

Someone Once Said!

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To all my dear family and all my dear friends:

The collection of these maxims and quotations were done over a period of 30 years. They were taken from Newspapers, Magazines, Radio Messages, and of Bible Conference Speakers. It was only lately that these maxims and quotations were sorted out to be best presented in their proper groupings .

Some friends asked me for copies of these maxims and quotations. It was then that I asked my friend, Mr. Bradley Hedman, to assist in sorting all the maxims and quotations into categories, and to provide an index in an alphabetical order with their corresponding page number--his assistance throughout this undertaking is very much appreciated.

The title "Someone Once Said" suggests that these maxims and quotations are not of my own.

As you read these maxims and quotations, you will notice, that I did not use any proverbs from the Bible. I thought it would be more appropriate not to intermix the Proverbs with the sayings of man. The Proverbs themselves are inspired by God and merit a place of their own.

Someone once said "Nothing new is said in these maxims and quotations that was not said before--they appear and reappear dressed in a different garment."

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I obtained permission to publish "Someone Once Said!" from the compiler.
I hope that you will find it a blessing.

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ACCUSATIONS

Clean your fingers before pointing them at someone else.

If over an unpleasant matter at last the grass has grown, there surely comes an ass along to graze till all is down.

Some people live in the accusative case -- always finding fault.

If the bad things they say about you are true, mend your ways. If they're not true then forget it and go on doing what's right.

ACHIEVEMENT

Great achievements are but the accumulation of conquered difficulties.

To do just a little more and a little bit better is the secret of achieving excellence.

All of man's gains are the fruit of venturing.

What counts is not the number of hours you put in, but how much you put in the hours.

The only way to make sure you are not moving backward, is to move forward.

Genius is not spontaneous combustion; it is a trail of sparks from a grindstone.

Yesterday's dreams are today's achievements and tomorrow's history.

Each accomplishment makes the next task easier.

It is of no profit to begin many things and bring none to an end.

Notice the gain in confidence upon accomplishing a tiresome labor.

Knowledge may give weight, but accomplishment gives luster -- and more people look than weigh.

ACTIONS

One good idea put to use is better than a dozen ideas on a shelf.

Business is like a wheelbarrow -- it stands still till someone pushes it.

All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.

Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice.

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

Sincerity is validated by actions rather than words.

Well done is better than well said.

Actions speak louder than words -- but not as often.

To think too long about a project often becomes its undoing.

The only ideas that will work for you are the ones you put to work.

No matter what your lot in life is, build something on it.

The significance of life is not determined by its duration -- it's determined by its donation.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

It takes more to plow a field than merely turning it over in your mind.

Anybody who waits for his ship to come in is apt to miss the boat.

Calculations don't get you anywhere if you don't start walking.

Being on the right track won't get you anywhere if you just sit there.

We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once.

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life.

The road to failure is paved with good desires.

ADVICE

When giving advice to a destitute person, put your advice between a sandwich.

Be cautious in giving advice: Wise men don't need it, and fools don't heed it.
Be ruled by time, the wisest counselor of all.
A good scare often does more good than advice.
Even a pastor needs a pastor to whom he can go for advice.
The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice we give to others.

AGING

It is not how old you are but how you are old.
Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty: they merely move it from their face to their heart.
As youth grows older, they revert somewhat to the traditional ways.
The best of professors, when old, are losing their faculties.
It's only when a man stops learning that he begins to grow old.
Age is a matter of mind, it does not matter.
How to grow old gracefully? Put your life in God's care unreservedly.
I'd better not be wasting time, or time is wasting me.
Birthdays are guaranteed age increases.

AMBITION

The man who never made a mistake never made anything worthwhile.
Ambition is a noble comrade but a dangerous master.
Everyone must make his own place in the world--there is none who will do it for you.
Ninety percent of ambition goes up the chimney.

ANGER

People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.
If you have reason to be angry, do not make a spectacle of yourself. A show of anger ruins good relations with others.
Never tell a person off in anger. Play it cool.
An insult is like mud -- it will brush off much easier when dry. Wait a little and things will mend more easily.
"A soft answer turns away wrath" is the best system of self-defense.
You can't lose your head without losing face.
Every time you give another "piece of your mind," you add to your own vacuum.
The surest way to help a man defeat you is to get angry at him.
Roots of bitterness is anger kept inside.
Anger is like an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is retained, than to anything it is poured upon.
When you have written a wrathful letter -- put in the stove.
Anger is a stone cast into a wasps' nest.

APPRECIATION

Don't let your parents down -- they brought you up.
There is not a more rewarding exercise of the mind than gratitude.
The world of Nature is a beautiful book, but it is of little use to him who cannot read it.
All our discontents spring from want of thankfulness for what we have.
Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

Never look a gift horse in the mouth.
The thankless heart is always an unhappy heart.
Take time to show appreciation -- thanks is the frosting on the cake.
Forget injuries; never forget kindness.
Be quick to give credit to others, especially to those who serve unheard and unseen away from the spotlight.
If you confer a benefit, never remember it; if you receive one, never forget it.
There is no better liberality than that of gratitude and thankfulness.
It would be nice if we would forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings.

ATTITUDE

Grow antennae, not horns.
If you keep on saying "Things are bad," you have a good chance of being a prophet.
Growl all day and you'll be dog-tired at night.
Two men looked through prison bars: One saw mud, the other, stars.
You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.
Any person who is always feeling sorry for himself, should be.
Change yourself and your work will seem different.
I can alter my life by altering my attitude of mind.
The art of pleasing consists in being pleased.
It is impossible to grow in grace if we have hardening of the attitudes.
Faultfinders never improve the world -- they only make it seem worse than it really is.
Imagined injuries are the hardest to heal.
People are usually down on what they are not up to.
It is not your position that makes you unhappy, it is your disposition.
Hatred is a boomerang which is sure to hit you harder than the one you threw it at.
There's no difference between a stumbling-block and a stepping-stone except in how you use them.
Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it.
If one looks for faults in others, he will find them.
Good depends not on things but on the use we make of things.
An optimist laughs to forget; a pessimist forgets to laugh.
The man who takes the world philosophically can never be permanently beaten.

BIBLE

There is no better book with which to defend the Bible than the Bible itself.
I have read many books, but the Bible reads me.
More people are troubled by what is plain in Scripture than by what is obscure.
Do not criticize the Bible -- let the Bible criticize you.
When the reading of the Bible makes you feel comfortable at all times, you are reading it wrong.
The Bible's horizon is eternity.
When considering Bible doctrines, let us not consider prominent human Bible-expositors to be the highest court of appeal.
God's words are worth much and cost little.
When the Bible speaks the argument is over.
What food is to the body, the Bible is to the soul.
The Bible will not be revealed with its covers closed.

The Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to a person who isn't.
The Bible is the book over all others to be read at all ages and in all circumstances of life.
The Bible has a proper counsel for every conflict in life.
The best evidence of the Bible's being the word of God is to be found between its covers.

BOASTING

They love least who speak about their love the most.
People who tell others how early they rise in the morning act as roosters and crow about it.
Boast not when putting the harness on; wait till it comes off when the work is done.

BUDGET

The trouble with the budget is, it won't budge.
If the expense exceeds the income, the upkeep will be the downfall.
Beware of little expenses. A small leak may sink a big ship.
Appreciate the pennies and the dollars will follow.

BURDEN

It is not the load that wears us down, it is the way we carry it.
No matter what scale we use, we can never know the weight of another man's burden.

CHALLENGE

Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objection must first be removed.
No man knows what he can do till he tries it.
Obstacles placed in our way often prove whether we truly wanted something or just thought we did.
Don't let the failures of yesterday spoil your opportunity to do better today.
Setbacks pave the way for comebacks.
To a strong man opposition is a challenge which goads him on to victory.

CHANGE

One can't change a person from the outside. Change comes from the inside.
The best reformers the world has ever known are those who began with themselves.
Nothing is permanent but change.

CHARACTER

Character is the sum total of all our habits, whether good or bad.
Character is what you are when no one is watching.
The character development of a person starts in the crib.
Money lost, little lost. Reputation lost, more is lost. Courage lost, much is lost. Character lost, all is lost.
If you want to discover what is in a man, give him power -- it will either make him or break him.
Virtue withers away if it has no opposition.
Nature forms, school informs, sin deforms, flesh conforms, and Christ transforms.
With man as with apples, it's hard to polish the outside if the inside is rotten.
There is no better test of a man's character than his behavior when he is wrong.
Thoughts, words and actions are the components that form the character. Thoughts conceive, words propel, and deeds form a habit -- and habit establishes the character.

Search others for their virtues, yourself for your vices.
Character is property: it is the noblest of possessions.
What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.
A Christian character is not inherited: each individual must build it for himself.
Character is made up of small duties faithfully performed.
A godly character is more important than spiritual gifts and abilities.

CHEERFULNESS

No one ruined his eyesight by looking at the bright side of life.
Face the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.
Cheerfulness and contentment are great beautifiers and preservers of youthful looks.
Optimism is the cheerful frame of mind that enables one to sing like a teakettle, though in hot water up to the chin.
The ABC's of a Christian: Always Be Cheerful (1 Thes. 5:16).
Cheerfulness is the principle ingredient of good health.
Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.
That load becomes easy which is cheerfully borne.
Being well-adjusted is doing with a smile what you have to do anyway.
Cheerfulness is the atmosphere in which all good things thrive.
Cheerfulness is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others -- be a carrier.

CHOICE

The door to the human heart can be opened only from the inside.
You can lead a horse to the water, but you can't force it to drink.
Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.
I can complain because rosebushes have thorns, or I can rejoice because rosebushes have roses.
Consider the bed you are making for yourself, it's the bed you will lie in.
There is a place in the world for every man and a man for every place. The secret is in securing the right man for the right place.
God has never put anyone in a place too small to grow in.
If you don't scale the mountain you can't see the view.
Love cannot be imposed by force; it must be accepted by the heart.
What you are to be, you are becoming now.
We are today only what we made ourselves yesterday.

COMMITMENT

The greatness of a man's accomplishments is the measure of his commitments.
Where there is a will, there is a way.
Some Christians major in the minor and minor in the major.
When you do not start the day with God, you need not wonder when it does not end with God.
It does not take a great man to do great things. It just takes dedication and commitment.
"Almost" never made it.
Too many Christians have set aside the sweet by-and-by in favor of the disappointing here and now.
It is one thing to be in the truth, and another thing the truth being in us.
Dedication and commitment are the ingredients of a successful life.

COMPASSION

To understand is to pardon.

Understanding and compassion is needed to have a good relationship with others.

There are three ways of seeing: seeing with our physical eye, seeing with our mind, and seeing with our heart.

There is no better loan than a sympathetic ear.

Men do not care how much you know, unless they know how much you care.

Don't touch the wounded heart; rather anoint, bind up and heal.

CONSCIENCE

Conscience is God's presence in man.

So live, that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.

Conscience is that still, small voice that is sometimes too loud for comfort.

In matters of conscience the law of majority has no place.

Isn't it odd how people who wrestle with their conscience often try for two falls out of three?

The thought of the slightest infraction of justice on one's part should ring the loudest bells of alarm in the heart and head of every child of God.

Sensitivity to sin gets desensitized whenever we stifle our conscience, eventually losing its response to wrongdoing.

Whatever creed be taught or land be trod, man's conscience is the oracle of God.

Pertinent truth about saintly living may touch a raw nerve. If it does be glad and keep it tender: it is a warning sign of approaching danger.

CONSECRATION

He who is true to God will be true to man.

It takes more than a reel and a rod to make a fisherman, and it takes more than a Bible and Sunday suit to make a Christian.

Consecration means burning the bridges behind you. It is a way with no return.

A true Christian is as careful how he speaks and lives in his home as how he acts among the brethren.

Christianity is the only place where surrender brings victory.

To will what God wills, this brings peace.

It will not be easy to brainwash the heartwashed.

Lord! May I see You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly.

Living the Gospel is a full-time job.

CONTENTMENT

Be thankful for what you have not.

He that has little and wants less is richer than he that is rich and wants more.

Contentment consists not in great wealth but in few wants.

True contentment is getting out of any situation what there is in it.

It is not the greatness of a man's means that makes him independent so much as the smallness of his wants.

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone.

If you don't like your job, quit; otherwise, shut up.

The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have, and being able to lose all desire for things beyond your means.

Be content without being smug.

Contentment is to take life as it is and make the best of it, trusting in God for the future.

I grumbled because my shoes hurt until I met a man who had no feet.

To be content with little is difficult, but to be content with much is impossible.

Our luxuries are always masquerading as necessities.

COURAGE

The man who dares to fight someone stronger has already won half the battle.

Don't be afraid to take a big step. You cannot cross a chasm in two small jumps.

Courage is the first of human qualities -- without it, all other character qualities would fail.

Reality may be a rough road, but escape is a precipice.

The highest degree of courage is seen in those that are fearful but refuse to let fear defeat them.

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear -- not absence of fear.

CRITICISM

Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

Criticism does not change people; kindness and appreciation does.

People ask for criticism but they hope to hear praise.

In correcting, point to that which is right more than to that which is wrong.

It is much easier to be critical than correct.

When rejecting the ideas of another, make sure you reject only the idea and not the person.

