

Life's Little Lessons VII

From the Dishonesty of TV Evangelists

"The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them" (Prov. 11:3). "A man will be commended according to his wisdom, but he who is of a perverse heart will be despised" (Prov. 12:8)"

In the book, "The Day America Told the Truth," by James Patterson and Peter Kim, it is reported that when a national survey asked respondents to rank various professions for their honesty and integrity, TV evangelists came out almost at the very bottom, below lawyers, politicians, car salesmen, and even prostitutes. Out of the seventy-three occupations compared in the integrity rating, only two ended up lower on the scale than TV evangelist: organized crime bosses and drug dealers. It is evident that most people do not trust TV evangelists, and rightly so, because many of them not only use pressure tactics to obtain money, but also preach a perverted gospel.

To the Complete Hypocrisy of US Judges

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20).

"The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that a fifth grade teacher violated the First Amendment's supposed 'Separation of Church and State' by placing a Bible on his school desk. This 'doctrine of separation' is attributed to Thomas Jefferson. However, it was Thomas Jefferson who, while President, asked that the Bible be used in public schools for their reading curriculum. Jefferson said: 'I have always said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make us better citizens.' Isn't it ironic that in the name of Jefferson the very thing he advocated is now being struck down by our judicial system?" (From Pulpit Helps, July 1993, p. 5)

A New Year, A New Beginning

The old year ends, a new begins
With pages clean and new;
And what is written on each page
Will now depend on you.

You can't relive the year that's past,
Erasing every wrong;
For once a year - or day - is spent,
It is forever gone.

But don't give up in dark despair
If you have failed some test;
Seek God's forgiveness and resolve
Henceforth to do your best.

Resolve each precious day to do
Things good and kind and pure;
Though days and years may pass away,
These things shall still endure.

You know not where your path may lead
Nor what's beyond the hill;
But know that God walks at your side,
If you will do His will.

All things are possible with God,
Though days be bright or dim;
So do your best and know that you
Can leave the rest to Him.
-- Author Unknown

A Life Recipe

Little rills make wider streamlets,
Streamlets swell the river's flow.
Rivers join the mountain billows,
Onward, onward, as they go.

Life is made of smallest fragments
Shade and sunshine, work and play;
So we may with greatest profit,
Learn a little every day.

Tiny seeds make plenteous harvests,
Drops of rain compose the showers;
Seconds make the flying minutes,
And the minutes make the hours.

Let us hasten then to catch them,
As they pass us on our way,
And with honest, true endeavor,
Learn a little every day.

Let us while we read or study,
Cull a flower from every page.
Here a line and there a sentence,
Against the lonely time of age.

At our work or by the wayside,
While we ponder, while we play.
Let us then, by constant effort,
Learn a little every day.
(Anon, from The Children's Speaker and Manual of Elocution)

Eight Things I Want Of You By Lee Delbridge

- 1) I want you to be a true disciple of Jesus. That means you are saved, sanctified and serving. (Matt. 28:18-20; John 8:31-32)
- 2) I want you to use the Bible as your guide for life. (2Tim. 3:15-17; Psalms 119:9-11)

- 3) I want you to discover your giftedness and life purpose. (Prov. 16:4; Eph. 2:10; 1Peter 4:10-11)
- 4) I want you to take responsibility for your own life, being self-sufficient and independent. (Eph. 4:28; 1Thes. 4:11-12; Gal. 6:4-5)
- 5) I want you to know how powerful your attitude is, not all powerful, but very powerful. (Phil. 2:5, 4:4-8)
- 6) I want you to understand money; work, give, save and spend. (Eph. 4:28; 2Thes. 3:10; Luke 6:38; Prov. 22:7)
- 7) I want you to know that life is not always fair, but God is always in control. (1Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:28)
- 8) I want you to know that actions have consequences. (Prov. 4:26; Gal. 6:7-9)

Some Days Are Like That

It was one of the worst days of my life: the washing machine broke down, the telephone kept ringing, my head ached, and the mail carrier brought a bill I had no money to pay. Almost to the breaking point, I lifted my one-year-old into his highchair, leaned my head against the tray, and began to cry. Without a word, my son took his pacifier out of his mouth and stuck it in mine. (Clara Null)

Unity

UNITY is found when we work together for the common cause of Jesus Christ.

UNITY is when we speak the same thing.

UNITY is when there are no divisions among us.

UNITY is when we are perfectly joined together.

UNITY is when we are joined together in the same mind.

UNITY is when we are joined together in the same judgment.

Do we have UNITY? Can we have UNITY today? 1Corinthians 1:10 has the answer.

A Moments Wisdom

--Wishing consumes as much energy as planning.

--Anyone can be polite to a king; it takes a gentleman to be polite to a beggar.

--Politeness is to the heart what warmth is to wax.

--A polite man is one who can listen with interest to things he knows all about when they are told to him by a person who knows nothing about them.

--Politicians mend their fences by hedging.

--There is nothing so empty as a stuffed shirt.

--You cannot lose what you never had.

--Poverty is not a shame, but being ashamed of it is.

--Painless poverty is better than embittered wealth.

--We often bear with our own poverty better than we bear with the prosperity of others.