

A Moments Wisdom 2009

People who do a lot of kneeling don't do much lying.

Poverty of character is far worse than poverty of purse.

To truly achieve one must truly believe.

Deeper giving means deeper living.

We are known by what we say — and by what we don't say.

To stand and walk straight, one must kneel often.

Criticizing the faults of others does not remove our own.

Alcohol can kill the living and preserve the dead.

To receive the crown we must bear the cross.

Many who claim much love for God have little love for man.

Self-control is more important than self-expression.

Too truly enjoy blessings you must share them with others.

It is often very hard to keep up with "easy payments."

You can't pray for others when you have clenched fists and grinding teeth.

Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple.

When people are bored, it is primarily with themselves.

If we had no faults, we would take no pleasure in noticing the faults of others.

No man can cause more grief than that one clinging to the vices of his ancestors.

You made your bed; now you lie in it. You can lie there and complain about the fleas, or you can get up and change the sheets.

Bidden or not bidden, God is present

If our boys and girls are not as 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.

Anxiety springs from the desire that things should happen as we wish rather than as God wills.

Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.

I believe that one reason why churches at this present time have so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the churches.

Lord, please reform the world... beginning with me.

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.

It is better to undertake a large task and get it half done than to undertake nothing and get it all done.

Sometimes even to live is an act of courage.

Too many measure success by what others haven't done.

Falsehood is never so successful as when she baits her hook with truth.

Genuine Christians do not want to go to heaven alone.

If you don't enjoy what you have now, how can you be happier with more?

Keep the faith, but not to yourself.

People cannot change the truth, but the truth can change people.

Because of his inordinate desire to do all of the talking, many a man has missed hearing a lot of needful information.

It is right to love the sinner, no matter how vile; but it is never right to tolerate his sins.

Toleration of evil is false kindness.

Preach, not because you have to say something, but because you have something to say.

When a Christian is in the wrong place, his right place is empty.

If you aren't sure whether a thing is right or wrong, it is usually wrong.

Jesus is not looking for believers; He is looking for disciples.

No one ever drowned in sweat.

You have failed many times? How fortunate! By now you know some of the things not to do.

The man who loses his head is usually the last to miss it.

Joy is spiritual prosperity.

God's resources are always equal to His requirements.

If you have half a mind to turn on the television, that's all you need for most of the programs.

Nothing sets a person so much out of the Devil's reach as humility.

Adam and Eve had the most perfect marriage in history: Eve never talked about her old boyfriends, and Adam never bragged about his mother's cooking.

Train up a child in the way he should go and then go that way yourself.

The reason worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work.

A house without books is like a house without windows.

Men, like kites, should rise against the wind.

Most children are afraid of darkness and most men are afraid of the light.

It takes a great deal of courage to say "No," when most others are saying, "Yes."

Do what you can, where you can, when you can, and with what you have.

A big heart accommodates many more people than a big house.

According to William Bennett in The Weekly Standard, American men live an average of 73 years; smokers, 66 years; and homosexuals, 43 years. Once again, the Bible is proven correct (Rom. 1:27). Yet when we call for an end to promiscuity and immoral homosexuality, gay rights activists berate and slander those who are really only counseling them in ways that would save their lives.

Too many people are praying for mountains of difficulty to be removed, when what they really need is courage to climb them.

Those who know God will be humble, and those who know themselves cannot be proud.

Of all the commentaries on the scriptures, good examples are the best.

May I show others, O Lord, the same consideration that I wish for myself.

If you want to get even with someone, start with someone who has helped you.

Remember not only to say the right thing at the right time and place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The mind, filtered by the word of God, is the key to Christian behavior.

We have no one to blame but ourselves when our enthusiasm and zeal are gone, if we have failed to feed them.

When you speak, always remember that God is one of your hearers.

If someone lies "for" you, how do you know that they won't lie "to" you?

Be patient with the faults of others; they have to be patient with yours.

The length of one's life is of less importance than its breadth and depth.

Any dead fish can float down stream, but it takes a live one to swim upstream.

Too many people study their neighbor's faults more closely than their Bibles.

Hammering hardens steel, but it crumbles putty — can you take it?

When a little bird tells you something, make sure that bird was not a cuckoo.

God put the church in the world, but it is Satan who puts the world in the church.

If Christians spent as much time praying as they do grumbling, they would soon have nothing to grumble about.

For whatever high reasons, men of prayer must knock and knock- sometimes with bleeding knuckles in the dark.

You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy in the days of abundance.

Our prayer and God's mercy are like two buckets in a well; while the one ascends the other descends.

There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him.

Sometimes God delays the answer to our prayer in final form until we have time to build up the strength, accumulate the knowledge, or fashion the character that would make it possible for Him to say "yes" to what we ask.

So you say you are just as good as half the folks in the church? Well, which half?

Loose conduct will get a person in a tight spot.

Courtesy is said to be contagious, and what we need is a good epidemic.

People make enemies by complaining too much to their friends.

He who talks without thinking runs more risks than he who thinks without talking.

Some folks aren't interested in anything unless it is none of their business.