The goal of criticism is to leave the person with the feeling that he has been helped.

It's easy to be critical -- the real test is to come up with constructive alternatives.

When we must criticize, let it be humbly, in the spirit of helpfulness -- not to boost our own image.

Instead of pointing a critical finger, hold out a helping hand.

Make it a habit never to be critical about small things.

DATING

Observe the mother before you take out her daughter -- as the mother, so the daughter.

Never date someone you work with, especially the boss.

Never date a girl whose parents call her "Princess"--chances are she believes it.

DECEPTION

The LARGE PRINT giveth and the small print taketh away.

It is an illusion to talk of love and peace while the hands are holding weapons of destruction.

You may fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time.

We may fool others. We may even fool ourselves. But never can we fool God.

Some people can paint with their tongues, the foulest deeds in fairest colors.

With how much ease we believe what we wish to believe.

All that glitters is not gold.

Resentment is hatred dressed in a tuxedo.

Often the chip on a person's shoulder is "bark."

If the advertisement or sales pitch seems too good to be true, then it is.

The greater the avowals, the smaller the truth.

DECISIONS

Don't jump on the bandwagon until you have heard the music.

Decisions are mostly made by a guess, a stab in the dark, or by emotionally-loaded judgments.

Never make a decision when angry.

DEFEAT

He who seeks fun as an end in itself will find in it an end of himself.

He who throws dirt only manages to lose ground.

Irritation in the heart of a believer is always an invitation to the devil to stand by.

It is the tendency of human nature to act impetuously at times, overriding the virtue of prudence.

A mind unemployed results in a life unenjoyed.

Defeat is not bitter if you don't swallow it.

People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes.

In quarreling, truth is always lost.

The only thing worse than a quitter is the man who's afraid to begin.

Complacent and comfortable Christians don't need hymns of spiritual warfare -- these are already casualties.

A miser is a man held captive by his own possessions.

Violence in the voice is usually the death rattle of reason.

To the timid and hesitating everything is impossible because it seems so.

One great obstacle to happiness is expecting too much.

DEPENDENCY

No one is an island.

No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor.

There is no such thing as a lone ranger Christian.

Charity is injurious unless it helps the recipient to become independent of it.

DILIGENCE

Work is the yeast that raises the dough.

Trifles make perfection; perfection is no trifle.

He who waits upon fortune is never sure of a dinner.

There may be luck in getting a good job, but there is no luck in keeping it.

A second-class effort is a first-class mistake.

The person who wants to work finds a way; the other finds an excuse.

There is nothing so worthless as an unlocked lock.

Anything that is worth doing is worth doing well.

DISCIPLINE

Strength comes from struggle, weakness from ease.

Plan your work and then work your plan.

Practice is the best of all instructors.

Meekness is power under control.

If I don't practice one day I notice it -- if two days my friends notice it -- if three days the public notices it.

Whoever tries for great objects, must suffer something.

A persistently right life is a consistently bright life.

There is no shortcut in developing character and spiritual muscle -- it takes discipline.

As a twig is bent, so will it grow.

Too much time spent in complaining leaves too little time for doing.

In times reluctant, practice becomes relaxed habit.

No life ever grows great until he is focused, dedicated, disciplined.

DUTY

In doing what we ought to do we deserve no praise, because it is our duty.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

EASE

He is no man as man should be, who never saw adversity.

All sunshine makes a desert.

There's nothing harder to stand than rows of days in leisure spent.

EDUCATION

The midnight oil that modern students burn is gasoline.

A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence stops.

It is better to have an educated heart than an educated mind.

The philosophy in the classroom is the philosophy of the government in the next generation.

If you want your son to become a man you must begin before he is a man.

Education is hard work, but it can be made interesting work.

Children need models more than they need critics.

EFFICIENCY

Don't tell me how hard you work, show me some of your accomplishments.

Beside the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The Wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials.

A committee is a group of persons who keep minutes and waste hours.

The quickest way to do many things is to do one thing at a time.

Precious time should not be wasted over worthless matters.

The more a person has to do the more he is able to accomplish--he has learned to economize his time.

The best way to get rid of unpleasant duties is to discharge them immediately.

EMOTIONS

The easiest way out of an emotional slump is to begin to do good, profitable and worthy things that add meaning to life.

Never attach yourself too closely to anything, in order to let go if Providence takes it from you.

It is not so much WHAT we say as HOW we say it.

Nothing is little to him that feels it with great sensibility.

EMPATHY

No Doctor is a good Doctor who has not been sick himself.

He best can pity who has felt the woe.

Patience is mindful of its own imperfections, and sympathetic with the imperfections and shortcomings of others.

He who cannot weep does not know how to still the tears of others.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Corrections do much, encouragements do more.

A slap on the back often pushes out the chest.

Genuine praise lends a gentle touch to criticism.

The greatest thing we can give is encouragement.

It is a privilege to give a cheerful word at all times.

When criticizing say "we," when complimenting say "you." Give a criticism in private, a compliment in public.

If defeated carry no bitterness in your heart. New flowers of hope will spring forth from the ashes of defeat. There has never been a hero with no defeats, either before or after the victory.

The men and women who are lifting the world upward and onward are those who encourage more than criticize.

ENDURANCE

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

No one can endure hardness if there is not hardness to endure; no one can overcome without obstacles to overcome.

A tree of deepest roots is the least likely to topple.

When things get rough, remember: it's the rubbing that brings out the shine.

ENTHUSIASM

Boredom is a disease that erodes initiative and shrivels personality.

You can make friends easier in a month by being interested in them, than in ten years trying to get them interested in you.

Apart from enthusiasm, joy cannot live.

Enthusiasm is the match that lights the candle of achievement.

None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm.

ERROR

It is many times harder to dislodge an error than it is to accept one.

It is harder to unlearn an error than to learn the truth.

Custom may lead men into error, but it justifies none.

EXAMPLE

No one knows of your honesty unless you supply some examples.

It is harder to exemplify values than to teach them.

The greatest gift that man has ever known is moral courage.

We can't change people by lecturing -- being an example is a better way.

One example is worth a thousand arguments.

A great deal of instruction is negated by a bad example.

Be what you wish others to become.
You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.
Resolve to be better for the echo of it.

EXCUSE-MAKING

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.
Those who make the worst use of their time are the first to complain about its shortage.
Excuses are a testimony of failure.
Alibis are like weeds: Once you start growing them, they may become your only crop.
We credit our successes to ourselves, our failures to others.
He who excuses himself accuses himself.
He who complains about boredom gives his own testimony of his inner emptiness and lack of interest.

