

A Moments Wisdom 2010

We do not need better methods or more money; we need better men.

If you want to hear about the trouble in the church, ask some ungodly person.

Giving is grace; not giving is disgrace.

People seldom "lose their religion" by a blowout; it's usually a slow leak.

Moderation in sin is no more possible than moderation in hanging.

The real measure of a man's character is what he would do if he knew he would never be caught.

Postponed obedience is disobedience.

When a good man suffers, all who call themselves good must suffer with him.

(Euripedes)

A sharp tongue may sever a good friendship.

The Christ we will not share, we cannot keep.

It is more important to get in the first thought than the last word.

Don't be yourself; be what you ought to be.

I was never of any use until I found out that God did not intend me to be a great man.

There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his.

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 it.

The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything.

Someone has put it consecutively: Apron strings, heart strings, purse strings, harp strings.

Search seven times before you suspect anyone.

When you meet a man, you judge him by his clothes; when you leave, you judge him by his heart.

There's no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting someone up.

You can't have bread -- and loaf.

He who has a sharp tongue soon cuts his own throat.

Don't resent growing old; many are denied the privilege.

Well behaved children learn from well behaved parents.

Excuses are so small that we can be seen every time we try to hide behind them.

Defending our faults shows that we have no intention of quitting them.

Almost any system will work if the people behind it will.

Don't place too much confidence in a man who boasts of being as honest as the day is long. Wait until you meet him at night.

Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.

People who are brutally honest often get more satisfaction out of the brutality than out of the honesty.

Don't call a man honest just because he never had the chance to steal.

If you do not tell the truth about yourself, you cannot tell it about other people.

Put a rogue in the limelight, and he will act like an honest man.

Live right so the preacher won't have to lie at your funeral.

A hypocrite never intends to be what he pretends to be.

Procrastination is the fertilizer that makes difficulties grow.

If we could learn from our mistakes, we would have a much broader education.

Criticism often comes easier than craftsmanship.

God planned to make us creatures of character, not of comfort.

Some folks don't look up until they are flat on their backs.

Lending a hand will make it harder for you to borrow trouble.

The highest reward God gives to us for good work is the ability to do better.

Jesus did not die for "the church of YOUR choice." He died for the church of HIS choice.

There are two kinds of people: those that say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right, then, have it your way.' (C.S. Lewis)

The robe of flesh wears thin, and with the years God shines through all things.

If everyone swept in front of his house, the whole town would be clean.

Have courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones. And when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.

(Victor Hugo)

He who is poor in faith will be bankrupt hereafter.

What a person does is the result of what a person is.

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man without adversity.

The best way to escape evil is to pursue good.

Friends are made by many acts, but they may be lost by one.

He who is a Christian in little things is not little himself.

Man has the opportunity, but not the right, to do wrong.

Past experience should be a guide post, not a hitching post.

Praise makes good men better and bad men worse.

Many people who claim to be neutral soon show which side they are on.

It is easy to tell one lie; it is hard to tell only one.

May we never climb so high in our own estimation that we lose sight of the way to heaven.

People seldom become famous for what they say until after they are famous for what they do.

It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.

I only have three faults: what I say, what I do, and what I think.

The Bible never suffers from neglect, but those who neglect the Bible suffer.

If we stand for truth and right during the day, peace of mind is ours when we retire at night.

Counting time isn't half as important as making time count.

Wise men learn from the mistakes of others; fools insist on learning from their own.

A wayward child is sometimes straightened out by being bent over.

People determine your character by observing what you stand for, fall for, and lie for.

The Bible has survived the ignorance of its friends and the hatred of its enemies.

There are two sides to every question; and, if you want to be popular, take both.

Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

Even the darkest hour is but 60 minutes long.

Blessed is the man who does not speak until he knows what he is talking about.

Many physical giants are spiritual runts.

High station in life is earned by the gallantry with which appalling experiences are survived with grace.

