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ON SHARING

Jim Rohn

“Sharing makes you bigger than you are. The more you pour out, the more life will be able to pour in.”

you meet as if they were going to be dead at midnight.

Extend to each person, no matter how trivial the contact, all the care and kindness and understanding and love that you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.”



ON PERSEVERANCE Pope Benedict XVI

Benedict XVI (December 13, 2012) in an audience to new ambassadors accredited to the Holy See said, “Alongside education in the righteousness of the heart and mind, the young also need, now more than ever, to be educated in the meaning of effort and perseverance in the face of difficulty....”

QUEST FOR CHANGE

Kouzes & Pozner

The Leadership Challenge, p. 29

“Challenge is the opportunity for greatness. People do their best when there’s the chance to change the ways things are. Maintaining the status quo breeds mediocrity. Leaders seek and accept challenging opportunities to test their abilities. They motivate others to exceed their limits. They look for innovative ways to improve the organization. Leaders do their best when there is a tough assignment or quest for change.”

SECRET OF CONTENTMENT

Lin Yu Tang

“The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have, and be able to lose all desire for things beyond reach.”

EVERY TOMORROW

Henry Ward Beecher

“Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.”

ON COMMITMENT

Abraham Lincoln

“Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.

It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions. And the actions which speak louder than words.

It is making the time when there is none. Coming through time after time, year after year after year.

Commitment is the stuff character is made of; the power to change the face of things.

It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.”

ON HUMILITY

Ernest Kurtz, et al

The Spirituality of Imperfection, p. 190

“Humility – the acceptance that being human is good enough – is the embrace of ordinariness. That is not to say that humility sees ordinariness as “good enough”; humility rather sees us as good enough, even in our ordinariness.”

THE MORAL TEST

Hubert Humphrey

“The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life – the children; those who are in the twilight of life – the aged; and those who are in the shadows of life – the sick, the needy and the handicapped.”

WE MAKE...

Anonymous

“We are all manufacturers – some make good, others make trouble, and still others make excuses.”



HIS BETTER SELF

Eleanor H. Porter

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A BETTER WAY TO LIVE

Og Mandino, p. 90

“RULE TEN...Beginning today, treat everyone

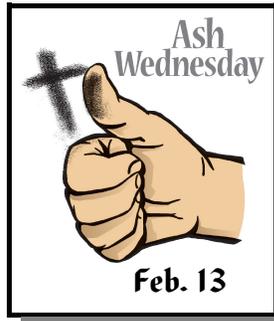
“What men and women need is encouragement. Their natural resisting powers should be strengthened, not weakened....Instead of always harping on a man’s

faults, tell him of his virtues. Try to pull him out of his rut of bad habits. Hold up to him his better self, his real self that can dare and do and win out!”

WITH REPENTANCE...

John Ortberg Jr.

“Low self-esteem causes me to believe that I have so little worth that my response does not matter. With repentance, however, I understand that being worth so much to God is why my response is so important. Repentance is remedial work to mend our minds and hearts, which get bent by sin.”



KINDLE A GREAT LIGHT

Felix Adler

“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.”

REASON TO FORGIVE

M. Scott Peck

Further Along the Road Less Traveled, p. 46

“The process of forgiveness – indeed, the chief reason for forgiveness – is selfish. The reason to forgive others is *not* for their sake. They are not likely to *know* that they need to be forgiven. They’re not likely to remember their offense. They are likely to say, ‘You just made it up.’ They may even be dead. The reason to forgive is for our own sake. For our own health. Because beyond that point needed for healing, if we hold on to our anger, we stop growing and our souls begin to shrivel.”

TIME SPENT WAITING

James F. Colaianni

Sunday Sermons Masterpiece Collection, Vol. 1. p. 281

“Have you ever stopped to think about how much time we spend waiting? In our daily lives we wait at the bus stop or we wait at the traffic light. We wait in line at the bank. We rush to the airport to get there on time and then we wait. We have waiting lines and waiting lists and waiting rooms.

We wait to get out of school. We wait for our first job and then wait for the promotion, or being down-sized out of a job. We wait for children to be born; we wait for them to grow-up and leave home so we can have freedom again. And then we wait for them to come back on the holidays. We wait to get married; we wait for retirement, and we wait to die.

On another level, we wait for leaders who will help us resolve our economic and social problems.

We wait for leaders who will show us the way to peace on earth. Waiting, waiting, waiting.”

WISDOM SEEDS

William Arthur Ward

“Friendship flourishes at the fountain of forgiveness.”

“Opportunities are like sunrises – if you wait too long, you miss them.”

ON TOLERANCE

G.K. Chesterton

“Tolerance is the virtue of the man without convictions.”

TRUE HAPPINESS

Helen Keller

“Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.”

GREAT VIRTUE OF MAN

Wang Yang-Ming

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“The sages do not consider that making no mistakes is a blessing. They believe, rather, that the great virtue of man lies in his ability to correct his mistakes and continually make a new man of himself.”

GRANDMA MOSES – AN INSPIRATION

Anon.

In her late 70s and struggling with severe arthritis, a farmer’s widow from Eagle Bridge, NY loved to do needlework, but her fingers no longer were as nimble for the small detail work of embroidery. The elderly woman found she could hold a small paintbrush much easier than a needle, and tried her hand at painting. She thought her farm and country scenes were good enough to show at the fair, but she only won prizes for her preserves and canned fruit.

Then one day an art collector noticed several of her paintings on display in the window of a local drug store. He bought them all. When he showed them to his friends in the art circles of New York city, they were more curious about the painter.

Soon, “Grandma Moses” gained an international reputation. Her widely-collected works of art were featured on calendars, greeting cards and in exhibitions in the leading galleries, including the Modern Museum of Art in New York City.

Even more amazing, it’s reported that twenty-five percent of her more than 1,500 paintings were done after she had turned 100!

Isn’t it time you got started?