EXPERIENCE

Only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches.
A page of history is worth a volume of logic.
Our growth depends not in how many experiences we have but how we profit by them.
Life is measured by thoughts and actions, not by time.
Experiences of the past should be guideposts, not hitching posts.
Some people change their ways when they see the light -- others only when they feel the heat.
Many of our acts are motivated by wishful thinking, only to show us there is no substitute for disciplined realism.
Don't judge your friend until you stand in his place.
No wise man ever wished to be younger.
Some experiences cannot be described -- they can only be felt.
A man used to vicissitudes is not easily dejected.
No man's knowledge in this life can go beyond his experience.
Most people don't believe in a water shortage until their well runs dry.

FAILURE

Failure is the path of least resistance.
He who considers too much performs too little.
A failure is a man who has blundered but is not able to cash in the experience.
The road to failure is paved with many good desires.
When success turns a man's head, he is facing failure.
A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle.
Failures can be divided between those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought.
A person who works for himself exclusively is in a very small business.
To muse means to think; to amuse means to kill time.
When Christians fight, Satan stays neutral while supplying ammunition to both sides.

FAITH

Hope is wishing for a thing to come true. Faith is believing that it will come true.
Great faith can be shown only in GREAT trials.

Faith makes all things possible; love makes all things easier.
Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, and blind to impossibilities.
Faith in the promises of God is the pulse-beat of a Christian's existence.
Faith is the bird singing to greet the dawn while it is still dark.
Where there is no vision the people perish.
To see God in everything makes life the greatest adventure there is.
Faith in things unseen requires a simple childlike trust.
Faith is a commitment to God in the everyday things of life.
True belief is faith in action, otherwise it is only a mental exercise.
Let not the pressure of everyday life stifle God's eternal promises.
Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.
Faith is risking that God's Word is true after all.
If there is no way out, there is a way up.
True faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible.
The ship in the water is safe, as long as the water is not in the ship.
True religion is not difficult, esoteric or obscure -- just simple, plain faith.
True Christians believe with intensity of conviction.
Earthly possessions have no glitter in the presence of the precious promises of God's Word.
Believe and receive, else doubt and go without.
Through God we can turn our endings into beginnings.
The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoes.
Faith is the grave of care.
With God nothing shall be impossible.
God on one's side is a majority.
If you take God into your confidence, He will take you into His confidence.
A consecrated Christian is happier in a prison cell with Christ than in a palace without Him.

FALSEHOOD

Always speak the truth and you'll never become concerned with your memory.
A half-truth often does more damage than a lie.
A truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies one can invent.
A lie has no legs to stand on, but it has wings to fly near and far.
Stretching the truth won't make it last longer.
Lies have short legs, people catch up with them.
The bigger the lie, the greater the audience.
Those who think it permissible to tell white lies soon grow colorblind.
He who spins a fish story will be caught in his own net.
Caricatures tend to exaggerate and distort facts.
The Devil has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.
There is no such thing as a little white lie, whether big or small, or only an intentional shading of the truth. Degree is incidental: even a truth is a lie if told with an intent to deceive.
Partial truths are the adversary's bait, error is the hook, and sophistry the line to draw God's children away from the foundation of truth.

FAMILY

The family fireside is the best of schools.

Adolescence is the age at which children stop asking questions because they know all the answers.
The father is the head of the family, the mother is the heart.
Homemakers are happy Christians if they observe the four C's: Cleaning, Cooking, Caring and Christ-centeredness.
The best investment is time spent on your children.
The greatest aid to adult education is children.
Where we live is home that our feet may leave but not our hearts.
He who forgets that he once was a child, makes a poor father.
Parents are persons who spend half their time worrying how a child will turn out, and the rest of their time when it will turn in.
Sometime in your life your family will be all that you have left. Treat them right.
All parents become apprentices in raising children, from which they never fully graduate as experts.
Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.
Parents should not give an inch and require a yard in return.
The best thing parents can do for their children is to love each other as a living example.
Charity begins at home. All good deeds should begin under the home-roof.
It is easy to become a parent, but very difficult to be one.
Only the best behavior is good enough for daily use in the home.
There is no better place where the proof of our ability to rule our spirit may be shown than in the home.
Communication and prayer are the nuts and bolts that hold the family together.
What is done to children, they will do to society.
Time should never be considered more important than the needs of another.
When disciplining, the apple should always be alongside the rod.

FAULTS

Faults are thick where love is thin.
Ten thousand of the greatest faults in our neighbors are of less consequence to us than one of the smallest faults in ourselves.
The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.
The other person's faults, like another's car-lights, appear more glaring than ours.
Try to find solutions, not faults.
Before you flare up at anyone's faults, take time to count to ten -- ten of your own faults.
Correct your faults while they are little: it's easier to pull seedlings than to chop trees.

FEAR

Boldness in most cases is a mask to hide fear.
Fear brings more pain than does the pain it fears.
The anticipation of a task is often harder than the task itself.
Fear is the Devil's favored weapon.

FELLOWSHIP

Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation.
It brings comfort to have companions in whatever happens.
Choose your companions with care -- you become what they are.
Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
Being alone with God is better than being in a crowd without Him.

Tell me with whom you associate and I'll tell you what you are.

It is a basic principle of sociable relations that we become like those around us if we associate with them long enough.

Beware of clique attitudes that make the less fortunate feel like social lepers; remember we are all born equal.

Iron sharpens iron.

Charm strikes the sight, but merit wins the soul.

Character cannot be obtained in solitude; it is developed in society.

Keep good company or none.

To get along with others, one has to give and take -- better yet to give more than take.

Be flexible in your relations with others, as long as it does not violate your conscience and the principles of godliness.

FLATTERY

Some people who slap you on the back are trying to help you swallow what they just told you.

FOOLS

The bigger the mouth the greater the vacuum.

There is no fool so great as a knowing fool.

A foolish man does not mince his words; a wise man considers his words.

Fools have their words on their tongue; the wise have their words in their heart.

It is part of human nature to think wisely and still act foolishly.

The physician who treats himself has a fool for a patient.

Empty trucks make the loudest noise.

One can easily wreck in a day or two, what builders have taken a year to do.

A lot of trouble is caused by a narrow mind with a wide mouth.

FORGIVENESS

To err is human, to forgive is Divine.

Confession of sin is the soil in which forgiveness flourishes.

There are a few men who can forgive their enemies, but it takes a great man to forget them.

Forgiveness is a pleasant thing -- it warms the heart and cools the sting.

Doing injury puts you below your enemy. Revenging him makes you even. Forgiving him sets you above him.

To be wronged is nothing unless you continue to remember it.

It is impossible for a healthy mind to completely forget an offense, but we can and should keep it buried so as not to hurt self and others.

An unforgiving man cannot live in fellowship with a forgiving God.

