

A Moments Wisdom 2002

God loves everyone, but probably prefers the "fruits of the spirit" over the "religious nuts!"

Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than what you settled for.

Achievement is largely the product of steadily raising one's levels of aspiration and expectation.

The big advantage of the Bible is it's very easy to rewind. Close it, and you're right back at the beginning.

We are made to persist. That's how we find out who we are.

The greatest good you can do for another is not to just share your riches in Christ, but to reveal to him his own.

Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.

Twilight has always seemed like God's indrawn breath, a pause in the progression of time.

You can have it all. You just can't have it all at once.

Humans have the remarkable ability to get exactly what they must have. But there is a difference between a "must" and a "want."

Motivation alone is not enough. If you have an idiot and you motivate him, now you have a motivated idiot.

Without a sense of urgency, desire loses its value.

Don't say, "If I could, I would." Say, "If I can, I will."

How sad would be November if we had no knowledge of spring.

Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.

WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning!

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

It is a sad religion that is never strong until its owner gets sick.

What do we really live for if not to make life less difficult for others.

Meeting house keys open the door to a successful week.

A friend is one who can put his finger on our faults without rubbing it in.

God is more interested in making us what we ought to be than in giving us what we think we ought to have

The light that shines farthest, shines brightest nearest home.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.

A buried talent is never a buried treasure. Talents become treasures only through use.

I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about the Acts of the apostles.

God brings men into deep waters, not to drown them, but to cleanse them.

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

Adversities do not make the man either weak nor strong, but they reveal what he is.

He knows not his own strength that hath not met adversity. Heaven prepares good men with crosses.

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.

Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it.

We all, when we are well, give good advice to the sick.

Not they who have studied much but they who have suffered much are the deliverers of mankind.

It is the crushed grape that gives out the blood-red wine: it is the suffering soul that breathes the sweetest melodies.

Affliction is God's shepherd dog to drive us back to the fold.

There are no crown-wearers in heaven that were not cross-bearers here below.

Great trials seem to be necessary preparation for great duties.

Age is the only thing to come to us without effort.

It is always in season for old men to learn.

To know how to grow old is the masterwork of wisdom and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.

An aged Christian, with the snow of time upon his head, may remind us that those points of earth are whitest which are nearest to heaven.

It is not years that make souls grow old, but having nothing to love, nothing to hope for.

The evening of a well-spent life brings its own lamps with it.

He, who has not the spirit of his age, has all the misery of it.

An angry man opens his mouth and shuts up his eyes.

When I hear of anybody losing his temper, I always pray that he may not find it again.

Such tempers are best lost.

He is incapable of truly a good action who finds not a pleasure in contemplating the good actions of others.

Ignorant men don't know what good they hold in their hands until they've flung it away.

We should learn to prepare ourselves before for the burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit, and flowers upon the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way. If, therefore, there is any kind thing I can say or any good thing I can do, let me do it now. Let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Atheism is more on the lip than in the heart of man.

An atheist is a man who looks through a telescope and tries to explain what he can't see.

Philosophically, atheism is religious, for it makes a huge religious ceremony of denying God.

An atheist man who believes himself an accident.

An atheist's most embarrassing moment is when he feels profoundly thankful for something, but can't think of anybody to thank.

When we think of the atonement we are apt to think only of what man gains. We must remember what it cost God and what it costs him now when men refuse his love.

Let us not forget that the crucifixion of Christ was, and was intended to be to all the intelligences of the universe, the most significant exhibition of the love of God. "Herein was love."

When God pardons, he consigns the offense to everlasting forgetfulness.

The marvel of heaven and earth, of time and eternity, is the atoning death of Jesus Christ. This is the mystery that brings more glory to God than all creation.

Man prefers to believe what he prefers to be true

Strong beliefs win strong men, and then make them stronger

What a man accomplishes depends on what he believes

More persons, on the whole, are humbugged by believing in nothing, than by believing too much.

Christianity is not believing the impossible, but doing the incredible.

One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who only have interests.

To believe is to be strong. Doubt cramps energy. Belief is power.

The luxury of doing good surpasses every other personal enjoyment.

Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good actions; try to use ordinary situations.

It is another's fault if he be ungrateful, but it is mine if I do not give.

Rich gifts prove poor when givers prove unkind.

Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all ways you can, as often as ever you can, as long as you can.

Loving-kindness is greater than laws; and the charities of life are more than all ceremonies.

The devil is not afraid of the Bible that has dust on it.

The Bible is not man's word about God, but God's word about man.

The Bible is a window in this prison world, through which we may look into eternity.

The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering and the most comfortable way of dying.

Charity is a virtue of the heart and not of the hands.

Better to expose ourselves to ingratitude than fail in assisting the unfortunate.

Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor.

As the purse is emptied the heart is filled.

The charity that hastens to proclaim its good deeds, ceases to be charity, and is only

Justice forbids us to use slander or libel. Charity goes still further: it orders us to defend absent persons against slander or libel.

True charity is the desire to be useful to others without thought of recompense.

The whole world is sustained by God's charity.

There is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking on the bright side of things.

Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

You find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful people. Why not make earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others?

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

Children have more need of models than of critics.

Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you to reach it faster, too.

It is the highest wisdom to pray for our children that while they are young their hearts may be given to the Savior.

If our boys and girls are not so good as they were when you were a child their age, it may be that they had a much better mother and dad than your child has.

In youth we learn; in age we understand.

A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

A wrongdoer is often a man who has left something undone, not always one who has done something wrong.

A man can never be a true gentleman in manner until he is a true gentleman at heart.

Life is not so short but that there is always room for courtesy.

Even power itself hath not one-half the might of gentleness.

We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak obligingly.

A bad conscience embitters the sweetest comforts; a good one sweetens the bitterest crosses.

A sleeping pill will never take the place of a clear conscience.

Conscience warns us as a friend before it punishes us as a judge.

Conscience is the voice of the soul; the passions are the voice of the body.

Love is the only service that power cannot command and money cannot buy.

It is a man's peculiar duty to love even those who wrong him.

We praise those who love their fellow men.

Great sermons lead the people to praise the preacher. Good preaching leads the people to praise the Savior.

The sermon will be better if you listen as a Christian rather than as a critic.

The belly hates a long sermon.