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WORK OF CHRISTMAS *Howard Thurman*

“When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the
flocks,

the work of Christmas begins:

- to feed the hungry,
- to release the prisoners,
- to rebuild the nations,
- to bring peace among brothers and sisters,
- to make music with the heart.”



TO CONVINCING PEOPLE *Juvenalis*

“You should abstain from arguments.
They are very illogical ways to convince
people. Opinions are like nails: the stron-
ger you hit them, the deeper inside they
go.”

A CARING TOUCH *William Arthur Ward*

“Our gift of just a caring touch
Can brighten someone’s day;
Our warm, kind words can mean so much
To others on their way.”

KNOWLEDGE INCREASES *H.P. Blavatsky*

“Knowledge increases in proportion to its
use — that is, the more we teach the more we
learn.”

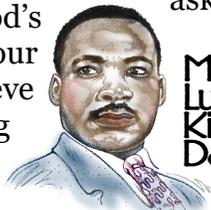
ENCOURAGING THE HEART *Kouzes & Posner, p. XIII*

“When getting extraordinary things done,
leaders:

- ✦ Challenge the process.
- ✦ Inspire a shared vision.
- ✦ Enable others to act.
- ✦ Model the way.
- ✦ Encourage the heart.”

GENUINE HUMILITY *FAITH CONNECTION, 10/31/99*

“Genuine humility acknowledges our role as
creatures before the awesome love of our Crea-
tor. It compels us to gratitude before God’s amaz-
ing grace at work in our lives and to actions that
draw upon these graces or gifts for the good of
all. Our life and living is not an individualistic,
self-centered enterprise. We exist to continue
the reign of God in this day. Because God’s
reign is one of peace, justice and love, all our
actions must reflect this vision. We believe
this, we profess this and it is our lifelong
task to integrate this into daily living.”



Martin
Luther
King Jr.
Day

FORGIVENESS IS A DECISION *CHRISTOPHERS, 7/79*

“Without forgiveness, there is resentment —
or guilt. Instead of human fellowship, there are
separate prisons. We have a choice: We can stay
where we are — or we can give, or ask forgive-
ness.

Forgiveness is a decision. It is not a feeling.
A decision to forgive is a first step.”

ON ENTHUSIASM *Henry Ford*

“Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your
hope rise to the stars...the sparkle in your eye...
the swing in your gait, the grip in your hand, the
irresistible surge of your will and your energy to
execute your ideas. Enthusiasts are fighters. They
have fortitude. They have the staying qualities.”

CONSCIENCE ASKS... *Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

“On some positions, Cowardice asks the
question, ‘Is it safe?’ Expediency asks the ques-
tion, ‘Is it politic?’ And Vanity comes along and
asks the question, ‘Is it popular?’ But Conscience
asks the question ‘Is it right?’ And there comes
a time when one must take a position
that is neither safe, nor politic, nor
popular, but he must do it because
Conscience tells him it is right.”

LIFE’S LESSONS

Coach Lou Holtz

“Experience is a tough teacher.
It tests you first and teaches you later.”

DIFFERENCE FOR ETERNITY James Freeman Clarke

“It may make a difference to all eternity
whether we do right or wrong today.”

TO LOOK 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.”



DARING THE SOUL William Newton Clarke

“Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther
than it can see.”

HERE FOR A REASON Whoopie Goldberg

“I fear waking up one morning and finding
out my life was all for nothing. We’re here for a
reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw
little torches out to lead people through the dark.
When you’re kind to someone in trouble, you
hope they remember and are kind to someone
else and so on. Soon it’ll be like a wildfire.”

TRUST HARD WORK Sir Frederick Treves

“Don’t bother about genius, Don’t worry
about being clever. Trust to hard work, persever-
ance and determination.”

THE SECOND LOOK Josh Billings

“I have lived in this world just long enough
to look carefully the second time into things I am
the most certain of the first time.”

THE GREATEST PERSON SOUNDINGS, Vol. 3, # 10

In ancient times a king decided to find and
honor the greatest person among his subjects. A
man of wealth and property was singled out. An-
other was praised for his healing powers;
another for his wisdom and knowledge of
the law. Still another was lauded for his
business acumen. Many other successful
people were brought to the palace, and it
became evident that the task of choosing
the greatest would be difficult.



Finally, the last candidate stood before the
king. It was a woman. Her hair was white. Her
eyes shone with the light of knowledge, under-
standing, and love.

“Who is this?” asked the king. “What has she
done?”

“You have seen and heard all the
others,” said the king’s aide. “This is
their teacher.”

The people applauded and the king
came down from his throne to honor
her.

TRULY KIND PEOPLE Chinese wisdom

“Truly kind people forget the good things
they have done in the past. They are so involved
in the things they do now that they forget the
things they have done before.”

JOY IS MISSING Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie
former Chaplain, U.S. Senate, (1995–2003)

“Joy is the missing ingredient in contempo-
rary Christianity. The problem is our powerless
piousness and grim religiosity.”

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR Anon.

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see
that these are thoroughly free from old memories
of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them com-
pletely from every clinging spite; pick off all
specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see
that these months are freed from all the past –
have them fresh and clean as when they first
came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut
these months into thirty or thirty-one equal
parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole
batch at one time (so many persons spoil the
entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, pa-
tience, courage, work (some people omit this in-
gredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope,
fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out
is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing –
don’t do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-
selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful
of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a
sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of
good humor.