Learn to forgive. With bitterness in your heart you can never be happy.

There is one remedy to ease life and make it happier: it is to forgive and keep on forgiving.

It is far better to forgive and forget, than to resent and remember.

"I cannot forget" is but another way of saying "I will not forgive."

Forgiveness is often a two-way street.

Don't put someone down unless it's on a prayer-list.

FORTUNE

Fortune is like glass--the more it glitters the easier it breaks.

Fortune is easier to get than to keep.
Fortune does not change men, it only unmask them.

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is to be purchased only by friendship.
The only way to have a friend is to be one yourself.
A friend is a person with whom you dare to be yourself
A friend is a person who knows all about you and still loves you.
Prosperity makes friends; adversity tries them.
Keep a fair-sized cemetery to bury the faults of your friends.
He whose hand is clasped in friendship cannot throw mud.
A friend is one who comes to you when all others leave.
Friends are made by many acts and lost by only one.
The ornament of the home is the friend who frequents it.
Be loyal to your friends, defending them when criticized. Honor your friends' confidence.
There is no better relation than a prudent and faithful friend.
True friendship does not lose its smile when asked to walk a second mile.
A good friend is like a plant -- don't kill the friend by pulling all the weeds.
Make it a principle in your life to show your friends how much they mean to you.
Friendship is like a garden -- it must be cultivated to enjoy.
A patched-up friendship is not as it was before -- the patch will be showing.
The most called-upon prerequisite of a friend is an accessible ear.
True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends but in the worth and choice of them.
A sorrow shared lifts half the burden; a joy shared is twice the joy.
Pick your friends, but not to pieces.
Real friends are those who, when you have made a fool of yourself, don't feel that you have done a permanent job.
Friendship must be kept in constant repair.
Don't pick petals from a flowering friendship.
Be to his virtues very kind, to his faults a little blind.
No friendship is strong enough to get along unless it can take faults for granted.
Respect the privacy of your friends. No matter how close you are, don't pry when response is lacking.
The friends who are most stimulating to us are those who disagree with us.

GOD

Whatever you love more than God is your idol.
Godlike love never gives up when human nature fails.
Culture without religion lacks depth and direction.
Every sunrise is a message from God, and every sunset His signature.
The Lord looks down on us, if we look up.
We can never out love God.
God's people are often more concerned over their present circumstances than over God's ultimate purposes.
In God's work we see His hands; in the Bible we see His face.
God is still in the business of confounding the wisdom and power of man.

GOSSIP

Don't listen to gossip -- you may be the next one.
He who tells on others shows his own lack of trustworthiness.
A gossip is one who can give you all the details without knowing any of the facts.
No glue can match the stickiness of rumors once they get a hold.
So live, that if anyone speaks ill of you, none will believe it.
Of talemakers and talebearers, one is as bad as the other.

GREATNESS

Life's great question is not only how did you bear yourself in defeat, but how did you bear yourself in victory.
Greatness is an aggregation of minutiae.
It is better to take many injuries than to injure others.
The man who can control others without their realizing it, is in himself great.
Some men work only with their hands, others with their heads, others with their hearts. A great man works with all of these.
Turning the cheek means to return good for evil.
The true worth of a man is to be measured by that which he pursues.
A retentive memory is a good thing. But the ability to forget is the true token of greatness.
Better to be nobly remembered than nobly born.
The greatest man in the world is not the man who accumulates the most money or the most power; it is not the man who takes the most out of life -- it is the man who gives the most to life.
They are never alone that are accompanied by noble thoughts.
No one is a true nobleman by birth; but he is a noble man who has attained the largeness of character that regards all men as being born equal, and who loves his neighbor as himself.

GREED

Lust in one form or another is the common sin that plagues all mankind.
One weakness of our age is the inability to distinguish our needs from our greeds.
It is not the complexion of the skin, but the complexity of human selfishness that makes the problems of the world unsolvable.
Lust is only appeased for a moment -- but is never satisfied.

GROWTH

Personal growth is a continual process. One never graduates from the school of life.
The strongest principle of growth lies in human choice.
All the flowers in all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.
There are people whose body has grown but their mind has not. There are others whose mind has grown but not their heart.
We are today what we made ourselves yesterday.
Who errs and mends to God himself commends.
Our greatest challenge for growth comes through interacting with other people.
It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.
The best teacher is often Time.
Sometimes the best gain is to lose.
The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.

Life is a grindstone -- whether it polishes you up or grinds you down depends on the stuff you are made of.

You have to do your own growing up, no matter how tall your grandfather was.

Reaching maturity is a lifetime process. Never let the time come when you think you have arrived.

Every circumstance rightly taken is an education.

Every phase of life brings a fresh set of problems and opportunities to grow in grace and knowledge, and to full maturity.

HABITS

The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

Be master of your habits or they will master you.

It is easier to prevent bad habits than to break them.

Habit can not be tossed out the window -- it must be coaxed down the stairs step by step, one at a time.

Habits are like easy chairs: easy to get into, hard to get out of.

Habit is man's best friend or his worst enemy.

Kick a bad habit before it kicks you.

First we make our habits, then our habits make us.

HAPPINESS

Joy depends not on what is going on around us but what is going on within us.

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

True happiness depends upon close alliance with God.

To be happy ourselves is a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others.

Some bring happiness wherever they go -- others whenever they go.

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

To be without some of the things you want is an indispensable part of happiness.

The way to be happy is to make others happy.

There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness.

Do not speak of your happiness to one less fortunate than yourself.

Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a means of traveling.

If we learn how to give ourselves, to forgive others, and to live in thanks-giving, then we need not seek happiness -- happiness will seek us.

True happiness is without frivolity: seriousness without pessimism.

The great essentials of happiness are something to do, something to love and something to hope for.

HEART

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen nor touched, but are felt in the heart.

Some people can see at a glance what others cannot see with searchlights and telescopes.

A right heart is better than a correct head.

The heart has its own reason which reason knows nothing of.

HISTORY

When a nation becomes overly pleasure-seeking, history has already begun writing its epitaph.

History is an approximate account of the past. Prophecy is an approximation of the future.

HONESTY

Admitting error clears the score and proves you wiser than before.
Don't learn the tricks of the trade -- learn the trade.
We can't put our sins behind us until we are ready to face them.
Live your life so that you don't have to hide your diary.
Honesty is the best policy.
Teach the tongue to say "I don't know."
To err is easy, to admit that we erred isn't.
Don't say No out of pride; nor say Yes out of weakness.
We all say something foolish sometime -- but it is more foolish not to admit it when we realize it.
An admission of error is a sign of strength rather than a confession of weakness.
Simplicity is a grace unspoiled by the artificiality of social clique-ishness.
Sincere repentance is followed by a change.
Better is a plain refusal than putting off.

