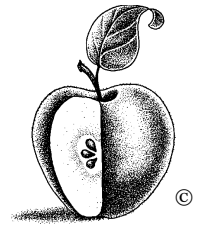


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Apple Seeds® begins its thirty-fourth year of sowing “seeds” of inspiration and motivation. The intent of this publication is to provide quotations and short stories from eclectic sources that promote positive attitudes and personal development of holistic human potential – from tiny seeds to ripened fruit. Your favorite quotes, stories or suggestions that would enhance Apple Seeds® are appreciated. Send them to the address listed above.

Plant these “seeds” well and water often. Enjoy!

THE TEACHER

Kahlil Gibran down.”

“The teacher who walks among his or her students gives not of one’s wisdom but rather of one’s faith and lovingness.

If he or she is indeed wise he or she does not bid you enter the house of his or her wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind.

For the vision of one person lends not its wings to another person.”



GOOD FOR WHAT?

Rev. Robert H. Schuller
“Self-Esteem: the New Reformation”

“We all know people who do not lie, kill, steal, commit adultery, yet they live a life of ease, comfort and non-involvement.

They appear to be kind and gentle and we are tempted to judge them to ‘loving people.’ But real love is a sacrificial commitment. Until these ‘good people’ set God-glorifying goals, they are making no potentially creative and constructive commitments. If they take no daring risk in mission, they’re good – but good for what?”

YIDDISH PROVERBS

Fred Kogos

Dictionary of Popular Yiddish Words, Phrases, & Proverbs

#2 “A wicked tongue is worse than a wicked hand.”

#36 “Half an answer also says something.”

#51 “A blow passes on, a spoken word lingers.”

#71 “Man thinks and God laughs.”

ON PERSISTENCE

Napoleon Hill

Think & Grow Rich, p. 170

“The majority of people are ready to throw their aims and purposes overboard and give up at the first sign of opposition or misfortune. A few carry on despite all opposition until they attain their goal.

There may be no heroic connotation to the word ‘persistence,’ but the quality is to the character of man what carbon is to steel.”

ON PUBLIC SPEAKING Anonymous

“Many speakers can rise to the occasion, but few know when to sit

ESSENCE OF LEADERSHIP

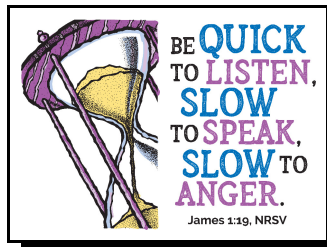
H.W. Prentis, Jr.
President, Armstrong Cork

“There was a time in my life when I thought that all a good executive had to do was to think up good plans, and then to execute them. But I soon found through experience that there was another function – of equal or perhaps surpassing importance. And that is to create and maintain an atmosphere – a climate, if you will – of sympathetic understanding among one’s associates that will give you a chance to put your ideas into effect. Creating this climate is the very essence of leadership.”

PARDONABLE FAULTS

La Rochefoucauld

“Most of our faults are more pardonable than the means we use to conceal them.”



DRIVING DESIRE

B.C. Forbes

“The person who advances is not the one who is afraid to do too much; it is the one whose conscience will not permit him to do too little, the one whose driving desire is to give the best that is in him, even though it may seem at times like casting bread upon unrelenting waters.”

And next is last and narrowest,

‘Is it kind?’

And if to reach your lips at last

It passes through these gateways three,

Then you may tell, nor ever fear

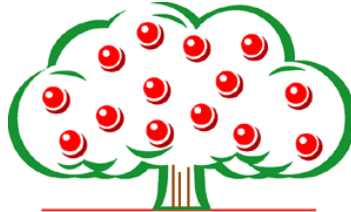
What the result of speech may be.”

TIME TO THINK

Mortimer Adler

YourSuccessStore.com

“You have to allow a certain amount of time in which you are doing nothing in order to have things occur to you, to let your mind think.”



And may the Lord
make you increase
and abound in love
for one another
and for all ...

1 Thessalonians 3:12

TODAY’S QUEST Charles Swindoll
The Quest for Character, p. 98

“VISION. It is essential for survival. It is spawned by faith, sustained by hope, sparked by imagination and strengthened by enthusiasm. It is greater than sight, deeper than a dream, broader than an idea.

Vision encompasses vast vistas outside the realm of the predictable, the safe, the expected. No wonder we perish without it.”

LOOK FOR GOOD

Ruskin

“Do not think of your faults; still less of others’ faults; look for what is good and strong; and try to imitate it; your faults will drop off, like dead leaves when their time comes.”

GIVE CREDIT

Anonymous

“Praise is like peanuts. When you got some, you look for more. Learn the value of putting compliments in writing.

Recognize good work and you give a person the will to do better work. Don’t recognize it and you feed one of the biggest gripes people have – lack of recognition.

Give credit where credit is due.”

THREE GATES

Celestial Seasonings

“If you are tempted to reveal a tale to you someone has told about another, before you speak, make it pass three gates of gold, three narrow gates:

First, ‘Is it true?’

Then, ‘Is it needful?’

In your mind give a truthful answer,

LOMBARDI ON WINNING

SOUNDINGS, Vol. 4, #1

“The late Vince Lombardi actually said, ‘Winning is not everything – but making the effort to win is.’ Lombardi knew you can’t win them all. But, he also knew that giving your best effort, giving everything you have, is what really makes winners.”

ON CONVERSION

Fr. Bernard Lonergan, SJ

“Fundamental to religious living is conversion. It’s not merely a change or even a development. Rather, it is a radical transformation on

which follows, on all levels of living, an interlocked series of changes and developments. What hitherto has gone unnoticed becomes vivid and present. What had been no concern becomes a matter of great importance. So great a change in one’s apprehensions and one’s values accomplishes no less a change in oneself, in one’s relationship to God.”

THE TATE FAMILY

Anonymous

PULPIT HELPS, Feb. 1996, p. 5

Do you know how many of the Tate family belong to your church? There is one named, DICTATE, who wants to run everything. And there is AGITATE, who stirs up plenty of trouble with help from her husband, IRRITATE. Whenever new projects are suggested, HESITATE and his wife, VEGETATE, want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt IMITATE who wants your church to be like all the other churches.

DEVASTATE provides the voice of doom while POTENTATE wants to be a big shot. But not all the Tate family members are bad. FACILITATE is quite helpful in church matters; and a delightful member in the family is FELICITATE. Cousins COGITATE and MEDITATE always think things over, and lend a helpful, steady hand. And, of course, there is the black sheep of the family – AMPUTATE, who has completely cut himself off from the church.