The attempt to silence a man is the greatest honor you can bestow on him. It means that you recognize his superiority to yourself.

Love is what is left in a relationship after all the selfishness has been removed.

Sin is anything that separates us from God. If we are so good that we don't feel any need for God's mercy, then our goodness is sin.

Let us not paralyze our own capacity for good by brooding over man's capacity for evil. By perseverance the snails reached the ark.

The way to worry about nothing is to pray about everything.

A tongue three inches long can ruin a man six feet tall.

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

If your neck isn't in God's yoke, it is in the Devil's noose.

Brief pleasures lead to long regrets.

Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.

Make your life a challenge, not a compromise.

Faith is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable, and bear the intolerable.

Faith is not believing that God can, but that God will.

Faith is to believe what we do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

Discipline is defined as "the ability to adapt to authority."

Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the snake, and the snake didn't have a leg to stand on.

Speak well of your enemies; after all, you made them

There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.

We cannot hope to spread brotherhood abroad until we practice it at home.

He who gives only when asked has waited too long.

Some people preach by the bushel and practice by the pint.

If you want to keep your head up, you have to have backbone.

Sometimes how well you sleep may depend on how little you lie.

The road to ruin is always "easy" to take; it will be more difficult to travel.

The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on his tiptoes.

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it.

True happiness is not found in any other reward than that of being united with God.

A true love of God must begin with a delight in his holiness.

The road to hell is paved with good intentions; the road to heaven is paved with good deeds.

Without God our week would be: Sindy, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday, Shatterday.

It's one thing to believe in God, it's another thing to believe God.

Don't expect a thousand-dollar answer to a ten-cent prayer.

The Power of prayer is not in the one who prays but in the one who hears it.

You can't be too careful what you tell a child, because you never know what he'll take hold of and spend the rest of his life remembering you by.

A torn jacket is soon mended; but hard words bruise the heart of a child.

One important way for us to help our children grow up is for us to grow up first.

Children are natural mimics; they act like their parents in spite of every attempt to teach them good manners.

Our children are the only earthly possessions that we should want to take with us to heaven.

Measure not men by Sundays, without regarding what they do all the week after.

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.

Preach the Gospel; if necessary, use words!

The Christian Life is about relationships, not performance.

Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle. (George Washington)

Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, 'Where have I gone wrong?' Then a voice says to me, 'This is going to take more than one night.'

A proverb is to speech what salt is to food.

A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer.

In the absence of clearly-defined goals, we become strangely loyal to performing daily trivia until ultimately we become enslaved by it.

Experience teaches slowly and at the cost of mistakes.

Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength.

The secret of being a bore is to tell everything.

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts.

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

The light that shines farthest shines brightest nearest home.

A man can be judged by the things at which he laughs.

Wild oats take something out of a man's life that no system of crop rotation can restore.

It is pretty hard to tell what does bring happiness; poverty and wealth have both failed.

Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.

If God simply handed us everything we want, he'd be taking from us a great prize -- the job of accomplishment.

God does not want your cleverness -- or your ignorance.

God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road.

Man's extremity is God's opportunity.

Prayer is not the moment when God and humans are in relationship, for that is always.

Prayer is taking the initiative to intentionally respond to God's presence.

I have always believed that God never gives a cross to bear larger than we can carry.

No matter what, he wants us to be happy, not sad. Birds sing after a storm. Why shouldn't we?

Begin to weave and God will give the thread.

The universe is but only one of God's thoughts.

A cynic is a man who, upon smelling flowers, looks around for a coffin.

It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation.

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death.

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over, he is superior.

We may have committed the Golden Rule to memory, but what we really need to do is to commit it to life.

What you don't see with your eyes, don't witness with your mouth.

An apology unfelt is no better than the original wrongful deed.

When I hear somebody sigh, "Life is so hard," I am always tempted to ask, 'Compared to what?'

Efficiency is doing things right; effectiveness is doing the right things.