HOPE

God's promises shine brightest in our darkest hour.
It is always darkest just before the dawn.
The blue of heaven is larger than the clouds.
The tide turns at low tide as well as at high.
The night is not forever; the sun is.
Man's extremity is God's opportunity.

HUMAN NATURE

Whether young or old, strong or weak, everyone is infested with Adam-itis.
The subtle art of saving face will never save the human race.
It is part of human nature, that whatever wants are supplied to a man who is passive, he will not seek to gain by active endeavor.
It is part of human nature to esteem that which is distant as more grand and wonderful than that which is near.
People only want the truth when it agrees with them.
Some people who are liked from a distance are less likable when sitting with them in a living room.
More people have the palm of their hand turned up than down.
We would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.
The tendency is to call another "obstinate," ourselves FIRM -- to call another "hypercritical," ourselves DISCRIMINATING -- to call another "biased," ourselves OPEN-MINDED.
Every big city has its skid row where Satan is paymaster.
Everyone is like the moon, with a dark side he never shows to anybody.
Every one of us has all the centuries in him.
We are the inheritors of the past; history has left its mark on all of us.
An object in your possession seldom retains the charm it had while pursuing it.
The luxuries of yesterday are the necessities of today.

HUMBLENESS

A thankful heart never thanks himself.
The ear of barley that bears the richest grain always hangs the lowest.

Humility is making a right estimate of oneself.
To have to eat your own words may prove to be a healthy diet.
Humility is the basis for all other virtues.
Everyone is trying to accomplish something big, not realizing that life is made up of many little things.
Where boasting ends true dignity begins.
In the service of the Lord, servant and apron go together.
Better to be a humble nobody than a proud somebody.
When the world thinks that a man has won, his struggles then have just begun.
A humble, frank admission of not knowing the answer to a question opens the admission of light.
He stands tallest who stoops to help others.
Humility is a strange thing -- the minute you think you've got it, you have lost it.
A humble person seeks no credit, nor seeks a compliment for a work well done.
It is not the lofty sail but the unseen wind that moves the ship.
Dignity has no room for boasting and exaggeration.
Great men never feel great; small men never feel small.
Humility is the prerequisite for eternal exaltation.

IMMATURITY

Man without moral principles is a being without a backbone.
Love built on beauty fails as soon as beauty dies.
The man who trims himself to suit everybody will soon whittle himself away.
The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions.
You can't win by trying to even the score.
Some people are never at peace unless they are fighting.
A sharp tongue is no indication of a keen mind.
Little minds, like little ships with broad sails, are in great danger of capsizing if too strong a wind blows upon them.
Whoever holds a suspect guilty without proof is a victim of his instinct.
The water bubbles where it is shallowest.
Anger, resentment and touchiness are signs of a paltry person.

INDECISION

A wish is a desire without any attempt to attain its end.
There is no more miserable being than the one for whom nothing is habitual but indecision.
Indecision is a near relative to unhappiness.
He who considers too much will perform too little.
When a person doesn't know what harbor he is making for, no wind is the right wind.
Sometimes if we do not make a choice, it is made for us by default.

INDUSTRIOUSNESS

A rolling stone gathers no moss.
Work is the best narcotic.
Work is a good investment and it always pays.
The highest reward that God gives us for good work is the ability to do it better.
The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but rather what he becomes by it.

Never be idle; if your hands cannot be employed usefully, attend to the cultivation of your mind.
Happiness is found in activity worthwhile; it is like running water, never a stagnant pool.
The person who is able to distinguish between tiredness and laziness in himself will go far.

INFLUENCE

Call people by their name, it is music to their ears.
No man is great enough to govern another man without that other man's consent.
There is no man so strong that he cannot be won by gentleness.
Who supplies another with a constructive thought has enriched him forever.
You never get a second chance to make a first impression.
Nothing is more powerful than the spoken word, either for good or for evil.
No serpent's bite will cause such pain as does an evil tongue. A snake's bite injures only one, a word may hurt a throng.
Combativeness is a good trait if we know how to apply the brakes.
You cannot kindle other hearts if you don't have a fire in your own heart.
A minute of thought is of more worth than an hour of talk.
Keep your own secrets if you have any, lest you suffer exposure.
He who influences the thought of his time influences the thought of all times to follow.
One cannot be a leader by pushing.

INTEGRITY

The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.
You cannot drive straight on a twisted lane.
Integrity has no need of rulers.
Our life must be consistent with what we claim to be of value.
He is not wise who is wise in words only.
The integrity of men is measured by their conduct, not by their profession.
Following the path of least resistance makes rivers and men crooked.
Honor is more important than honors.
A clean conscience makes a good pillow to sleep on.

INTOXICATION

Alcohol has drowned more people than all the seas combined.
Dignity is one thing that cannot be preserved in alcohol.
Having a drink does not drown a care but waters it to grow faster.
Wine is a turncoat. First it's a friend, then a deceiver and in the end an enemy.
Much drinking, little thinking.
Alcohol kills everything living and preserves that which is dead.

JUDGING

Don't judge a man by his friends only, judge him by his enemies.
We seldom weigh our neighbors in the same balance with ourselves.
People can become so critical over and above the pointing out of problems, that they begin to judge and impute motives.
He that would live in peace and at ease must not speak all he knows, nor judge all he sees.

How easy it is to judge others by their words and deeds, and ourselves by good motives and intentions.

No one should be judge in his own case.

Keep an argument free of emotion; decide matters on what is right, not who is right.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others judge us by what we have done.

He hears but half, who hears one party only.

The absence of evidence does not make a thing true or false, right or wrong.

Quarrels would not last long if the fault were on one side.

JUSTICE

In today's world, justice has been replaced by "just-us."

Never twist the facts if you want a matter to be straightened out.

The injuries we do and those we suffer are seldom weighed on the same scale.

To some persons injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice.

Performing all that justice and righteousness requires, without demanding like treatment from others, is a quality of godliness.

KINDNESS

If you must disagree, do so without being disagreeable.

Don't win the argument--win the person.

Helping others is visible love.

Kindness is the language the deaf can hear, the blind can read, and the forgotten can feel.

Few people ever get dizzy from doing too many good turns.

The more we give of kindness, the more we will receive in return; we'll never run out of it.

It is better to have a heart-to-heart talk, than a head-to-head talk.

The kind word that falls from your lips today may bear its fruit tomorrow.

A word spoken in kindness to a sad person is like a burst of sunshine from behind a cloud.

Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge.

Lovingkindness is love translated into action.

Learn to say kind things; nobody resents them.

KNOWLEDGE

To grow in knowledge is to retain the truths we have, and to add to our stock.