If revenge is so sweet, why does it leave such a bitter taste?

Patience is the ability to count down before blasting off.

A modern bathing suit is the difference between not very much and nothing at all.

If fifty million people say a foolish thing over and over, it is still a foolish thing.

A man is in hot water when his tender heart becomes hard-boiled.

A man who says just what he thinks should be sure he thinks before he says.

The man who forgets he was once a boy is the man whom boys dislike.

Lies, like chickens, come home to roost.

Some people are like rocking chairs — full of motion, but they make no progress.

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

Liberal: a person with a high pressure feeling, low pressure thinking and a constant urge to give away what belongs to somebody else.

A politician is a person who can make waves and then make you think he's the only one who can save the ship.

Politics and the fate of mankind are shaped by men without ideals and without greatness. Men who have greatness within them don't go in for politics.

When politicians come up with a solution to your problem, you now have two problems.

What you are going to be tomorrow, you are becoming today.

You cannot keep your shoes shined if you continually walk in the mud.

Easy street and the strait and narrow path do not intersect.

When an optimist gets the worst of it, he makes the best of it.

No amount of riches can atone for poverty of character.

If you want to do something to make a better world, improve yourself.

Tact is the ability to close your mouth before somebody else wants to.

The scars of others should teach us caution.

Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor.

If you think it is alright to tell white lies you will soon grow color-blind.

By the way some people talk, one would infer that they really enjoy poor health.

The abundant life too often is smothered in the abundance of things.

If you want to conquer your weakness, you must not indulge or excuse it.

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 by smiling instead of frowning in their virtue, how many they win to their good cause!

The only God-forsaken man is the man who has forsaken God.

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

People who pride themselves on their "complexity" and deride others for being "simplistic" should realize that the truth is often not very complicated. What gets complicated is evading the truth. (Thomas Sowell, 7/95)

Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship. (Zeuxis, 400 B.C., from Pliny the Elder, Natural History)

The average man's idea of a good sermon is one that goes over his head and hits his neighbor's.

A good sermon helps people in a couple of ways. Some rise from it greatly strengthened. Others wake from it refreshed.

They never taste who always drink; they always talk who never think.

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

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.

Some people believe everything that is whispered to them.

The best way to save face is to keep the lower end of it closed.

The man who deserts truth in trifles cannot be trusted in matters of importance.

No one ever graduates from Bible study until he meets the Author face to face.

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

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

Keep both feet on the ground and you won't have far to fall.

No one will know of your honesty and sincerity unless you give out some samples.

The devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping saint.

If you aren't big enough for criticism, you are too small for praise.

Some folks look ahead, some look back, but most folks look confused.

A bitter world cannot be sweetened by sour religion.

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

The best inheritance parents can give their children is a couple of hours of their day.

Recall it as often as you wish; a happy memory never wears out.

We like a man who comes right out and says what he thinks, especially when he agrees with us.

Life is too hard to trust no one.

If you're looking for a helping hand, it's probably at the end of your own arm.

There are only three ages of man: youth, middle age, and "you're looking well."

Lying covers a multitude of sins — but only temporarily.

It is possible for a man to live straight in a crooked generation.

Much may be known of a man's character by what excites his laughter.

No person is strong enough to carry a cross and a prejudice at the same time.

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.

Agnostics insist that they need faith as big as a mountain in order to move a mustard seed.

Swallowing your pride will not give you indigestion.

There is nothing so frightful as an active ignorance.

Gossip is like a balloon; it grows bigger with every puff.

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

It is easier to float a rumor than to sink one.

The brook would lose its song if you took the rocks away.

A hypocrite is like a pin — points one way and heads the other.

It is not wise to tell everything you know, but it is best to know everything you tell.

Some people think they are good cooks merely because they roast their neighbors.

The end never justifies meanness.

The man who is rowing the boat has no time to rock it.

Some people get into pretty deep water while they are trying to make a big splash in this world.

As a man grows older and wiser, he talks less and says more.

A good listener is not only popular; after a while he knows more than others.

Some people who complain that others do not understand them, ought to be glad of it.

There is nothing harder than the softness of indifference.

For us, with the rule of right and wrong given us by Christ, there is nothing for which we have no standard. And there is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness, and truth. (Leo Tolstoi)

Do you know the three times that most people are in church? When they are hatched, matched and dispatched.

Quit griping about the church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong.

Self-control is the ability to let your light shine even after your fuse has blown.

He that hath no children doth bring them up well.

Disobedience doesn't mean anything to a child who knows it will be forgiven with a soft pat.

Rogues differ little. Each began as a disobedient son.

A smile is a laugh that whispers.

At heart we have the intuition that the soul of a man disposes him to provide for his family. If he can't do that, then in some fundamental way he has failed as a man, and he knows it.

Honest mistakes need correction just like other kinds of mistakes do.

It is much easier to give advice than to lend a helping hand.

To err is human, but when the eraser wears out before the pencil, you're over-doing it.

Faith must have adequate evidence or else it is mere superstition.

Compromise is always wrong when it means a sacrifice of a principle of truth.

