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TEACHING IS AN ART

Luis Martin

“Teaching is not a science, but an art. It can be developed and nurtured, but it cannot be taught.

“Methodologies are to great teaching what a musical score is to the sound of a great symphony. The score does not make the sound; human beings do. Following the same score, a gifted musician creates art and a poor one treats the audience to a musical catastrophe.

“Teaching is an action that emanates from a person, the teacher. The qualities of that person will ultimately determine the nature and quality of the teaching.”



your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.”

GOOD MAXIMS

Anonymous

“Most of the good maxims have been written. It only remains to put them into practice.”

MISSION OF LOVE

St. Teresa of Calcutta

“Each person’s mission is a mission of love. ...Begin in the place where you are, with the people closest to you. Make your homes centers of compassion and forgive endlessly. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier...

“At the hour of death when we come face-to-face with God, we are going to be judged on love; not how much we have done, but how much love we put in the doing.”

SET THE WORLD ON FIRE

St. Catherine of Siena

“Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire.”

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Marian Wright Edelman

“We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.”

SAD IS THE REALITY

Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR

“How sad is the reality that the lives of so many of men and women remain perpetually potential with their creative powers largely undiscovered.”

ON WRITING

Bits & Pieces, Vol. 20, #4

“Don’t write anything until the message is absolutely clear in your mind.”

PRAYER OF SPRING

Fr. Charles Cummings, OCSO

“I live with a stronger hope for the possibilities that lie hidden within things, situations, and people.”

BUSINESS GREATNESS

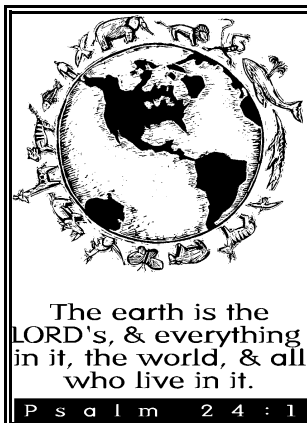
Charles M. Schwab

“The real test of business greatness lies in giving opportunity to others.”

THE GRACE OF GOD

Phillips Brooks, “Going up to Jerusalem”, *Twenty Sermons* (1886), p. 330.

“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks! Then the doing of



GOD LENT US THE EARTH

John Ruskin

“God has lent us the earth for our life....It belongs as much to those who are to come after us, and whose names are already written in the book of creation, as to us; and we have no right, by anything that we do or neglect, to involve them in unnecessary penalties, or deprive them of benefits that are in

our power to bequeath.”

MIRACLES HAPPEN Rev. Robert H. Schuller

“In the presence of HOPE faith is born; in the presence of FAITH love becomes a possibility; in the presence of LOVE miracles happen.”

STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STRESS

Dr. Frank Bucci

1. Develop a healthy lifestyle.
2. Build a network support system.
3. Practice time management techniques.
4. Perceive change as a challenge.
5. Adopt a dispassionate detachment mode.
6. Develop a stress game plan (anticipate).
7. Cultivate a positive attitude.

POLITICS TO BASEBALL

Will Rogers Speaks, 4-26-1925

“From politics to baseball is quite a jump upwards. Not only financially, but morally.”

SEEDS YOU PLANT Robert Louis Stevenson

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”

TRANSFORMATION TO NEW LIFE

Cecil B. De Mille (adapted)

“What a great afternoon this is,” thought the young boy. “Grandpa and me fishing all by our - selves.” The two of them just talked and fished, and aimlessly drifted in a rowboat on a lake. The boy became restless – normal for a boy – and he leaned over the side to look into the water. There, just beneath the surface, a bunch of water beetles were flitting around as if they were playing.

Suddenly one of the water beetles crawled up on an oar. When it got halfway up, it attached the talons of its legs to the wooden oar and died. The boy’s curiosity was aroused and he interrupted his grandfather’s nap to show him. They went back to fishing.

About three hours later, the boy looked down at the dead beetle. What he saw caused him to jump, almost tipping the boat. The beetle had dried up, and its shell started to crack open. Both the astonished grandfather and the boy watched silently at what unfolded before their eyes.

Something began to emerge from the opening: first long tentacles, then a

head, then moist wings until, finally, a beautiful dragonfly fully emerged.

They both stared in awe. The dragonfly began to move its wings, slowly at first. Then it hovered gracefully over the water where the other water beetles were still flitting around. They didn’t even recognize the dragonfly. They didn’t realize that it was the same beetle they had played with some three hours earlier.

The boy took his finger and nudged the dried-out shell of the beetle. It was like an empty tomb.

SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

Source Unknown

“Excellence is a process that should occupy all our days, whether it is tied to a specific piece of work done, or not. Just as you must work at life, so you must work at the spirit of excellence. It will become a part of you only through a singleness of purpose and a determination to see your goals through to the end.”

THINGS THAT ENDURE

Coach Vince Lombardi

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“The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur.”

“I NEVER REGRETTED IT”

TOR PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER, April 1993

A religion teacher was instructing the class about the cross and the suffering of Jesus on Good Friday. In part, she explained the letters written at the top of the cross, INRI, symbolized the original inscription: Iusus Nazarene, Rex Iudaeorum (Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews).

The following day, to begin class, the teacher reviewed the previous lesson. Asking questions, she tried to draw out whether the students had properly understood the material from yesterday’s class.

“Matthew,” she asked, “What do the letters INRI stand for?”

Unfortunately, Matthew had been day-dreaming during the previous lesson but thought to himself what those letters might mean. So he said, “INRI, I Never Regretted It.”

He never regretted it! Jesus loves us and calls us to confess our sins and turn to him.