It is better to learn late than never.

The mind is like the stomach. It is not how much you put in that counts, but how much it digests.

Sometimes we learn more from a man's errors than from his virtues.

You learn best when you dig it out yourself.

We may be knowledgeable but not necessarily wise.

A man with knowledge who has a closed mind is like an encyclopedia that was never updated.

A pint of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

The more we know, the more we see how little we know.

Better to be certain of a little than to misunderstand a lot.

The thirst for knowledge increases ever with its acquisition.

Repetition is the mother of memory; and remembering is the forerunner of knowledge and wisdom.

Knowledge in limbo is useless.

To learn and never to be filled is wisdom. To teach and never be weary is love.

He who has only himself as a teacher has a fool as his pupil.

LAZINESS

A mind unemployed is a mind unenjoyed.

The less one has to do, the less time he finds to do it.

Idleness is the holiday which fools take.

Idleness is the workshop of the devil.

Some men are like blisters -- they appear after the work is done.

The only thing you can get without working is hungry.

Oversleeping is no way to make your dreams come true.

It does a man no good to sit up and take notice if he keeps on sitting.

Those who never worked in their lives live by the sweat of other people's brows.

LIBERTY

Freedom is not simply doing what you want to do. It is making the choice to do what is right and doing it the right way.

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

No one has the right to do as it pleases him, except he please to do right.

Whatever evil may result from the spirit of free inquiry, the evil of suppression would be far greater.

Liberty is a thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others.

LIFE

Talk is cheap until you hire a lawyer.

When you get something for nothing, you just haven't been billed for it yet.

Life is not a holiday but an education.

Life can only be understood by looking back, but it must be lived looking ahead.

It takes the whole of life to learn how to live.

Housework is something you do which nobody notices unless you don't do it.

Every person is worth understanding.

Life is a perpetual instruction in cause and effect.

The greatest battles of life are fought in the silent chambers of the heart.

The safest capital with which to begin life is good health and sound morals.

The great business of life is to be, to do, to do without, and to depart.

There is happiness and pain in life -- and one makes you able to feel the other more deeply.

LOVE

Love is like a muscle -- if we don't use it, it atrophies.

The only sure way to conquer an enemy is to make him your friend.

Love is friendship set on fire.

Love is a game that all can play and no one loses.

It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

The best gifts are tied with the heart-strings.

A wise man values not so much the gift of the lover as the love of the giver.

Love is not big-headed -- it is big-hearted.

Our pre-occupation with what we can do for others can distract us from giving the best gift we have: ourselves.

Love is best explained by actions, so others can see what it is, by what we do.
Love looks through a telescope, not a microscope.
Love with strings attached is self-love.
Self-giving love is the best antidote for loneliness.
In a true Christian, love and consideration should be the rule, not the exception.
Love your neighbor, yet pull not down your hedge.
Love grows through the showing of appreciation and dies without it.
Love looks not with the eyes but with the heart.
More precious is love tested in the fire of deepest trouble, than trophies won by pride.
As like begets like, so love begets love.
Communicating love takes time and thoughtfulness.
Love without work is nothing but a sentiment.
Honest affection given or received sweetens our life.
Love without expecting reward is a reward in itself, and it creates no disappointment.
Love is the divine alchemy of life, transforming all duties into privileges and all responsibilities into joy.
To love for the sake of being loved is human. But to love for the sake of loving is angelic.

MAMMON

As riches grow, cares follow and a thirst for more.
Money can cure hunger but it cannot cure unhappiness.
There is nothing wrong with having money -- the trouble begins when the money has you.
Wealth--whether acquired or inherited--if selfishly hoarded adds no degree of merit to the possessor.
Money is a good servant but a bad master.
A man is rich according to what he IS, not according to what he has.
The Golden Rule -- not the rule of gold -- is what leads to happiness.
If we gather possessions they may soon possess us.
Wealth is a superfluity of what we don't need.
The dog with the bone is always in danger.

MANNERS

The greater the courtesy, the greater the man.
Politeness is a small price to pay for the good will and affection of others.
Life is short, but there is always time for courtesy.
To be humble to superiors is duty -- to equals, courtesy -- to inferiors, nobility.
Ceremonies differ according to countries. True politeness is everywhere the same.
Be friendly -- friendship gives life a delicious flavor.
Poise is the art of raising one's eyebrows instead of raising the roof.
Politeness is a part of true Christian character, representing the sentiments of a loving heart.
What's true of gems is also true of men: A man of greater polish is esteemed higher than the man with least polish.

MARRIAGE

The man in the family lays down the law; usually the wife repeals it.
Success in marriage is much more than finding the right person. It is a matter of being the right person.

A woman is perturbed by what a man forgets. A man is perturbed by what a woman remembers.
Marriage is like a windowpane: Flies on the outside want to get in, and flies inside want to get out.
A marriage without a conflict is almost as inconceivable as a nation without any crises.
A poor man who marries a wealthy woman gets a ruler, not a wife.
Happy marriages are not achieved by idealism.
Keep your eyes wide open before marriage and half-shut afterward.
Some women work so hard to make good husbands, that they never quite manage to become good wives.
You can bear your own faults--why not the faults of your wife?
Chains do not hold a marriage together. It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads which sew a couple together through the years.
The difference between a successful marriage and a mediocre one consists of leaving three or four things unsaid.
The best possession is a sympathetic wife.

MATURITY

To handle yourself use your head; to handle others use your heart.
A proper balance between the idealistic and the practical is a sure way of getting ahead in the way of life.
Difficulties in life are stepping-stones to maturity.
Be tolerant with youth, compassionate with the aged. Have understanding for the weaknesses of others, and make allowance for their actions without approving the same.
One learns to overlook troubles instead of looking into them.
The first step toward maturity is to learn when and when not to say something. The second step is what and what not to say.
The longer you keep your temper the more it will improve.
Slow to speak and swift to hear is one of the marks of maturity.
Let no reason be overcome by emotion, but let emotion be ruled by reason.
Growing in maturity is a lifetime job.
No life, no growth. No growth, no strength. No strength, no action. No action, no experience. No experience, no maturity.

MEDDLING

Those who in quarrels interpose must often wipe a bloody nose.

MISTAKES

The greatest mistake is not to have learned from past mistakes.
Learn from the mistakes of others -- you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
To obtain maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good, big mistake.
Most people who berate their luck never think to question their judgments.
Try to fix the mistake -- never the blame.
Mistakes should be reasons for growth, not excuses for discouragement.

MODERATION

The bow too tightly strung is easily broken.
Moderation is the silken string running throughout the pearl-chain of all the virtues.
Any noble movement is killed by excess.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience is the fruit of faith.

