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ON EDUCATION

Sir William Haley

“Education would be much more effective if its purpose was to ensure that by the time they leave school every boy and girl should know how much they *do not know*, and be imbued with a lifelong desire to know it.”

TALENT IS LOST

Sydney Smith

“A great deal of talent is lost to the world for want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves obscure men whose timidity prevented them from making a first effort.”

WELCOME CRITICISM

Think & Grow Rich, Feb. 1992

“It is important that we learn to actively listen to criticism with a commitment – not to defend who we already are – but to better ourselves and become even more effective.”

ON READING

Benjamin Franklin

“Reading makes a full man,
Meditation a profound man,
Discourse a clear man.”

ART OF LEADERSHIP

Max DePree,
Leadership is an Art, p. 8

“The art of leadership lies in polishing and liberating and enabling the variety of gifts people bring.”

A COMPANION OF JESUS

Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM
LIVING FAITH, April 6, 2002

“To be a companion of Jesus requires that we listen to and live his basic teachings: to be compassionate, to reach out to the impoverished and the helpless, to not judge others harshly, to forgive our enemies, to live with honesty and integrity, to not take revenge, to love unconditionally. It is by these marks that others will recognize us as a companion of Jesus.”



PURPOSE IN LIFE

Coach Frank DiCocco

“The two most important days of your life – the day that you’re born, and the day that you figure out why you were born.”

Everyone has a purpose in life. Everyone has unique and specific talents, abilities, and interests that help guide them toward fulfilling their purpose.

What is your purpose in life? What are you going to do to help improve the lives of others? What are you going to do to make the world a better place?

The single most important thing you can do in life is to figure out what your purpose is. The second most important thing you can do is to help other people figure out what is theirs.”

DISCOVER THE BEST

William Arthur Ward

“When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.”

POWER OF QUOTATIONS

Elmer G. Letterman

“I believe in the power of important quotations. I always keep a few in my mind to think about...I can always join the best minds of the centuries. In their great thoughts I can find the courage to believe in the best that I can find in myself.”

SOMETHING SCARCE

Elbert Hubbard

“There is something that is much more scarce, something finer far, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability.”

THE QUALITY OF COURAGE

Mickey Mantle, p. 24

“Being brave doesn’t mean being noisy. It doesn’t mean acting big and brassy and knocking people down and saying, ‘Look how rough I am.’ It means doing what you have to do even when you don’t want to do it. Or when it’s awfully hard to do it. Or when you could let it slide and let somebody else do it. Or when it hurts to do it. Bravery covers a lot of ground.”



A BETTER WAY TO LIVE

Og Mandino, p. 102-103

“Teacher, student, factory worker, sales person, executive, parent, coach, athlete, doctor, lawyer – whatever challenges you accept in this life, whatever task you must perform for your daily bread...never, never neglect the little things.

You are a special creation of God. Never allow anything that originates with you, in deeds or materials or effort or kindness, to be less than your best. Only the failures and the mediocrities neglect the little things.”



ON TOLERANCE

Ernest Kurtz, et al

The Spirituality of Imperfection, p. 199

“Spirituality begins with this first insight: We are all imperfect. Such a vision not only invites but requires *tolerance*: active appreciation of the richness and variety of human beings on this earth, along with the understanding that we all struggle with the same demons, we all share the same fears and sorrows, we all do the best we can with what we have.”

ON EDUCATION

Theodore Roosevelt

“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”

WILLING TO BE TAUGHT

Donald DeMarco

The Many Faces of Virtue, p. 22

“The mark of the docile person is his willingness to be taught. But since docility is part of prudence – the virtue of realism – the only thing the docile person wants to know is the truth. The roots of docility are in humility and self-knowledge, while its fruits are in realism and practicality.”

REGARDING HENRY

CONNECTIONS, Oct. 1992

In the film *Regarding Henry*, Harrison Ford portrays Henry Turner, a high-powered, high-priced Wall Street lawyer who stops at nothing – nothing – to win. Everyone and everything in his life – his wardrobe, his house, his friends, even the school his daughter attends – are part of the life-style he has carefully crafted to project the image of a successful, *winning* attorney.

But all that changes one night when he stops at a neighborhood convenience store to buy a pack of cigarettes. Without realizing it, he walks into a robbery in progress. The terrified gunman shoots Henry in the head. Henry survives the shooting, but his

memory is erased – he must begin his life all over again. With a blank slate, Henry must re-learn everything, from how to read, to how he first met his wife.

In the process of his recovery, Henry cannot comprehend the life he had led; how he could take his wife and wonderful daughter for granted, how he could so ruthlessly destroy innocent people in the court room, how he could become obsessed with a life style so empty of meaning and purpose.

Regarding Henry is a fable about one man’s improbable journey to revisit his life and the even rarer opportunity to re-make it.

BE GOOD STEWARDS

Rich Cizik

Nat’l Assoc. for Evangelicals

“God isn’t going to ask you how he created the earth. He already knows. He’s going to ask, ‘What did you do with what I created?’ If we’re leaving a footprint that destroys the earth, we’ve failed to be good stewards.”

MUST NOT HESITATE

Dag Hammarskjöld

“When the morning’s freshness has been replaced by the weariness of midday, when the leg muscles give under the strain, the climb seems endless, and suddenly nothing will go quite as you wish – it is then that you must not hesitate.”

DO SOMETHING

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

“Even if it’s a little thing, do something for those who have need of help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.”

BEAR NO MALICE

Associated Press, 5/4/1992

Terry Anderson, the longest-held American hostage during the Lebanese Civil War, refuses to hate his extremist Shi’ite militants. “I have no room for it, I have no time for it,” he told AP President/CEO Louis D. Boccardi,. “My hating them is not going to hurt them an ounce, it’s only going to hurt me.” Also, he said, “I am a Catholic...I am required to forgive.”

Anderson credits his survival to the strength of his Roman Catholic faith, noting that he read the Bible some 50 times while in captivity. “We all find it in ourselves to do what we have to do,” he says. “People are capable of an awful lot when they have no choice, and I had no choice. Courage is when you have choices.”