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CHANGE THE WORLD

CHRISTOPHERS, 3/'79

"It is not a question of whether you will change the world. Every life affects the world one way of another. It is therefore a question of how you will change your particular world."

GREAT TRUTHS W. Somerset Maugham

"The great truths are too important to be new."

YESTERDAY'S SUCCESSES Og Mandino The Greatest Salesman in the World

Scroll 3: "I will not allow yesterday's successes to lull me into today's complacency, for this is the great foundation of failure. I will forget the happenings of the day that is gone, whether they were good or bad, and greet the new sun with confidence that this will be the best day of my life."

THE PERSON YOU ARE Source Unknown

"The thoughts you think become the words you speak; The words you speak become the actions you do; The actions you do become the person you are."

BEST THINKING Thomas A. Edison

"The best thinking has been done in solitude. The worst has been done in turmoil."

ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING TODAY

Bits & Pieces, Vol. D/# 4J

"Let's face it – what we accomplished yesterday is water over the dam. More important now is what we can do today and tomorrow. When the things we did yesterday and last year are more important than our ambitions for tomorrow and next year, it's time to let someone else take over. You cannot win today's game on last week's press clippings. No success is final – no success can last forever.

"When you feel you've got it made, watch out! It's the first step toward settling back into a pleasant, convenient rut. People who have it made are only one step from being has-beens."

TREAT EVERYONE

Elbert Hubbard's Scrapbook, p. 14

"Treat everyone with friendliness – injure no one."

20 YEARS FROM BARBARIANS Albert Siegel, Stanford Observer

"When it comes to rearing children, every society is only twenty years away from barbarism. Twenty years is all we have to accomplish the task of civilizing the infants who are born into our midst each year. These savages know nothing of our language, culture, God, religion, values, or customs. The infant is totally ignorant about democracy, civil liberties, respect, tolerance of others, decency, and honesty. The barbarian must be tamed if civilization is to survive."

ON ENTHUSIASM Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

"BE OF GOOD CHEER"

CHRISTOPHERS NEWS NOTES, #284

"Don't be afraid to give in to a smile – even in times of sadness. Laughter can restore the natural balance of your soul, while at the same time offering you a helpful hand in coping with life's ups and downs. Those ups and downs can't be changed – but you can change how you deal with them."

"[A]ttention is the first step to implementing or orchestrating a vision external to one's own actions. Vision animates, inspirits, transforms purpose into action....

But leadership is also a transaction...between leaders and followers. Neither could exist without the other. So what we discovered is that leaders also pay attention as well as catch it.... And that unified focus is the management of attention through vision."

FULGHUM'S EXCHANGE PRINCIPLE Robert Fulghum All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, p. 119

"Every person passing through this life will unknowingly leave something and take something away. Most of this 'something' cannot be seen or heard or numbered. It does not show up in a census. But nothing counts without it."

THE 3 D'S Jackie Joyner-Kersee HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, Spring '89, p. 4

"I'm a firm believer in the philosophy of the three D's – determination, desire, and dedication. It helped me become a winner, and I truly feel that these are values that will lift our youth a little higher. They don't have to aspire to be Olympians, but just parlay these traits into being good people and a success at whatever they want. There is no higher

achievement in life than being a good person in your own eyes."

LESSON FROM LOBSTERS

Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski Growing Each Day, www.aish.com

"You're arillin', pastor. That must make you a friar!

"How does a lobster grow? After all, its shell is rigid and cannot expand.

When the lobster feels itself compressed within shell, it retreats to a crevice in an underwater rock formation, sheds its shell, and grows a new one. When it outgrows this shell, it repeats the process and continues doing so until it reaches its maximum size.

During the stage when it is without its shell, the lobster is in great danger. A predatory fish may eat it, or a strong current may dash it against a rock. In order to grow, the lobster must risk its very life.

It is impossible to achieve success without risking failure; sometimes life can only be lived

by risking death. Since life consists of growth and progress, we must learn to live with risk.

People for whom failure is devastating may never try anything. They will never grow. The greatest failure of all is the failure to grow and to maximize one's potential. This passive failure is even more serious than active failure."

LOVE ONE ANOTHER Rainer Maria Rilke

"For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of our tasks; the ultimate, the last test and, proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation."

ADVICE FOR SPEAKERS Rev. Billy Graham

"I definitely try, when I speak, to make people laugh. And while their mouths are open, I put something in for them to chew on."

HEROIC LEADERSHIP Chris Lowney, p. 20

"Personal leadership is a never-ending work in progress that draws on continually maturing self-understanding....the strong leader relishes the opportunity to continue learning about self and the world, and looks forward to new discoveries and interests."

A 2ND LOOK

Josh Billings, Bits & Pieces, 5/'85

"I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully a second time into things that I am most certain of the first time."

ANALOGY OF A SAILBOAT Tim Gray & Curtis Martin boys to Men: The Transforming Power of Virtue, p. 13

"The finest sailboat in the world can't sail far without its sails. Even with much wind and good weather, if the sails are not up, the boat will not make much headway.

The sails signify our efforts, namely the virtues. Conversely, if the boat has excellent sails but no wind, it cannot sail. The wind is like God's grace. We can make all the effort and preparation in the world, but without God's grace we will not make much progress in the moral life. Similarly, we can receive the sacraments and pray, but God's grace will not avail much if we do not act. The wind will pass over the ship without much effect because the sails are not up."