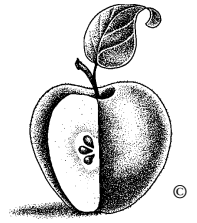


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GOOD TEACHERS

William Arthur Ward

“Good teachers fan the flames of curiosity with the hands of creative encouragement and innovative enthusiasm.”

AMERICANISM

Theodore Roosevelt

“Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth and sincerity—the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love-of-soft-living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life.”



I WILL NOT QUIT

Roxie Lusk Smith

“I will not quit until the battle’s won;
I will not quit until I hear the words,
‘Well done!’

Though rough be the way,
And hard be the fight
I will not quit the conflict and right!
There’s much to be gained,
True choices to make....

Lord, show me the path—
Just the right one to take!”

VOCATION OF A FAMILY

FAITH TODAY, June ‘85

“The Christian family is called to be a place where mistakes can be made and members can be appreciated in their imperfections. In short, the vocation of a family is to be a practice field for expressing love without conditions.

What is disturbing is that some families fill their days with put-downs. They do not make allowances for mistakes or failures; threats of retaliation are more evident than forgiveness.

All family members need to learn that loving and being loved are not contingent on performance.”

KEEN OBSERVATION

Anonymous

“One of the qualities of successful people in all walks of life is keen observation. They notice things about people, human nature, and the general world around them. Most of us, unfortunately, go through life with our eyes half closed.”

FEAR OF CRITICISM

Napoleon Hill

Think & Grow Rich, p. 180

“The majority of people permit relatives, friends and the public-at-large to so influence them that they cannot live their own lives because they fear criticism.

The fear of criticism in some cases is stronger than the desire for success.”

TO BE HUMAN

Ernest Kurtz

The Spirituality of Imperfection, p. 56

“To be human is to be fundamentally finite, essentially limited, ‘not God.’ And yet, at the same time, to be human is to be capable of ‘more’—to be capable of both wisdom and love that transcend the limitations of time. In a very real sense, then, to be human is to be caught in an impossible situation: We crave that which is essentially beyond us.”

BE FASCINATED

Jim Rohn

“Fascination is one step beyond interest. Interested people want to know if it works. Fascinated people want to learn how it works.”

MAN IS THE ONLY...

David Elton Fineblood

Philosophy of Religion

“It has been said that man is the only animal who laughs, and the only one who weeps; the only one who prays; the only one who walks fully erect; the only one who makes fires; the only one who guides his own destiny; the only one who is penitent, and the only one who needs to be.”

INTENSE DESIRE

Eric Hoffer

www.Enduringwisdom.com

“We are told that talent creates its own opportunities. But it sometimes seems that intense desire creates not only its own opportunities, but its own talents.”



THERE IS A TIME...

Ralph Waldo Emerson
www.quoted-printable.com

“There is a time in every man’s education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till.”

DAILY GRACES Source Unknown

“Thank you, God, for little things
that often come our way,
The things we take for granted
but don’t mention when we pray;
The unexpected courtesy,
the thoughtful, kindly deed,
A hand reached out to help us
in the time of sudden need—
Oh make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
That come to us with ‘sweet surprise’
From never-dreamed-of-places.”

3 C’S OF LEADERSHIP Neil Eskelin www.NeilEskelin.com

“The three C’s of leadership—Courtesy, Compassion and Caring.”

CHERISH YOUR VISIONS James Allen www.TopAchievement.com

“Cherish your visions; cherish your ideals; cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for out of them will grow delightful conditions, all heavenly environment; of these if you but remain true to them, your world will at last be built.”

CHANGE-IMPROVE German Proverb

“To change and to improve are two different things.”

SHOW UP TO VOTE Anthony De Mello, S.J.

On voting day the Master would always be the first to show up at the polling booth.

He could never understand why some of the disciples failed to exercise their right to vote.

“People are ready to pay their taxes and shed their blood for democracy,” he said. “Why will

they not take the trouble to vote and make it work?”

YOUR PART TO DO Lettie Cowman *Streams in the Desert*, p. 8

“Others may do a greater work,
But you have your part to do;
And no one in all God’s heritage
Can do it so well as you.”

MAP OUT A COURSE Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to the end requires courage.”

THE WISE COOK Pat Nelson *Magic Minutes*, p. 7

There once was a king who loved to eat. When the castle cook grew too old to prepare the meals anymore, the king looked for a new cook. A young man applied for the job. The king said to him, “I want you to cook me the best and most important dish in the whole world.”

The night the king sat down at the table. When he looked at the special dish, he exclaimed, “Why, that’s cow tongue!”

The young man answered, “Yes, it is. Nothing is more important than the tongue if it is used correctly. The tongue is used to teach, to explain, to command, to defend, to calm. Tongues are used to sing to babies and to make bargains. Tongue has to be the most important thing for a king.”

“I must say I didn’t realize that, young man. You’ve opened my eyes. Therefore, tomorrow night, I want you to fix me the worst dish you know.”

The next night, the young man served the king cow tongue. The king said, “What goes on here? Last night, tongue was the best dish in the world. Tonight it’s the worst. How can this be?”

“The difference is what you do with it, sire,” said the young man. “Tongues make gossip, stir up trouble, and tell lies. Tongues are cruel and hypocritical. Therefore, tongue can be the worst dish in the world.”

“Yes, I see. I also see that I need your wisdom in my court. I’ll get someone else to do the cooking.”

YOU CROWN THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY...

PSALM 65:11

