

A Moments Wisdom 2005

Christ did not die just for the persons he felt comfortable with.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the others.

Too much rest itself becomes a pain.

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

A man can be more of a saint in a factory than in a monastery, and there is more need of him in the one than in the other.

Timely service, like timely gifts, is doubled in value.

Of all created comforts, God is the lender; you are the borrower, not the owner.

Do come in. Trespassers will be forgiven.

The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones.

We don't go to church; we are the church.

Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations, habitually practiced in our social conversations, give greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments.

Inbred corruption is the worst corruption. "Lord," said Augustine, "deliver me from my worst enemy, that wicked man--myself."

The scars of others should teach us caution.

Running down people is bad business whether you're a motorist or a gossip.

Men are known by the way they talk, walk, and balk.

Poise is the difference between flipping your lid and raising your eyebrow.

There is one type of prayer the Devil likes to hear. It's one addressed to the audience.

Kids are like sponges: They absorb all your strength and leave you limp. But give them a squeeze, and you get it all back.

It's not the greatness of my faith that moves mountains, but my faith in the greatness of God.

Don't let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you.

When your face is toward the sunshine, the shadows fall behind you.

Wild oats need no fertilizer.

Men are not saved by the sacrifices they make, but by the sacrifice God made for them.

A man never gets too busy to attend his own funeral.

It's unfortunate to have more dollars than sense.

How can a moral wrong be a civil right?

Does your life portray Him, or betray Him?

Today's choices determine tomorrow's achievements.

The Bible does not need to be re-written, just re-read.

Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar.

Too many couples marry for better, or for worse, but not for good.

When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.

On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past, but never the present.

A foolish husband says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin', and scrubbin'. No wife of mine is gonna work."

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment only when the interest is kept up.

Fewer marriages would skid, if more who said "I do," did.

Words of praise, indeed, are almost as necessary to warm a child into congenial life as acts of kindness and affection. Judicious praise is to children what sun is to flowers.

Teach your child to hold his tongue; He'll learn fast enough to speak.

Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.

No man is poor who has had a godly mother.

Teaching that would lay any claim at all to distinction, if not to actual greatness, is the influence of personality upon personality, rather than the mere imparting of a set of facts.

The end and aim of all education is the development of character.

There is no better test for a man's ultimate integrity than his behavior when he is wrong.

The best way for a man to train up a child in the way he should go is to travel that way himself.

He was a fool who killed the watchdog because it alarmed him when thieves were breaking into his house. If conscience upbraids you, feel its rebuke. It is your best friend.

There is a difference between him who does no misdeeds because of his own conscience and him who is kept from wrongdoing because of the presence of others.

Wise men learn by the mistakes of others; fools insist on making their own.

God has given us two hands -- one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.

Fear that man who fears not God.

You can't spell the word brothers without, at the same time, spelling others.

The moment you're waiting for may never arrive... the one you just missed will never return.

Sometimes the best gift not to give is advice.

The flowers and weeds that spring up tomorrow are in the seeds we sow today.

Be grateful for what you receive, but be more grateful for what you can give.

You'll do more things that count if you don't stop to count them.

The greatest of all faults is to imagine that you have none.

A person with a clenched fist can't shake hands.

If you can't have the best of everything, make the best of everything you have.

Swallow your pride occasionally... it's non-fattening.

Pray for a good harvest but keep on hoeing.

Sympathy is two hearts tugging at one load.

When your temper gets the best of you, it reveals the worst of you.

The tongue should never be allowed to outrun the mind.

Listening may be one of the most loving things you do today.

One good thing about silence is that nobody can run around repeating it.

Deal with the faults of others as gently as you would your own.

Consideration for others can mean taking a wing instead of a drumstick.

There has never been an age that did not applaud the past and lament the present.

If you can't see the bright side, polish the dull side.

Setbacks pave the way for comebacks.

An apology is the super glue of life; it can repair just about anything.

Work on today's problems... no one is strong enough to carry the burdens of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

"I can't brag and I shouldn't complain." Reply from an older lady when asked how she felt. She lived to be 97 and was the mother of 12 children.

All television is educational. The question is -- What is it teaching?

The one thing worse than a quitter is the person afraid to begin.

The narrower the mind, the broader the statement.

The meanings of words are not in the words, they are in us.

If you don't know the word — you can't think the thought.

We have too many high sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them.

Speaking or writing without thinking is like shooting without aiming.

The man who covets is always poor.

Though the home is a palace, yet to a discontented mind it is a prison.

Criticism is something you can avoid by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing.

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.

God doesn't want shares of your life - He wants controlling interest.

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

When God ordains, he sustains.

If you've got enough of Jesus to get to heaven, you have enough Jesus to get you to church.

Hem your day with prayer and it will be less apt to unravel at the edges.

A fellow who says it can't be done is likely to be interrupted by someone doing it.

Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.

Deciding not to choose is still making a choice.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.

'Pray' is a four-letter word that you can say anywhere.

Always put off until tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all.

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something.

To know how country folks are doing, look at their barns, not their houses.

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.

The time to pray is not only when you are in a tight spot, but just as soon as you get out of it, too.

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

If you want success in life, make perseverance your friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your older brother, and hope your guardian.

You can observe a lot just by watching.

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

Good advice is something a man gives when he is too old to set a bad example.

Sending a letter is a good way to go somewhere without moving anything but your heart.

People who are always making allowances for themselves soon go bankrupt.

A good home must be made, not bought.

Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first and the lesson afterward.

Nothing of worth or weight can be achieved with half a mind, with a faint heart, and with a lame endeavor.

If your knees are knocking, kneel on them.

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.

A gentleman is one who puts more into the world than he takes out.

The people with whom we travel are much more important than the place to which we travel.

To bear injuries, or annoying and vexatious events, meekly, patiently, prayerfully, and with self-control, is more than taking a city.

Cultivate forbearance till your heart yields a fine crop of it. Pray for a short memory as to all unkindness.

Christ is not valued at all unless he is valued above all.

In Jesus, I see the picture of the kind of man I know I ought to be.

The argument for the risen Christ is the living followers of Christ.

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything.

Maturity is not a matter of age.

Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff and shut it when I've said enough.

Friends are the family one finds along the way.

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

Whoever makes the fewest people uneasy is the best bred.

It does not spoil your happiness to confess your sins. The unhappiness is in not making the confession.

If I asked, 'Why me?' about my troubles, I would have to ask, 'Why me?' about my blessings.

If a man could have half his wishes he would double his troubles.

He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever.

You will find as you look back on your life that the moments that stand out above everything else are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

Love is the thing that enables a woman to sing while she mops up the floor after her husband has walked across it in his barn boots.

In order to love people and to be loved by them, one must train oneself to gentleness, humility, the art of bearing with disagreeable people and things.

Lord, may the words that come out of my mouth today be sweetened with Your love, because tomorrow I may have to eat them.

Man was created with two eyes, so that with one he may see God's greatness, and with the other his own lowliness.

The truth is true even when shouted by an angry man. A lie is false, even when whispered sweetly in the ear.

I do not want to be anywhere, at any time, with anyone, doing anything, that would in any way detract from my influence for the Master.

The greatest discovery of any generation is that human being can alter his life by altering his attitude.

The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable.