his "wear a brown tie to go with yellow teeth" and his self control struggle regarding the candy bars at the airport ("the trouble with you Maxine is you don't know how many I wanted"). Oh, I will never forget that grandparents have a license to lie. The grandparents looking out the window at their smart, creative, intelligent, incredible grandchild – "sawing a dog in half". I am pleased to see that his material is still available. I do wish he were still speaking. He would be perfect for this upcoming year.

**Thanks again.
Jon Ammon**

Tony, I just discovered your website and really enjoyed reading your study on humor. In the early days of National Speakers Assoc. I was active and at one conference they set up a seminar featuring Charles Jarvis and yours truly. I figured I was way out of my league being on with Charlie. When we talked before the session Charlie told me that he had to be really careful that he didn't hurt anybody with his presentation. He said that people laugh so hard at him that they get to chokin' and their sides start to hurt. I started thinking, "This is the most self opinionated, egotist I have ever met," but I held my response and bit my tongue. Then we went on and he did a routine and in time the audience started laughing so hard they were chokin' and holding onto their sides from laughin' so hard and Charlie turned and winked at me and said, "I better stop now, Art, before I hurt someone."

Then I went on. What a joy to follow Charlie Jarvis at a humor session. Hmmm. Fortunately, my buddy Herb True and I had written a book titled The Humor Game, How Funny Are You. The book has many pages of one liners and one saver and we had the speakers compete to see who was the funniest. We formed teams and such and it was great fun. I remember Alan Cimberg was the winner and he ignored the instructions and went on and did his own thing and he was great.

Positively, Art Fettig, CSP

Some time ago I received the Charlie Jarvis CD's that you sent, and I have listened to them numerous times. You asked me in the cover letter that you sent how I heard of Charlie (perhaps because of my Canadian address). I have some old audiotapes from Toastmasters that deal with using humor, and some of Charlie's work is included. (So is Herb True, Will Rogers, Joel Weldon, and others with whom you are likely familiar). I think that this is interesting because it is not easy to learn about these wonderful speakers.

My interest is to become a better speaker within my profession. I am an Environment and Safety Manager for a global company and I do internal training courses and speak at conferences and seminars. The fundamentals that Charlie talks about and exemplifies are useful for me as I struggle to do a better job of speaking to others. I travel quite a bit for business, and I have spent a lot of time in Houston, so I particularly identify with Charlie's speaking style.

Thanks, George Brandon

I am a dentist in Texas and was given a couple of his talks on cassette tape from my Mother years ago. I found these old tapes the other day and was reminded of how much I enjoyed them. The quality of the recordings had deteriorated somewhat so I began searching the internet. I have a dental school classmate in San Marcos and he used to keep informed about Dr. Jarvis. However I have not been able to talk to him in years. Does Dr. Jarvis still live there? Does he still speak? I have always been interested in doing similar talks but haven't been able to devote any time to it. The practice and family have kept me too busy. I have a partner now and the kids are getting older so I hope to possibly pursue it now. I can not think of a better person to learn from or emulate than Dr. Jarvis . I am looking forward to hearing from you and getting the CD's.

Thanks.....Ken

I have been a fan of motivational speakers for over twenty years. I first discovered a tape of "Prescription for a Happy Life" in the mid-eighties and have since worn out two tape copies I made listening to it. It is a timeless presentation. Please convey that he is my favorite speaker of all time and have been looking for a cd for years. We need more of his insight and humor in today's world. Thanks.

Alan H. Blackmon

How do I know Charles Jarvis? Several lifetimes ago (or at least it seems so now) a very dear friend introduced me to him via a couple of tapes of his talks. My friend was also a professional speaker - Lily B. Moskal - and she and her husband were acquainted with Dr. Jarvis, as I recall. I do know that they were great fans. I have fond memories of pleasant afternoons spent listening to those tapes and enjoying the company of my friends. Last night I had a touch of insomnia so was just sitting at my computer and browsing the web when I ran across your website and realized that his material was still available, I decided that \$54 was a very cheap price to pay for a nice trip down memory lane. Can't wait to get them.

**Thanks,
Betty McMillan**

My father was a dentist and I followed in his footsteps and became a dentist. He gave me a framed poem written by Charles Jarvis which he had made by a printer.

The poem was:

Teeth is mighty nice to have

They fills you with content.

And if you don't know that now,

You will when they have went.

Charles Jarvis

Its a very clever and very true statement, which patients find amusing and true (for those who have lost their teeth). I have subsequently had more of these framed and have them throughout my office.

Thanks,
Bob

How very nice to hear that Dr. Jarvis is still enjoying life. I'm happy to tell you how we came to admire Dr. Jarvis. In the '80's I was a volunteer at the Plymouth, Michigan Public Library. One day a librarian friend pointed out a set of cassettes of Dr. Jarvis's after-dinner talks and recommended that I take it home. I checked it out for three weeks and played the tapes for every friend who had time to listen. We all thoroughly enjoyed every minute of his

humor and wisdom. In fact, we shared the set with our (Lutheran) pastor who used several of Dr. Jarvis's comments in sermons - with attribution, I assure you. To this very day my husband and I still quote Dr. Jarvis.

It was in a recent conversation with a neighbor that we decided to see if we could purchase the tapes that we enjoyed so much. We were delighted to find them available in CD form since we no longer own a working tape deck. We are looking forward to receiving the CD's so that we can introduce Dr. Jarvis to an entirely new audience in North Alabama, our new home.

We consider Dr. Jarvis a true treasure - a wonderful, funny, Christian philosopher whose words have enriched our lives. Please tell him of our thanks for the pleasure he gave us through his recordings. We wish him and Maxine the very best of the Lord's blessings all the rest of their days.

Sincerely,

Pat Junko

My sister and her husband were long-time Amway dealers. They had attended a national convention in which Dr. Jarvis was the speaker. They enjoyed his speech and purchased a cassette. At the time, I was a teenager and I suppose they thought his words might inspire me. Let me tell you, they did! The cassette was lost several years ago, but I have never forgotten the way he touched my life.

I'm a 38 year old mother of four now and like to quote Dr. Jarvis to my children, at least what I can remember of it. I've checked bookstores for his tapes, but was never able to find anything. I'm so grateful that you offer his work and hope to inspire my children as I was many years ago. I've attached a couple of pictures of our family. I thought perhaps Dr. Jarvis might enjoy seeing some of his faithful fans!

Sincerely yours,

Kelli Rapp