

A Moments Wisdom 2014

- The higher our position the more modestly we should behave.
- Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.
- Memories are created by what we do not by what we think.
- A man is known by the silence he keeps.
- Jesus took my place on the cross to give me a place in heaven.
- The pain of disappointment is soothed by a heart of gratitude.
- God's love does not keep us from trials; it helps us get through them.
- Speak the truth in love, then let it settle in rather than hammer it in.
- Our world teaches people the first tenet of the faith of selfishness: "Be yourself." The Bible teaches us a higher state of being: "Be like Jesus."
- Dwelling on the negative simply contributes to its power.
- The strangest fact about negative emotions is that some people actually prefer them.
- God never built a Christian strong enough to carry yesterday's sorrows and tomorrow's anxieties piled on the top of today's duties.
- Fear is that little darkroom where negatives are developed.
- For the first half of your life, people tell you what you should do; for the second half, they tell you what you should have done.
- As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.
- Age mellows some people; others it makes rotten.
- The spiritual eyesight improves as the physical eyesight declines.
- Life is half spent before we know what it is.
- Few people know how to be old.
- Find an aim in life before you run out of ammunition.
- Life is too short on this earth to fail to believe God and act like He does not exist. Take care of your life, and the Lord will take care of your death.
- We are far more liable to catch the vices than the virtues of our associates.
- It is the trouble that never comes that causes the loss of sleep.
- Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right path, the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.

--Adversity reveals genius; prosperity tends to hide it.

--You can't let praise or criticism get to you. It's a weakness to get caught up in either one.

--One of the weaknesses of our age is our apparent inability to distinguish our needs from our greeds.

--We always weaken whatever we exaggerate.

--Failure to accord credit to anyone for what he may have done is a great weakness in any man.

--No amount of ability is of the slightest avail without honor.

--Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.

--Love isn't finding a perfect person. It's seeing an imperfect person perfectly.

--It is a curious thought, but it is only when you see people looking ridiculous that you realize just how much you love them.

--Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections.

--You see, in life, lots of people know what to do, but few people actually do what they know. Knowing is not enough! You must take action.

--The world is full of winners who rose from nothing and losers who were given every opportunity.

--How often we miss our life by focusing on the past or yearning for the future.

--I see the ant, not just as the antithesis of a sluggard, but also as one who never quits.

--You can either engage in the blame game, making frequent use of the statement, 'I couldn't because ... ,' or you can take control of your life and shape it as you would like.

--You get to fill the blackboard of your life with whatever you want. If you have filled it in with baggage from the past, wipe it clean.

--A cloud cannot cast a shadow unless the sun is shining behind it.

--When circumstances knock you on your back, realize that from that position you are looking up.

--To settle a problem with shouting is like unsnarling a traffic jam by blowing horns.

--To choose well among old things is almost equal to inventing new ones.

--Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

--You don't have to advertise a fire.

--What if we received tomorrow only those things we thanked God for today?

--I worship the God who made the stars, not the stars themselves.

--I was born in July which makes my zodiac sign Cancer. Do you know what that means? Absolutely nothing.

--Peter wasn't Paul; Paul wasn't Apollos; Apollos wasn't John Mark; and, none of them were Barnabas. Preaching is the Gospel expressed through a personality.

--Many people who plan to be saved from their sins at the eleventh hour, die at 10:45.

--A man of character finds a special attractiveness in difficulty, since it is only by coming to grips with difficulty that he can realize his potentialities.

--Our plans miscarry because they have no aim. When a man does not know what harbor he is making for, no wind is the right wind.

--I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure-- which is: Try to please everybody.

--"If an American is to amount to anything he must rely upon himself, and not upon the State; he must take pride in his own work, instead of sitting idle to envy the luck of others. He must face life with resolute courage, win victory if he can, and accept defeat if he must, without seeking to place on his fellow man a responsibility which is not theirs." (Theodore Roosevelt)

--"We will bankrupt ourselves in the vain search for absolute security." (Dwight David Eisenhower)

--"We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality." (Ayn Rand)

--"Politicians never accuse you of 'greed' for wanting other people's money – only for wanting to keep your own money." (Joseph Sobran)

--Many Americans have "accepted" Christ, but very few have put on Christ. (prb)

--You can't let praise or criticism get to you. It's a weakness to get caught up in either one.

--There's a basic human weakness inherent in all people which tempts them to want what they can't have and not want what is readily available to them.

--The weaker you are the louder you bark. He who establishes his argument by noise and command shows that his reason is weak.

--If you set out to keep the Word of God, it will also keep you.

--Patience is the ability to count down before blasting off.

--The way to get anywhere is to start from where you are.

--No one finds life worth living; he must make it worth living.

--Christ established His church to save sinners, not to serve dinners.

--Nothing sets a person so far out of the devil's reach as humility.

--Too much intelligence and too little wisdom causes too much trouble.

--Some people are like blotters: they soak up everything but get it backwards.

--Nothing is easy to the unwilling.

--Let your conscience be your guide. Let God be your conscience's guide.

--Life is like a ladder, every step we take is either up or down.

--The hardest person in the world to love is the one who needs our love the most.

--I don't blame folks for writing angry emails when they are offended; the wrong is in sending them.

--The only fellow who is truly unhappy is one who knows of nothing needing to be done.

--A preacher is an intellectual trucker, picking up thoughts and delivering them where they are needed.

--We need to get over the idea that we can develop pills for whatever is wrong with a man.

--The only good thing about the fast pace of today's world is that it doesn't leave much time for gossiping about what happened yesterday.

--Folks find it hard to thank God for what He has provided, when they think they deserve so much more.

--An honest man is one that won't take a can of pop from a broken vending machine.

--The best drawn plans are useless if the house is never built.

--Patience is often touted loudly as a virtue by those who haven't the courage to act now.

--We will never stop crime until we get over the idea that we can elect or hire people to stop it.

--How tired we are often depends on how eager we are to do the task before us.

--We all seem to want everything that others have, except the troubles that go with those things.

--If you command wisely, you'll be obeyed cheerfully.

--Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

--Learn to hold loosely all that is not eternal.

--Work spares us from three evils: boredom, vice, and need.

--Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

--Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

--The art of leadership is saying no, not yes. It is very easy to say yes.

--The less men think, the more they talk.

--We are far more liable to catch the vices than the virtues of our associates.

--I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure-- which is: Try to please everybody.

--It is foolish and wrong to endlessly mourn good folks who died. Rather we should thank God that they lived.

--A wise man changes his mind, a fool never will.

--The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything or nothing.

--Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

--Everybody wants to do something to help, but nobody wants to be the first.

--Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.

--Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand why you have so much difficulty in trying to change others.

--If you want to be original, be yourself; God never made two people exactly alike.

--Eat, drink, and be merry, and tomorrow you'll wish you were dead.

--He who does not paddle his own child will later beat his own breast.

--Children who avoid the mistakes their parents made often make the mistakes their parents avoided.

--The mind is a terrible thing to waste – fill it with GOD’S Word.

--The little girl had been giving her mother a hard time all morning. Finally her mother said, “Please behave yourself. Don’t you know that every time you misbehave, I get another gray hair in my head?” “My,” the little girl said, “you sure must have been a bad little girl. Just look at all the gray hairs Grandmother has!”

--One size of fathering does not fit all.

--The best thing fathers can spend on their children is time.

--The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

--What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity.

--Everything is wrong that is almost right.

--If you chase two rabbits, both will escape you.

--Rotten wood cannot be carved.

--Living in the lap of luxury isn’t bad, except that you never know when luxury is going to stand up.

--What a sight it would be – Christians bearing their cross, instead of simply singing about it.

--It has been said that crosses are fashioned of two pieces; the one, the will of God; the other, my own will. Place these two wills side by side and there is no cross, but only pleasure. It is only when God’s will is laid across my will that there is pain and sorrow.

--There is no such thing as living without a cross. We are free only to choose between crosses ... In seeking to live without the cross, we got a cross – not one of Christ’s making or our own, but the devil’s.

--Many people who plan to be saved from their sins the eleventh hour, die at 10:45.

--Love always involves responsibility, and love always involves sacrifice. We do not really love Christ unless we are prepared to face His task and to take up His Cross.

--We sinned for no reason but an incomprehensible absence of love, and He saved us for no reason but an incomprehensible greatness of love.

--Christ is sufficient. We do not need "support groups" for each and every separate tribulation. The most widely divergent sorrows may all be taken to the foot of the same old rugged cross and find there cleansing, peace, and joy.

--One of the first things a visitor notices in a backward, third world country is that the children are still obeying their parents.

--Good fathers make good sons.

--Very frequently, rich parents make poor parents.

--Some parents really bring their children up; others let them down.

--Out of the mouth of babes often come words the parents shouldn't have said in the first place.

--Parents who are always giving their children nothing but the best usually wind up with nothing but the worst.

--Sometimes when a man recalls the good old days, he's really thinking of his bad young days.

--One minute of patience, ten years of peace.

--A man is as big as the things that annoy him.

--The real measure of a man's wealth is what he has invested in eternity.

--Thank God for what you have; trust God for what you need.

--If you fill your heart with regrets of yesterday and the worries of tomorrow, you will have no today to be thankful for.

--Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears.

--Harsh words break no bones but they do break hearts.

--To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.

--We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for.

--Love is the only thing that can be divided without being diminished.

--Happiness is enhanced by others but does not depend upon others.

--What is intended as a little white lie often ends up as a double feature in Technicolor.

--Going to church regularly is like making a path in the forest -- the more often you use it, the less obstructions you'll find in the way.

--The greatest fault is to be conscious of none but other people's.

--It's not the greatness of our trouble, but the littleness of our faith that makes us complain.

--Life's heaviest burden is to have nothing to carry.

--Death is not a period, but a comma in the story of life.

--Nothing is easy to the unwilling.

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

--Before you give anyone a piece of your mind, you ought to be sure that you can get by with what you have left.

--The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.

--Many people have a good aim in life, but most of them don't know when to pull the trigger.

--People do ODD things to get EVEN.

--A lot of trouble in this world is caused by combining a NARROW mind with a WIDE mouth.

--The teeth may be FALSE, but let the tongue be TRUE.

--If you are unkind, you're the wrong kind.

--You can't build a church with stumbling blocks.

--If you don't live it, you don't believe it.

--People who look down on their neighbors are usually living upon a bluff.

--Some people grin and bear it. Others smile and change it.

--There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God. (Nicholas Herman of Lorraine, c. 1666)

--He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life. (William Law, 1726)

--We can prove the reality of prayer only by praying. (Sherwood Eddy, 1930)

--For whatever high reasons, men of prayer must knock and knock – sometimes with bleeding knuckles in the dark. (George A. Buttrick, 1942)

--Of all the things the world now desperately needs, none is more needed than an upsurge of vital, God-centered, intelligently grounded prayer. (Georgia Harkness, 1948)

--What is the use of praying if at the very moment of prayer we have so little confidence in God that we are busy planning our own kind of answer to our prayer? (Thomas Merton, 1958)

--If your knees are knocking, kneel on them. (Sign outside London Air Raid Post, World War II)

--When in prayer you clasp your hands, God opens his. (German proverb)

--No enemy can come so near that God is not nearer.

--If you have God's promises for a matter, His promise is enough.

--In order to mold His people, God often has to melt them first.

--More wagging, less barking.

--Problems would be less if people listened more.

--An ounce of patience is worth a pound of brains.

--Patience does not mean indifference; it is the art of hoping.

--What cannot be moved becomes lighter with patience.

--Only those who have the patience to do simple things well ever acquire the skill to do difficult things easily.

-- It takes two to make up after a quarrel.

--What the world needs is the kind of peace that surpasses all misunderstanding.

--My father could talk it, and, by the grace of God, he lived it. He had not only a talking but a walking knowledge of the Scriptures.

--What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity.

--The Christian renewal will take place only if the father, the head of the Christian home, regains effective spiritual leadership.

--This is the true nature of home – it is the place of peace; the shelter, not only from all injury, but from all terror, doubt, and division.

--Live in such a way that your children can look to you as an example, not an object lesson.

--Training a child to follow the straight and narrow way is easy for parents. All they have to do is lead the way.

--The hard part of making good is that you have to do it every day.

--Stopping at third base adds no more to the score than striking out.

--Keep trying. It's only in the valley that the mountain seems so high.

--The great question is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with failure.

--Personality has the power to open doors, but character has the power to keep them open.

--What we do for others, we do for ourselves.

--He who pities another remembers himself.

--Wishing consumes as much energy as planning.

--Politeness is to the heart what warmth is to the wax.

--Anyone can be polite to a king; it takes a real gentleman to be polite to a beggar.

--"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of overcoming it" (Hellen Keller)

--We are not tempted because we are evil; we are tempted because we are human!

--When you reread the Bible, you do not see more in the Book than you did before; you see more of you than there was before.

--Eventually an evil doer's friends will abandon him to his evil. If you go long enough without a bath, even the fleas will let you alone.

--Rancor and prejudice are the outward expressions of a feeling of inferiority.

--You give little when you give of your possessions; it is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

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--A polite man is one who can listen with interest to things he knows all about when they are told to him by a person who knows nothing about them.

--Politicians mend their fences by hedging.

--There is nothing so empty as a stuffed shirt.

--You cannot lose what you never had.

--Poverty is not a shame, but being ashamed of it is.

--Painless poverty is better than embittered wealth.

--We often bear with our own poverty better than we bear with the prosperity of others.