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I LOVED TEACHING

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

“I loved teaching....I felt a deep moral obligation to students; that is why I spent so many hours in preparation for each class. In any age of social justice one phase that seems neglected is the moral duty of professors to give their students a just return for their tuition. This applies not only to the method of teaching but to the content as well. A teacher who himself does not learn is no teacher. Teaching is one of the noblest vocations on earth, for, in the last analysis, the purpose of education is the knowledge and love of truth.”



THEME OF STORYTELLING

Pope Francis

“Message for the 54th World Communications Day,” May 24, 2020

“So as not to lose our bearings, we need to make our own the truth contained in good stories. Stories that build up, not tear down; stories that help us rediscover our roots and the strength needed to move forward together. Amid the cacophony of voices and messages that surround us, we need a human story that can speak of ourselves and of the beauty all around us....A narrative that can reveal the interweaving of the threads which connect us to one another.”

GOALS NOT ACHIEVED

Robert J. McCain

“The reason most major goals are not achieved is that we spend our time doing second things first.”

AD MAJORA NATUS SUM

Sr. Clare Crockett

“*Ad majora natus sum*, which literally translates to ‘I was born for greater things.’ It’s a sentence that the ancients used to say when they wanted to reject magnanimously what they thought was mediocre, vulgar or evil. *I was born for greater things!*”

WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME

John Lewis

Statesman and Civil Rights Leader

“You are a light....Never let anyone — any person or any force — dampen, dim or diminish your light. Study the path of others to make your way easier and more abundant. Lean toward the whispers of your own heart, discover the universal truth, and follow its dictates. Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won. Choose confrontation wisely, but when it is your time don’t be afraid to stand up, speak up, and speak out against injustice.”

LIMITED IMAGINATIONS

Mae Jamison,
former NASA astronaut

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations. If you adopt their attitudes, then the possibility won’t exist because you’ll have already shut it out.”

PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

Jon Gordon, **HEADING FOR**
The Garden

“There’s a plan for your life. You have greatness inside you and in every moment you have the capability to do great things. The best is yet to come if you choose to believe it.”



TRAITS FOR SUCCESS

Coach John Wooden

“Others may have far more ability than you, they may be larger, faster, quicker, better jumpers, better runners, better throwers, but no one should be your superior in respect to loyalty, enthusiasm, cooperation, determination, industriousness, fight, effort and character. Acquire and keep these traits and success is sure to follow.”

HIGH FIDELITY

CHRISTOPHERS NEWS NOTES, 7/1980

“Human fidelity is faithfulness — to a duty, to a sense of what is right or appropriate, and to one’s deepest convictions

about God and the meaning of life.

This kind of fidelity encompasses such traits as loyalty, honesty, allegiance, sincerity, integrity. It concerns major issues in life — and small ones too.”

*One who despises small things
will fail little by little*

Sirach 19:1

ALL THAT MATTERS

Anonymous

“To Look is one thing.
To See what you look at is another.
To Understand what you see is a third.
To Learn from what you understand is still something else.
But to Act on what you learn is all that really matters.”

3 GREAT ESSENTIALS

Thomas A. Edison

“Three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, commonsense.”

A SIGNIFICANT LIFE

Dr. Richard D. Dobbins

“Many people confuse the concepts of success and significance. They are distinctly different concepts. If you want to build a successful life, you have to make it to the top of the ladder in your field. To build a significant life you have to discover meaning and purpose along the way. It is far easier to become successful in life than it is to lead a significant life. Many successful people lack meaning and significance in their lives.”



SATAN TRIES TO DESTROY CREATION

Anon.

There’s an old fable that tells about the time God created the earth. It was barren and desolate. It had no trees nor plants. So God sent an angel to scatter seeds everywhere on earth. Satan, however, saw the seeds lying on the ground and decided he would destroy them all. Satan, then, buried those seeds in the ground. He called down the sun and the rain to make the seeds rot away. Satan saw the scorching sun and the drenching rains fall on the earth. He laughed at the ruin he thought he had achieved.

Meanwhile, deep in the tomb of the earth, the seeds began to germinate; new life sprang forth. Out of death life came forth. Those seeds

clothed the earth with an abundance of plants and flowers.

A voice resounded from heaven, “You fool, that which you sow is not quickened except it first die.”

Satan’s bitterness waxed; his patience waned. He shrieked, “You can’t have the last laugh at me.” And raising his clenched fist he shouted, “I’ll get you, just wait and see.”

POWER TO CHOOSE

Viktor E. Frankl

“Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.”

LOVE INTENTIONALLY

L.R. Knost

“Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.”

READING & MEDITATION

St. Isidore,
Book of Maxims

“All spiritual progress derives from reading and meditation. For in reading we learn things of which we were ignorant, and in meditation we preserve what we have learned.”

“HASTEN SLOWLY”

Anonymous
LEADERSHIP, May 12, 1992

Titus, the emperor of Rome, had the symbol of a dolphin wound around an anchor inscribed on coins during his reign. The anchor represented delay and unchanging conviction. The dolphin was regarded as the swiftest and most mercurial creature of the sea. Together, they symbolized the failure that comes from rushing into something, and the failure that is the result of hesitation or undue caution.

Through the years, the dolphin and the anchor have been used as the family crest, with the explanatory motto *Festina Lente*, “Hasten Slowly.” It expresses moderation between two opposing ideas. It means the medium between acting too quickly and waiting too long.