A caring teacher hands children their passport to the future.

A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety.

The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.

The way to develop self-confidence is to do the thing you fear.

One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.

God has shown us that He wants meat for sacrifices, yet we often give Him tofu.

(Tongue-in-cheek, prb) Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other person is always the husband.

There is nothing so annoying as to have two people talking when you're busy interrupting.

I would maintain that giving thanks is the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

It is impossible to feel grateful and depressed in the same moment.

If men can make penicillin out of moldy bread, God can make something useful out of me.

Over the years, many changes have been seen in preachers and preaching, but one will never see changes in the will of God.

Belly-aching is contagious; one whining dog can get a whole kennel howling.

Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.

The best way to have what you want, is to want what you have.

If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always got.

There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit.

Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there.

Happiness is an attitude of mind, born of the simple determination to be happy under all outward circumstances.

If the Creator had a purpose in equipping us with a neck, He surely meant for us to stick it out.

Honest hearts produce honest actions.

Live out of your imagination, not your history.

The people and circumstances around me do not MAKE me what I am, they REVEAL who I am.

When you have given nothing, ask for nothing.

If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade.

Age wrinkles the body. Quitting wrinkles the soul.

If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, teach people.

If you really do put a small value upon yourself, rest assured that the world will not raise your price.

We lie the loudest when we lie to ourselves.

A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one good work.

Use soft words when making hard arguments.

If man is only a little lower than the angels, then maybe the angels should reform.

On sharing responsibility: No single raindrop believes it is to be blamed for the flood.

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.

If you want the rainbow, you must put up with the rain.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

A ship in the harbor is safe -- but ships were not made to remain in the harbor.

He that cannot obey, cannot command.

Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders.

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute.

I have friends in overalls whose friendship I would not swap for the favor of the kings of the world.

Those who treat politics and morality as separate matters will never understand the one or the other.

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.

Stewardship is what a man does after he says, I believe.

First, men practice sin, then defend it, then boast of it.

To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards out of men.

God has not called me to be successful; He has called me to be faithful.

Courage--fear that has said its prayers.

Judas heard all Christ's sermons.

We learn from experience that we seldom learn from experience.

Keep your nose to the grindstone, and it'll be too short to put into other people's business.

At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent.

Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be.

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with.

Well done is better than well said.

He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money.

Hide not your talents. What's a sun-dial in the shade?

An eye for an eye makes us all blind.

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do.

There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.

The right to be heard does not necessarily include the right to be taken seriously.

Look not mournfully into the past. It comes not back again. Wisely improve the present.

It is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future, without fear.

Patience has its limits. Take it too far, and it's cowardice.

Never be entirely idle; but either be reading, or writing, or praying or meditating or endeavoring something for the public good.

We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them.

On getting along with a wife: Be to her virtues very kind; Be to her faults a little blind.

Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget.

Dear Lord, Fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, And shut it when I've said enough.

A Bible in the hand is worth two in the bookcase.

Need a lifeguard? Ours walks on water!

Make your eternal reservations now: Smoking or Nonsmoking?

A hypocrite is a person who's not himself on Sunday.

A relationship is give and take, and though God may only give, you shouldn't only take.

Adversity introduces you to yourself.

All's well that ends in heaven.

Are you a man with a plan, or a saint with a complaint?

Is it modest apparel to entertain company in your underwear? Then why do you consider it modest on vacation?

Do we change our lives to suit God or try to change God to suit our lives?

There is no odor so bad as that which comes from goodness tainted.

No man is poor who has had a godly mother.

An ounce of motherhood for a child is worth a ton of preaching in his later years.

Dwelling on the negative simply contributes to its power.

God never built a Christian strong enough to carry today's duties with tomorrow's anxieties piled on the top of them.

We either make ourselves miserable, or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same.

You cannot smile with a clenched jaw. You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.

No matter how bad things get, you have got to go on living, even if it kills you.