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**SOW AND REAP**

Charles A. Hill

“We sow our thoughts,  
 and we reap our actions;  
 We sow our actions  
 and we reap our habits;  
 We sow our habits,  
 and we reap our character;  
 We sow our character,  
 and we reap our destiny.”



**MAKE BIG PLANS**

Daniel H. Burnham

“Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will not die.”

**CARE OF THE SOUL**

Thomas Moore

“Care of the soul, looking back with special regard to ancient psychologies for insight and guidance, recovers a sense of the sacredness of each individual life. This sacred quality is not just value — all lives are important. It is the unfathomable mystery that is the very seed and heart of each individual.”

**LIVE FOR OTHERS**

Seneca

“No one can live happily who regards oneself alone, who turns everything to one’s own advantage. You must live for others if you wish to live for yourself.”

**PREPARE YOURSELF...**

B.C. Forbes,  
 Forbes, 6-29-87

“Ignorance is blind. The blind cannot see opportunity. Fit yourself to see opportunity. Knowledge illuminates. Mediocre persons wait for opportunity to come to them. Strong, able, alert persons go after opportunity. Opportunity can benefit no one who has not fitted oneself to seize it and use it. Opportunity woos the worthy, shuns the unworthy. Prepare yourself to grasp opportunity and opportunity is likely to come your way. It is not so fickle, capricious and unreasoning as some complain.”

**ADVERSITY**

Lou Holtz

“All the great teams in sports, as well as most great people, overcome adversity. Adversity is what we look for, for in adversity there is opportunity.”

**FULLY HUMAN, FULLY ALIVE** Fr. John Powell, SJ

“Jesus asks us to be as concerned and loving to our world and times as he was to his. However, because all conduct ultimately is the result of a vision, the important thing is to grasp the basic vision of reality that Jesus had, his inner attitudes and belief system. This is the ultimate source of human health and happiness. These Jesus has communicated to us through his message and in his person.”

**ON WORK**

Thomas Alva Edison

“I never did anything worth doing by accident; nor did any of my inventions come by accident; they came by work.”

**ON CHARACTER**

Horace Greeley

“Fame is vapor;  
 Popularity an accident;  
 Riches take wings.  
 Only one thing endures  
 and that is character.”



**LAUGHTER IS A LEAP**

G.K. Chesterton

“It is really a natural trend to lapse into taking oneself gravely because it is the easiest thing to do ... for solemnity flows out of men naturally but laughter is a leap. It is easy to be heavy; hard to light. Satan fell by force of gravity.”

**GOOD LEADERSHIP** *Bits & Pieces*, July '87

“Consistency is one of the essential requirements of good leadership. People who cannot present a consistent set of values, both in words and deeds, betray an inner confusion. And whether they mean to or not, they will pass this confusion on to their associates.”

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS** Earl Nightingale, *INSIGHT*, # 52

“Our ability to effectively communicate will determine our ability to sell our ideas. Selling can involve a product, a service, selling others on the good life, and just generally getting our ideas across in a telling and effective way. Nick Carter said communication is taking the images we have in our minds and transferring them into the minds of another or a group. It’s saying something worthwhile in a worthwhile way.”

**ON EDUCATION** Aristotle

“The fate of empires depends on the education of youth.”

**EXECUTIVE: PERSON OF ACTION** Woodrow Wilson

“An executive is a person of action. In an executive job we (intellectuals) are dangerous, unless we are aware of our limitations and take measures to stop our everlasting disposition to think, to listen, to — not act. I made up my mind long ago, when I got into my first executive job, to open my mind for a while, hear everybody who came to me with advice, information — what you will — then, someday, the day when my mind felt like deciding to shut it up and act. My decision might be right; it might be wrong. No matter, I would take a chance and do — something.”

**ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOURSELF** Lee Wheeler, *Blue Mtn. Arts*

“The most difficult thing at times is to find enough strength to believe in yourself.

Don’t be surprised every now and then to find yourself with no one other than yourself to defend your beliefs.

The most difficult time to have faith in your abilities is when you are the only one who does, but that doesn’t make your potential any less or decrease your desire to achieve everything you want.

You have been blessed with so many gifts; all that is needed is that you find the courage to continue doing whatever you believe in.”

**GOD OF JOY** Martin Luther

“God is not a God of sadness, but the Devil is. Christ is a God of joy. It is pleasing to God whenever you rejoice or laugh from the bottom of your heart.”

**PRESENCE OF GOD** Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

“Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.”

**HOW DOES CHRIST EASTER IN US?** Walter J. Burghardt, SJ, pp. ix-x

The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote an ambitious poem entitled “The Wreck of the Deutschland.”

This poem commemorates the death of 5 Franciscan sisters who drowned on the German ship *Deutschland* when it sank at the mouth of the river Thames in the winter of 1875. One half-line of the poem is especially intriguing: “*Let him easter in us.*”

What a wonderful thought. How does Christ *easter* in us? Today is a good time to ask yourself, What areas of my life are holding me back from rising to new life?”

This Easter Jesus is calling each of use to rise from our “tombs.” Are they ...

*tombs of fear or despair,*  
*tombs of anger or resentment,*  
*tombs of envy or jealousy,*  
*tombs of injustice or prejudice,*

*tombs of greed, power or pride,*  
*tombs of various addictions, or*  
*tombs of unforgiving hearts?*

With Christ, through him and in him, let us strive to make all things new! Today, *Let Christ ‘easter’ in you.*

