

## A Moments Wisdom 2004

It is not from nature, but from education and habits that our wants are chiefly derived.

The man who has lived for himself has the privilege of being his own mourner.

If you want to be miserable, think much about yourself; about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, and what people think of you.

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

True repentance hates the sin, and not merely the penalty

You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late.

If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself.

When I did well, I heard it never; when I did ill, I heard it ever.

There is an endless road, a hopeless maze, who seek for goods before they seek for God.

A man's Sunday self and his weekday self are like two halves of a round trip ticket: not good if detached.

Too many persons try to make Sunday a sponge with which to wipe out sins of the week.

Scandal is what one-half the world takes pleasure in inventing; the other half in believing.

You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.

The greatest of all miracles is the salvation of a soul.

My memory is almost gone, but I remember one thing: that I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior. --John Newton, author of "Amazing Grace"

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful, you say. Yes, to be sure, but He does what is still more wonderful: He makes saints out of sinners.

If we are serious enough about being Christians, then fasting, prayers, and alms will take care of themselves. --Carl W. Parsons

One on God's side makes a majority.

Live in such a way that when it is time for you to die, the only thing you have left to do is close your eyes.

Where the rubber meets the road, you not only get traction, you also get friction.

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A contented mind is a continual feast.

A man said to the universe: "Sir, I exist!" "However," replied the universe, "The fact has not created in me a sense of obligation."

Some people try to inherit heaven by making earth a hell.

Heaven is wherever God is; it is a relationship with Him. Do not over-emphasize the accommodations.

Be compassionate, be patient; if you live long enough, you will be once a man, but twice a child.

The secular world thinks God is dead. The religious world thinks the devil is dead. Both are mistaken.

A successful person leaves his footprints deep in the sands of time, not on the backs of others he passed along the way.

A man's thoughts dye his mind.

The thief on the cross had more faith than the disciples. The disciples thought it was all over. The thief asked to enter the kingdom.

Jesus didn't send men to build large, strong churches; He sent them to make disciples. Evangelism will make large churches; edification will make strong churches; but, both will be accomplished one man at a time.

Brethren have failed to turn churches, magazines, and colleges back to the old paths, because they are trying to save the organization and not the souls in it.

Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them.

You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

An optimist is one who takes a frying-pan on a fishing trip.

Optimism: A cheerful frame of mind that enables a teakettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

Each one of us should do something every day that we do not want to do but know we should do, to strengthen our backbone and put iron in our soul.

The spirit of man is stronger than anything that can happen to it.

Blessed are they who have nothing to say, and who cannot be persuaded to say it.

He that flings dirt at another dirtieth himself most.

Never throw mud. You may miss your mark, but you will have dirty hands.

The slanderous tongue kills three; the slandered, the slanderer, and he who listens to the slander.

Light is the task when many share the toil.

He who would be a mover of the world must not be moved by the world.

Achievements ordinarily follow in due course when a person, after planning his work, works his plan.

The soul that has no established aim loses itself.

When a man has no good reason for doing a thing, he has one good reason for letting it alone.

More men fail through lack of purpose than through lack of talent.

Many individuals have, like uncut diamonds, shining qualities beneath a rough exterior.

True silence is the rest of the mind, and is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment. It is a great virtue; it covers folly, keeps secrets, avoids disputes, and prevents sin.

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.

He who sings frightens away his ills.

Happiness is essentially a state of going somewhere wholeheartedly.

A happy man or woman is a radiant focus of good will, and their entrance into a room is as though another candle had been lighted.

If good people would but make their goodness agreeable, and smile instead of frowning in their virtue, how many would they win to the good cause?

The praise that comes of love does not make us vain, but humble.

Praise has different effects, according to the mind it meets with; it makes a wise man modest, but a fool more arrogant.

Many men know how to flatter; few men know how to praise.

What a person praises is perhaps a surer standard, even, than what he condemns, of his character, information, and abilities.

A refusal of praise is a desire to be praised twice.

Those who are greedy of praise prove that they are poor in merit.

He who sincerely praises God will soon discover within his soul an inclination to praise goodness in his fellow man.

Praising God is the rehearsal of our eternal song.

Rest satisfied with doing well and leave others to talk of you as they please.

Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation.

To pity distress is human; to relieve it is Godlike.

The people to fear are not those who disagree with you but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.

Jesus throws down the dividing prejudices of nationality, and teaches universal love, without distinction of race, merit or rank. A man's neighbor is every one that needs help.

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In taking revenge a man is but equal to his enemy, but in passing it over he is his superior.

The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.

Early impressions are hard to eradicate from the mind. When once wool has been dyed purple, who can restore it to its previous whiteness?

A consistent Christian may not have rapture. He has that which is much better than rapture-- calmness.

Quarrels would not last long if the fault was only on one side.

I am not bound to make the world go right, but only to discover and to do, with cheerful heart, the work that God appoints.

Constant complaint is the poorest sort of pay for all the comforts we enjoy.

The prickly thorn often bears soft roses.

He is the best speaker who can turn the ear into an eye.

The paradox of the pulpit is that its occupant is a sinner whose chief right to be there is his perpetual sense that he has no right to be there, and is there only by grace and always under a spotlight of divine judgment.

We say that those women who use drugs to bring on abortion commit murder and will have to give an account to God for the abortion. (Athenagoras of Athens, Apologia, 177 A. D.)

Prayer should be the key of the morning and the lock of the night.

Work as if you were to live 100 years. Pray as if you were to die tomorrow.

Virtue consists, not in abstaining from vice, but in not desiring it.

One of our greatest tasks is to demonstrate to the young people of this generation that there is nothing stupid about righteousness.

Nothing is harder for most people to see than the obvious.

Too many people are "broad-minded" about narrow things.

A lie has a forked tongue like a snake, but, unlike that reptile, it also has legs.

Our opportunities to do good are the talents given us in stewardship by the Master who expects us to use them.

In general those who nothing have to say contrive to spend the longest time in doing it.

A great talker has the knack of telling you nothing in a big way.

Those who have few things to attend to are great babblers; for the less men think, the more they talk.

We tire of those pleasures we take, but never of those that we give.

The lack of wealth is easily repaired; but the poverty of the soul is irreparable.

Every Christian occupies some kind of pulpit and preaches some kind of sermon every day.

To love to preach is one thing; to love those to whom we preach, quite another.

The world looks at ministers out of the pulpit to know what they mean when in it.

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