The Christian must have "won't" power as well as "will" power.

How young folks turn out depends to a great extent on what time they turn in.

When people have little thirst for righteousness, the sermons will seem dry to them.

The early church was no more Roman Catholic than the apostles were Americans.

The less religion a person has, the more entertainment it takes to get him to attend regularly.

Some people are so busy earning bread for their children, they forget that a child does not live by bread alone.

No man's character is better than his word.

The heart of education is the education of the heart.

No smutty stories are told in heaven — or on the way to heaven.

The law of love is quite harmonious with the love of law.

The thing most needed in the American home today is the family.

Popularity comes from pleasing people, but greatness comes from pleasing God.

Some people read just enough to stay misinformed.

The best thing parents can spend on their children is time — not money.

Most of man's inventions have been time savers... then along came television.

Television is an appliance which changes children from irresistible forces into immovable objects.

The primary danger of the television screen lies not so much in the behavior it produces as the behavior it prevents... the talks, the games, the family activities, and the arguments through which much of the child's learning takes place and his character is formed.

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man, but the man to fit the robe.

When a Christian stops doing, he starts dying.

A narrow mind and a long tongue usually go together.

Some people can make a cloak out of the smallest piece of religion.

A good way to forget your troubles is to help others to forget theirs.

Christ will not live in the parlor of our hearts if we entertain the devil in the cellar of our thoughts.

Nothing is harder than the softness of indifference.

Some people are hard boiled because they stay in hot water most of the time.

Voluntary slavery to sin is some people's idea of personal liberty.

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the conquest of it.

You don't have to institute a lawsuit in order to collect the wages of sin.

Do not give from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart.

Where there is no thirst for righteousness, the sermon is "dry."

The world is too small a place to afford safety to the man who disobeys God.

Conviction, not convenience, determines human destiny.

People who want to be amused have lost the art of living.

Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one makes you even with him; forgiving him sets you above him.

A good leader is someone who takes more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.

Having problems is not so bad. There is a special place reserved for people who are problem-free. It is called the cemetery.

He who neglects to drink of the spring of experience is apt to die of thirst in the desert of ignorance.

Unless we are willing to help a person overcome his faults, there is little value in pointing them out.

The Good Samaritan didn't wait for the media to arrive before he did his thing.

There is a difference between charity and giving away what you no longer want.

The big jobs of tomorrow are for the man who is doing today's small jobs as best as he can.

Mother's write on the hearts of their children what the world's rough hand cannot erase.

A lie is a coward's way of trying to get out of trouble.

Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn.

It is twice as hard to crush a half truth as it is to crush a whole lie.

Some people are like wheelbarrows -- always needing to be pushed and easily upset.

A gossip is like an old shoe; its tongue never stays in place.

A person wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.

People who live right will not get left.

When a marriage knot is tied, it should never be a slip-knot.

A lot of people have ability, but they lack stability.

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

He is most empty who is most full of himself.

The devil may be out of "fashion," but he is not out of business.

If you feel like you have no faults, you just found one.

Praising yourself to the skies will not get you there.

We would all be more successful if we followed the advice we gave to others.

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

What shall it profit a father if he gains the whole world and loses his own son?

To be without friends is a serious form of poverty.

Some people's spirits grow gray before their hair.

In the words of an old African-American preacher: "I read myself full; I think myself clear; I pray myself hot; and then I preach myself empty"

Why does your failure to plan necessitate an emergency on my part?

If my hands are fully occupied in holding on to something, I can neither give nor receive.

Love at first sight is easy to understand; it's when two people have been looking at each other for a lifetime that it becomes a miracle.

While looking at the obvious it is easy to overlook the significant.

The appearance of religion only on Sunday proves that it is only an appearance.

To avoid the risk of losing their religion, many people do not take it with them when they leave the church building.

We cannot meet spiritual needs by reciting sectarian creeds.

"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')

The ability to be calm, confident, and decisive in crisis is not an inherited characteristic but is the direct result of how well the individual has prepared himself for the battle.

A stubborn man does not hold opinions; they hold him.

A pessimist is one who feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

A pessimist is a man who thinks everybody is as nasty as himself, and hates them for it.

A house is built by human hands...but a home is built by human hearts.

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

Fads come and go, but good sense goes on forever.

Right living is better than high living, and cheaper, too.

Christ is not properly valued unless He is valued above all.

The recipients of God's grace should become messengers of God's grace.

The man who drinks a little, drinks too much.

Drinking prevents thinking, and thinking should prevent drinking.

The idle Christian is the raw material of which backsliders are made.

Although sin is sugar-coated, it is always bitter.

The strong should bear—not bare—the infirmities of the weak.

Don't stay so busy laying up for a rainy day that you can't enjoy the sunshine.

The egotist is an I specialist.

The grass may be greener on the other side, but it still has to be mowed.

A smooth sea never made a successful sailor.

You will never get ahead of the person you are trying to get even with.

It is better to be despised for the right than to be praised for the wrong.

A man's character and a fence are alike; neither can be strengthened by whitewash.

The company we choose is always an index of our character.