

A Moments Wisdom 2006

"I can forgive, but I cannot forget," is only another way of saying, "I cannot forgive."

Forgiving the unrepentant is like drawing pictures on water.

We pardon in the degree that we love.

The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.

Doubters invert the metaphor and insist that they need faith as big as a mountain in order to move a mustard seed.

The sun, with all those planets moving round it, can ripen the smallest bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else to do. Why then should I doubt His power?

Every step toward Christ kills a doubt. Every thought, word, and deed for Him carries you away from discouragement.

God measures our gifts, not by their greatness, but by the self-denial expressed in the giving.

Freedom is not the right to do as you please, but the liberty to do as you ought. Too many people are clamoring for freedom to do what ought not to be done.

Happy is the man who knows error and leaves it alone.

None of us can stand other people having the same faults as our own.

The strength of a nation is derived from the integrity of its homes.

A palace without affection is a poor hovel, and the meanest hut with love in it is a palace for the soul.

The home is a lighthouse that has the lamp of God on the table and the light of Christ in the window, to give guidance to those who wander in darkness.

The woman who creates and sustains a home, and under whose hands children grow up to be strong and pure men and women is a creator second only to God.

The hatred we bear our enemies injures their happiness less than our own.

Real holiness has love for its essence, humility for its clothing, the good of others as its employment, and the honor of God as its end.

A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one would find fault.

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

A man travels the world over in search of what he needs, and returns home to find it.

Many children are spoiled because you can't spank the grandparents.

The reason most people don't show any "horse sense" is because they don't want to be saddled with responsibility.

Life is a grindstone: it can either wear you down or sharpen you up.

He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace at home.

Daily prayers are the best remedy for daily cares.

You can complain because the rosebushes have thorns, or you can rejoice that the thorns have roses.

Something's wrong when kids run wild, and dogs are sent to obedience school.

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.

Showing politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back.

It is wiser to solve the problem than to cast the blame.

It is easy to sit up and take notice. It is difficult to get up and take action.

Rare is the person who can weigh the faults of others without putting his thumb on the scales.

Happiness depends chiefly on our cheerful acceptance of routine, on our refusal to assume, as many do, that daily work and daily duty are a kind of slavery.

It is not doing the thing which we like to do, but liking to do the thing which we have to do, that makes life blessed.

Anything that one does, from cooking a dinner to governing a state, becomes a work of art if motivated by the passion for excellence and done as well as it can be. A man who does his job in that spirit will be the one who gets the most satisfaction out of life.

If you want to be not only successful, but personally, happily and permanently successful, then do your job in a way that puts lights in people's faces. Do that job in

such a way that, even when you are out of sight, folks will always know which way you went by the lamps left behind.

The greatest composer does not sit down to work because he is inspired, but becomes inspired because he is working.

The only place where success comes before work is a dictionary.

There are two changeless sources of solid happiness: first, the belief in God, and second, the habit of hard work toward useful ends.

The charitable give out at the door, and God puts in at the window.

An angry man is seldom reasonable; a reasonable man is seldom angry.

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.

When a person strikes in anger, he usually misses the mark.

A man is never in worse company than when he flies into a rage and is beside himself.

Some people are like buttons; they pop off at the wrong time.

Anger is the wind that blows out the light of reason.

One load that is too heavy for anyone to carry a grudge.

The fellow with the smallest mind is the one usually most willing to give someone a piece of it.

A chip on the shoulder indicates there is wood a little higher up.

Never answer an angry word; it is the second word that starts a quarrel.

The wind of anger blows out the lamp of intelligence.

Swallowing angry words is always easier than eating them.

An argument is the longest distance between two points of view.

A believer at war with his brother cannot be at peace with his Father.

People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.

Give us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.

Speak as little as may be of thy neighbor or of anything that concerns him, unless an opportunity offers to say something good of him.

A sound discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake, as by never repeating it.

Why didn't someone tell me that I could become a Christian and settle the doubts afterward?

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.

Let men laugh, if they will when you sacrifice desire to duty. You have time and eternity to rejoice in.

The only good thing that can be said of an egotist is that he seldom gossips about other people.

Envy slays itself by its own arrows.

As a moth gnaws a garment, so doth envy consume a man.

When men are full of envy they disparage everything, whether it be good or bad.

The defect of equality is that we only desire it with our superiors.

The created world is but a small parenthesis in eternity.

He who has no vision of eternity has no hold on time.

Learn to hold loosely all that is not eternal.

I do not envy a preacher's life as an easy life, nor do I envy the preacher who makes it an easy life.

If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere.

In prosperity, our friends know us; in adversity, we know our friends.

You can always tell a real friend: when you've made a fool of yourself he doesn't feel you've done a permanent job.

No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth.

Insomuch as any one pushes you nearer to God, he or she is your friend.

A friend will be sure to act the part of an advocate before he will assume the role of a judge.

Grief drives men into habits of serious reflections, sharpens the understanding and softens the heart.

There is no grief which time does not lessen and soften.

The soul would have no rainbow if the eye had no tears.

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seamed with scars; martyrs have put on their coronation robes glittering with fire, and through their tears have the sorrowful first seen the gates of heaven.

The sacred promises, though in themselves most sure and precious, are of no avail for the comfort and sustenance of the soul unless you grasp them by faith, plead them in prayer, expect them by hope, and receive them with gratitude.

You will find that God's providence is in favor of those that keep His laws, and against those that break them.

Christians may not see eye to eye, but they can walk arm in arm.

We cannot hope to teach brotherhood abroad unless we practice it at home.

The mark of a saint is not perfection, but consecration. A saint is not a man without faults, but a man who has given himself without reservation to God.

The three things most difficult are: to keep a secret, to forget an injury, and to make good use of leisure.

A man who can read the New Testament and not see that Christ claims to be more than a man, can look all over the sky at high noon on a cloudless day and not see the sun.

Christ has outlasted the empire that crucified Him nineteen centuries ago. He will outlast the dictators and philosophers who defy him now.

A person that has good manners can put up with someone that has bad manners.

A whisper gets about much faster than a shout.

It's alright, son, to follow in dad's footsteps. Remember, however, that he didn't wear loafers.

What on earth will today's younger generation be able to tell their children they had to do without?

The world needs more warm hearts and fewer hot heads.

One route in which there are never any speeders or traffic jams is the straight and narrow way.

Use what talent you have. The woods would be mighty silent if no birds sang except those that sang the best.

To get to heaven, turn right and go straight.

Money can buy people, but not friendship; money can buy sex, but not love; money can buy a vacation, but not the journey to heaven.

Try to understand before trying to be understood.

The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention.

The best thing you can spend on your children is time.

Truth has only to change hands a few times to become fiction.

Gossip: letting the chat out of the bag.

No brook is too little to seek the sea.

People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes.

A truly contented person enjoys the scenery along a detour.

If you have a hill to climb, waiting won't make it smaller.

Life is too short to remember slights and insults, to hold grudges that rob you of happiness, and to waste time doing things that are of no value.

There is a lot to be said for patience. In time, even an egg will walk.

Give what you have; to some it may be better than you dare to think.

The virtues of being punctual are largely offset by having to wait for people who aren't.

Worry pulls tomorrow's cloud over today's bright sunshine.

It is never too soon to be kind, for we never know how soon it will be too late.

Joy is not in what we own; it's in what we are.

Be cautious. Opportunity does the knocking for temptation too.

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

Wouldn't it be nice if people flashed as many smiles as they do credit cards.

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.