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CURIOSITY & LEARNING William Arthur Ward

“Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning.”

MORNING PRAYER Charles Kingsley

“Thank God – every morning when you get up – that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle never know.”

WHAT YOU DO TODAY Ernest Hemingway

“Today is only one day in all the days that will ever be. But what will happen in all the days that will ever come can depend on what you do today.”

BEAR THE BURDEN Philip Brooks

“The truest help we can render an afflicted person is not to take their burden from them, but to call out their best energy, that they may be able to bear the burden.”

BEST USE OF LIFE William James

“The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts us.”

KINDLE A GREAT LIGHT Felix Adler

Positive Press <http://www.positivepress.com>

“The hero is the one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by. The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.”

RESPONSIBILITY Robert K. Greenleaf

“RESPONSIBILITY,...requires that a person think, speak and act as if personally accountable to all who may be affected by his or her thoughts,



words, and deeds....People are affected by neglect as well as by assertive actions. Therefore, responsibility is affirmative and imposes obligations that one might not choose. It is also negative in that it restrains or modifies what one might choose to think, say, or do.”

THE LITTLE THINGS Coach Don Shula

“If you look at the great leaders, one of the things that makes them different is their willingness to do all the little things it takes to prepare.”

NOVEMBER BLESSINGS John Oxenham

“For earth’s ten thousand fragrant incenses,
Sweet altar-gifts from leaf and fruit and flower;
For ripening summer and the harvesting;
The flaming pageant of the ripening woods,
The fiery gorse, the heather-purpled hills;
For meadows silver-white with hoary dew;
For sheer delight of tasting once again that
first crisp breath of winter in the air;
The cold without, the cheer warmth within.
We thank you, Lord!”

BIGGER & BETTER Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR

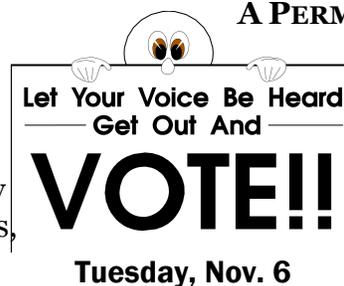
“You are a bigger and better person than you are presently thinking and acting.”

ON PERSUASION Bits & Pieces, Nov. ‘70

“We usually persuade others more by the depth of our convictions, our enthusiasms, than by logic and proof.”

A PERMANENT HABIT Dr. Norman Vincent Peale Positive Thinking

“Speech is the audible articulation of an idea formulated by thought in the mental process. And repeated statements of a thought tend to imbed it ever deeper in sub-



consciousness to the extent that it eventually becomes a permanent habit. What a person becomes is a combination of thought, speech, action and attitude, which develops into habit and finally, by going into the deep subconscious, solidifies one's values or point of view. This is the process by which a person becomes either a negative or a positive thinker. It is how a mental attitude is formed."

WITHIN YOU

Vernon Howard

"Within you at this very moment is everything you seek, but you must awaken to it."

STRIVE TO BE GREATER

Og Mandino

The Greatest Mystery in the World, p. 96

"Always strive to be greater than you are. You must surpass yourself. In each successive act, test, encounter, thought, try to be greater than in the one previous. You are what you are now but in an hour you must be more than you are now. In every action you take, exert more power to surpass yourself."

JOYS OF TODAY

Anonymous

"Cherish the memories of yesterday,
Savor the joys of today,
Nurture the promise of tomorrow."

21ST CENTURY CHRISTIANS

Bible Illustrator, #2988

Chad Walsh wrote an intriguing book entitled *Early Christians of the Twenty-First Century*, in which he placed a burr under many a Christian saddle: "Millions of Christians live in a sentimental haze of vague piety, with soft organ music trembling in the lovely light from stained glass windows. Their religion is a pleasant thing of emotional quivers, divorced from the will, divorced from the intellect and demanding little except lip service to a few harmless platitudes. I suspect that Satan has called off his attempt to convert people to agnosticism. After all, if a person travels far enough away from Christianity, he or she is liable to see it in perspective and decide that it is true. It is much safer, from Satan's point of view, to vaccinate an individual with a mild dose of Christianity so as to protect him or her from the real 'disease' – Jesus Christ in his full-

ness."

CREATIVITY

CHRISTOPHER'S NEWS NOTES, #233

"Psychologists have found that only about 2% of adults use their creativity, compared to 10% of seven year olds. When 5 year olds were tested, the results soared to 90%.

Originality is a way of life for the small child. But something happens on the way to adulthood [They become adulterated?]. Whatever that is, it is a fact that most of us settle down to living with worn concepts and set thinking patterns. The daring and the delight are gone. So is the originality. They need not be."

HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States commemorating the harvest of the Plymouth Colony in 1621. The event followed a winter of great hardship.

When it was first inaugurated, only a few eastern states participated. However, through the effort of Sarah Hale a change was effected. She was fired with the determination of having the whole nation join together in setting apart a national day for giving thanks "unto Him from who all blessings flow." To this end, she resolutely engaged the press with an endless flow of letters and articles to the various newspapers and journals of her time. In addition, she pleaded long and earnestly with three Presidents: Fillmore, Pierce and Buchanan during the period of 1852, when her campaign succeeded in uniting 29 states in marking the last Thursday of November as "Thanksgiving Day."

Then came the dark days of the Civil War. Who would listen to a lone woman with her persistent plea for "just one day of peace amidst the blood and the strife"? One man did; her entreaty won the ear of a great American, and in 1863 President Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed the last Thursday of November as a day set apart for the national giving of thanks unto Almighty God. Lincoln lived to see only two such occasions, but Sarah Hale lived well on into her late 90's, content that her long-cherished hope had at last become a reality.

