

Wings Like Eagles

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” (Isa. 40:28-31).

I asked for Strength, And God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom, And God gave me Problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity, And God gave me a Brain and Muscle to work.

I asked for Courage, And God gave me Danger to overcome.

I asked for Love, And God gave me Troubled people to help.

I asked for Favors, And God gave me Opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted, but I was given everything I needed.

(Author Unknown)

Two Minutes to Run

I am thinking about the fragility of civilization. Look around you at the building you are in, the road you travel on. What you see was made by people who agreed that they would get up this morning and go to work and nobody would shoot at them; there would not be checkpoints at which they could be taken out and never seen again; that there would be food in the shops, an water in the taps, and shoes to buy and to wear. People who believe that the place you go to sleep tonight will be here tomorrow.

There are now 50 million refugees in the world today, more than at any time since the end of the Second World War. And at some point, for each one of those people, the world shifted. Their world, solid and predictable, erupted or dissolved into chaos or danger or pain. They realized that they had to run.

You have two minutes to pack. You can only take what you can carry easily. You are going to have to walk a long way. You hope that somewhere, someone is going to take you in.

I started to think of humanity as family; a family that quarrels, but which must, when things get hard, put aside old arguments and divisions and care for each other. Sometimes someone needs somebody to take them in, and that's the function of family, it's time to care.

You have two minutes to run. What will you take with you? (Neil Gaiman)

Eating Garbage

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23). A teenage girl walked into the kitchen and asked her mother, "Can I go to an adult movie with my friends tonight?" She pleaded, "Their parents let them go, and if they can go, why can't I go?" Her mother was preparing a salad for the evening meal, and as she said, "Yes, you can go," she took a handful of peelings and cuttings from the vegetables and threw them into the salad. Her daughter said excitedly, "Mother, why did you do that?" She answered, "I thought if you didn't care about garbage in your mind, you wouldn't object to a little garbage in your stomach!" As the teenager carefully picked the refuse out of the salad, she said, "I think I'll tell my friends that I'll stay home tonight."

A Moments Wisdom

--Home wasn't built in a day.

--Kindness planned for tomorrow doesn't count today.

--For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

--Every effort must be made in childhood to teach the young to use their own minds; for, one thing is certain: If they don't make up their own minds, someone will do it for them.

--When you are thirsty, it's too late to start thinking about digging a well.

--You can get old pretty young if you don't take care of yourself.

--A pessimist is someone who feels bad when he feels good for fear he will feel worse when he feels better.

--You cannot buy wisdom outright. You can only get it on the installment plan.

--If you don't like the fruits of sin, stay out of the orchard.

--One of the sure marks of character is one's ability to accept criticism without feeling malice toward the person who gives it.

--Jealousy is when you have poison envy.

--No sense in being pessimistic. It won't work anyway.

--Who refuses to discipline his child will later punish himself.

--Before trying to keep up with the neighbors, you had better find out where they are going.

--Person who excuse hardship with "Well, that's the way the ball bounces," are probably the ones who dropped the ball in the first place.

--Don't talk about your good intentions. Act on them and let others do the talking.

--The only thing harder than trying to stick with a diet is trying to keep quiet about it.

--The desire for power can cause angels to fall; the desire for knowledge caused man to fall; but in charity, there is no excess; neither angel nor man can come into danger by it.

--Many people have the mistaken idea that they can make themselves great by showing how small someone else is.

--If everyone gave a single thread, a poor man would have a shirt.

--No reason for doing it is a good reason for not doing it.

--It's what you learn after you know it all that really counts.

--Tact is the art of jumping into troubled waters without making a splash.

--A window of opportunity won't open itself.

--It is easy to be critical; the real test is to come up with constructive alternatives.

--It is curious how much more interest can be evoked by a mixture of gossip, romance, and mystery than by facts.

--Life's heaviest burden is to have nothing to carry.

--Don't buy a dog if you are going to do your own barking.

--A lot of people get through thinking before they have thought things out.

--A teacher is someone who takes a lot of live wires and tries to get them grounded.

--We cannot solve today's problems with the level of thinking that created them in the first place.

--Pray for a good harvest, but keep on hoeing.

--When it comes to staying young, a mind-lift beats a face-lift any day.

--The greatest tragedy in life is people who have sight but no vision. (Helen Keller)

--It is easy to be an angel when no one ruffles your feathers.

--Opportunity is sometimes hard to see when you are only looking for an easy answer.

--Natives who beat drums to drive off evil spirits are objects of scorn to civilized Americans who blow horns to break up traffic jams.