

A Moments Wisdom 2015

--Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

--Most folks think work is a fine thing as long as it doesn't take too much of their leisure time.

--Every time history repeats itself, the price of the lesson goes up.

--Destroy gossip by ignoring it.

--Jesus took my place on the cross and gave me His place in heaven.

--From fanaticism to barbarism is only a step.

--Little strokes fell great oaks.

--An empty bag cannot stand upright.

--A little house well filled, a little field well tilled, a little wife well willed are great riches.

--Where there is marriage without love, there will soon be love without marriage.

--Useless laws weaken necessary laws.

--A man should never be ashamed to admit he has been in the wrong, which is simply saying in other words, he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

--To love is not to give of your riches, but to reveal to others their riches, their gifts, their value; and to trust them and their capacity to grow. So it is important to approach people in their brokenness and littleness, gently, so gently, not forcing yourself on them, but accepting them as they are, with humility and respect. (Jean Vanier)

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

--A man can often stand his own poverty better than he can stand the prosperity of another.

--The poorest man in the world is the one who is always wanting more than he has.

--Faint praise is disparagement.

--He who praises everyone, praises no one.

--In doing what we ought, we deserve no praise.

--The highest praise for a man is to give him responsibility.

--Judicious praise to children is what the sun is to flowers.

--Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

--A man is known by the silence he keeps.

--God's love does not keep us from trials; it helps us through them.

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

--You can't leave footprints on the sands of time if you are sitting around on your bottom. And who wants to leave bottom-prints on the sands of time?

--Some people drink deeply at the fountain of knowledge; others merely gargle.

--Cheerfulness is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others; be a carrier.

--Someday is not a day of the week.

--A genuine Christian is like a good watch: he has an open face and busy hands, is made of pure gold, is well regulated, and is full of good works.

--It is not the IQ, but the "I will" that makes a difference in learning.

--There is nothing wrong with having nothing to say, unless you say it out loud.

--Faith with works is a force; faith without works is a farce.

--There are a lot of ways to become a failure, but never taking a risk is the most successful.

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

--Nothing cooks your goose quicker than a boiling temper.

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

--The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

--Self-control is quitting a bad habit; extreme self-control is not telling anyone you did.

--"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." (A. W. Tozer)

--"I am still in the land of the dying; I shall be in the land of the living soon." (The last words of John Newton, author of the hymn "Amazing Grace")

--"And yet all loneliness, angers, hatreds, envies, and itchings that Hell contains, if rolled into one single experience and put into the scale against the least moment of the joy that is felt by the least in Heaven, would have no weight that could be registered at all. Bad cannot succeed even in being bad as truly as good is good." (C. S. Lewis)

--"If you are a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven; you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world." (Vance Havner)

--We may speak about a place where there are no tears, no death, no fear, no night; but those are just the benefits of heaven. The beauty of heaven is seeing God.

--It is nearly impossible for anyone to learn what he thinks he already knows.

--In theory, there is nothing to hinder us from following what we are taught, but in life there are many things that lead us away from it.

--If I were a nightingale, I would sing like a nightingale; if I were a meadowlark, I would sing like a meadowlark. But I am a rational being; therefore, I must sing praises unto God.

--Any single thing in Creation is sufficient to prove Providence to a reasoning, humble, grateful mind.

--Do not be swept off your feet by the first vivid impression. But rather say, "Impression, wait for me a little while. Let me see what you truly are and what you represent. Let me test you."

--Whatever you would make a habit, practice it; and, if you would not make it a thing habitual, do not practice it, and accustom yourself to something else. (All sayings of Epictetus, 50-120 AD)

--The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one.

--Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.

--You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

--If work were so pleasant, the rich would keep it for themselves.

--Use what talents you possess, the woods will be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

--One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching.

--Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force but through persistence.

--Incredible change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don't.

--A year from now you will wish you had started today.

--Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.

--“We are taught you must blame your father, your sisters, your brothers, the school, the teachers; but, never blame yourself. It's never your fault. But it's always your fault, because if you wanted to change, you're the one who has got to change.” -- Katharine Hepburn, *Me: Stories of My Life*

--“Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.” – C.S. Lewis

--“Lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at you.” – David Brinkley

--The sermon you enjoy the most is not likely to be the one that will do you the most good.