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FORMATION OF CHARACTER Hebert Spencer

“Education has for its object the formation of character.”

ON FREEDOM Pope John Pau II, Baltimore, October 8, 1995

“Freedom does not give us the right to do as we please, but the liberty to do as we ought.”

FULLY HUMAN FULLY ALIVE Fr. John Powell, SJ

“You are loved by God, unconditionally as you are:

You do not have to win or earn or be worthy of his love. It is a ‘given.’ Of course, you can refuse to accept it. You can separate yourself from God’s love for awhile, or even for an eternity.

Wherever you are in your development, whatever you are doing, with a strong affirmation of all your goodness and good deeds, with a gentle understanding of your weaknesses, God is forever loving you. You do not have to change, grow or be good in order to be loved. Rather, you are loved so that you can change, grow and be good.”

CHALLENGE OF CHARACTER

Rev. Jesse Jackson

“A great threat to your generation is not some ancient, archaic law, denying your access and information based on race or sex or religion, but rather a challenge of character, and the will to choose hope, if you will, over dope.”

WORRY IS UN-NECESSARY Wm. Barclay, Daily Study Bible, Matt., Vol. 1, p. 260

“Worry refuses to learn the lesson of life. We are still alive and our heads are still above water; and yet if someone told us that we would have to go through what we have actually gone through,



we would have said that it was impossible. The lesson of life is that somehow we have been enabled to bear the un-bearable and to do the undoable and to pass the breaking point and not to break. The lesson of life is that worry is un-necessary.”

ON KINDNESS

Isaac Bashevis Singer

“Two important things are to have a genuine interest in people, and to be kind to them. Kindness, I’ve discovered, is everything in life.”

DEEP RESERVOIRS WITHIN Earl Nightingale

“The Invisible Barrier,” INSIGHT, # 86, p. 14

“There exists within each of us deep reservoirs of ability — even genius — that we habitually fail to use’

... We tend to take ourselves and our powers for granted; it’s because we tend to be more conscious, often painstakingly so, of our shortcomings than we are of our unique strengths, talents and abilities.”

A PERSON’S CHARACTER

Abraham Lincoln

“Nearly everyone can stand adversity, but if you want to test a person’s character, give him power.”

SERVING GOD Benjamin Franklin

“Serving God is doing good to others. But praying is thought an easier service and is, therefore, more generally chosen.”

FOUR PROFOUND NEEDS Dr. Myrle Swicegood

“There are four simple, yet profound, needs you must meet if you want people to be productive and satisfied team players.

These needs are more alike for each person than they’re different. All people have:



“If you listen real carefully when the breeze blows, you can hear God whispering.”

from The Joyful Noiseletter
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1. The need to be somebody.
2. The need to feel they belong.
3. The need to feel they make a difference.
4. The need to be better than they are."

PEOPLE OF HOPE

Pope John Paul II

"The people of hope are those who believe that God created them for a purpose and that he will provide for their needs as they seek to fulfill his purpose in their lives."

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

Napoleon Hill

"There are two kinds of people who never get ahead or amount to anything. One is the individual who will not do what he or she is told, and the other is the one who will not do anything more than he or she is told."

DO SOME GOOD

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

"Seek always to do some good somewhere. You must give some time to other persons. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own."

GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK

William Arthur Ward

- Rid yourself of resentment, jealousy, bitterness, and pride.
- Forgive yourself your sins, mistakes, failures, and thoughtless acts of unkindness.
- Free yourself from the shackles of fear, worry, anxiety, and needless fretting.

When we give others — and ourselves — a break, we prevent breakdowns in our human relations.

IT IS HARD ... BUT IT PAYS

Bits & Pieces, Vol. 23, # 7

"It is hard: to forget, to apologize, to save money, to be unselfish, to avoid mistakes, to keep out of a rut, to begin all over again, to make the best of all things, to keep your temper at all times, to think first and act afterwards, to maintain a high standard, to keep on keeping on, to shoulder the blame, to be charitable, to admit error, to take advice, to forgive. But it pays!"

OUR GREATEST ASSETS

Jack Kemp

"... Our greatest assets are not in the wealth we see around us but the potential which is unseen ... in the minds yet to be educated ..."

ST. FRANCIS' PRAYER TO DISCERN GOD'S WILL



Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness
of my heart,
and give me right faith,
certain hope, and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord,
that I may carry out
your holy and true command.
Amen.

DUTIES DELAYED

Winning Words of Champions, p. 287

"Duties delayed are the devil's delight."

REACH OUT!

William Arthur Ward

"When you and I reach out to God in prayer
But then begin to worry, fret and fuss,
We can, in faith, release our every care,
Assured that God is reaching out to us!"

EACH SMALL TASK

St. Theresa Lisieux

"Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe."

TEAM BUILDING

Anonymous

"A team exists only when each player understands how his actions affect the rest of the team."

HOLD MY HAND, FATHER THE UPPER ROOM

There is a story about Charlie who sat by the hospital bed of his young son, just barely out from major emergency surgery. Terrible thoughts kept creeping into his mind. Why had he not called the doctor sooner? Why had he not suspected that his son's troubles were more than a stomach ache? Why? Why?

Presently, the youngster stirred, opened his eyes, saw his father sitting by. The lad stretched out his small, fevered hand to his father and said, "Hold my hand, daddy; I hurt so bad." Charlie took the hand; the small boy smiled weakly, and drifted back into unconsciousness again. Then Charlie, taking a cue from his son, bowed his head, closed his eyes, raised his hand, and whispered, "Hold my hand, Father, I hurt."