Servanthood and obedience go together like Siamese twins.

One deflection from the right course brings another.

It is a generally-accepted principle, that no one is qualified to rule others who has not himself learned obedience.

OPEN-MINDEDNESS

It is impossible to grow in grace if we have hardening of the attitudes.

Inexperience is what lets a young man do what an older man says is impossible.

A mature mind is an open mind with an entrance for truth and better ideas, and an exit for errors and unprofitable thoughts.

No man is wise at all times.

Show me the man who never changes his mind, and I'll show you a man who never added to his knowledge.

The sectarian thinks that he has the sea ladled into his private pond.

OPPORTUNITY

Opportunities multiply as they are seized, they die when neglected.

Whatever line of work a man may choose, there is always an opportunity to reach the top.

A problem is an opportunity in work-clothes.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

The pessimist sees a difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty.

The door of Opportunity is marked "PUSH."

PATIENCE

There is one quality that always comes to the aid of a man in times of adversity: it is Patience.

Patience is a virtue of accepting a disagreeable and painful situation without becoming bitter.

An effective method in developing patience is uninterrupted listening and gentleness in response.

If you press a matter too hard or too often, it may become self-defeating.

Patience achieves more than force.

To know how to wait is the great secret of success.

God is not finished with the picture of your life yet; He is still painting.

There is nothing to be gained by answering in haste, but much to be gained by letting a few nights of sleep pass over it.

Life is hard by the yard but a cinch by the inch.

A slow drizzle for a length of time is more effective in watering the soil than a cloudburst.

Patience is a plaster for all sores.

PERSEVERANCE

Little and often fills the purse.

Life is like riding a bicycle -- you don't fall unless you stop pedaling.

Failure is but the closed door to success. Try again and you may open it.

It is important to start right. It is more important to end well.

If at first you don't succeed you are running about average.

Don't be discouraged--it's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock.
A few good deeds is not a yardstick for a man's character.
He who endures most patiently gives evidence of understanding and maturity.
All men have fits and starts to do a noble deed; but many lack persistency that leads to success.
There are no veterans in God's army.

POLITICS

Political promises are those that go in one year and out the other.
Anything that keeps a politician humble is healthy for democracy.
Nothing can be politically right that is morally wrong.

POWER

Power is not so much what a man can accomplish as what he can lead others to do.
We have the weakness -- God has the strength; thus it becomes an unbeatable combination.

PRAYER

When we become too glib in prayer we are most likely talking to ourselves.
Christians who are not praying are playing.
The secret in praying is praying in secret.
A worldly Christian will stop praying; the praying Christian will stop worldliness.
Do not pray for a lighter load -- pray for a stronger back.
Never put a man down except on a prayer list.
Man proposes, God disposes.
The purpose of prayer is not to change the Divine will, but to adjust oneself to it.
As is your "Amen" so is your prayer.
God's answers are wiser than our prayers.
Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.
There is a difference between "saying your prayer" and praying your prayer.
Some people don't get down on their knees until they haven't a leg to stand on.
When praying, do not give God instructions, just report for duty.
Prayer is not an attitude attained, but an attitude maintained.
Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.
Pray to God, but keep on rowing to the shore.
Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which is outside the will of God.
He stands best who kneels most.

PRIDE

When nobody around you seems to measure up, it's time to measure your yardstick.
It is a very unappetizing diet when you have to eat your own words.
He who falls in love with himself will have no rival.
Swallowing your pride will not give you indigestion.
If the doctors cure, the sun shows it; if they kill, the grave hides it.
Being willing to receive sometimes takes more grace than giving to others -- reluctance to receive exposes our pride.
An unflinching mark of a blockhead is the chip on his shoulder.
Of proud men it can be said, that the taller they grow the harder they fall.

What goes up, in time will come down.
Pride is the forerunner of humiliation.
You cannot put a chip on the shoulder that you put to the wheel.
Temper gets us into trouble. Pride keeps us there.
A conceited person is like a rooster that thinks the sun has risen to hear him.
Conceit is a strange disease, it makes everyone sick except the one who has it.
Ancestry is most important to those who have done nothing themselves.
Pride is selfishness gone to seed in the fertile soil of self-centeredness.
One may be humble out of pride.
Everyone possesses just as much conceit as he lacks common sense.
Some people think of themselves as half-gods, while they are not even whole men.
Anyone who thinks he knows all the answers just isn't up-to-date on the questions.

PRINCIPLE

Idealism is good only if based on reality.
Adhering to principles come what may, is not and has never been characteristic of the majority.
Principle may never be abandoned for any consideration, but liberty and personal right may be ignored in the interest of others and to Divine pleasure.
Compromise makes a good umbrella but a poor roof.
What I must do, and not what people think, is all that concerns me.
To clear a difficulty out of the way, there is nothing like a good principle.
Stand for something or you will fall for anything.
The man who stands for a principle must value duty higher than life.
Any society which does not insist upon respect for all life must necessarily decay.

PRIORITIES

One of the greatest obstacles to success is man's inability to put first things first.
Don't let the little things of life cause you to miss the boat.
People who maintain their right priorities are the most fulfilled and confident people.
Always remember: In fundamental things, Unity; in less fundamental things, Liberty; and in all things Charity.
WHO We Are is important, WHAT We Are is vital, WHOSE We Are is imperative.
Doing things right is not as important as doing the right thing.
A person who tugs on the oars has no time to rock the boat.

PROBLEMS

Love reduces friction to a fraction.
It is one thing to be in a crisis, and another thing to be the crisis.
The best angle from which to approach any problem is the TRY-angle.
Problems are best solved when the causes are treated, not just the symptoms.
Difficulties strengthen the mind as labor does the body.
The best way to forget your own troubles is to help others in solving their problems.
Every problem has a limited life.
Love is the common denominator to solve difficulties among people.
The best way out of a difficulty is through it.

You will never be the person you can be if all pressure, tension and need for discipline are taken out of your life.

Character is not made in a crisis -- it is only exhibited.

Man's extremity is God's opportunity.

PROCRASTINATION

Procrastinator: one who puts off until tomorrow things he has already put off until today.

While we consider when to begin, it becomes too late to do it.

On the street of By-and-By one arrives at the house of Never.

Hard work is often an accumulation of easy things you didn't do when you should have.

Procrastination is a thief of time.

Small problems grow into large ones by feeding on procrastination.

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

PROGRESS

In our haste to deal with the things that are wrong let us not upset the things that are right.

Progress is never smooth. It has to overcome ignorance, unbelief and ridicule.

The rung of a ladder was not meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to put the other somewhat higher.

Progress always involves risk. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first.

PROVIDENCE

God never closes one door without opening another.

God provides the birds with food, but He does not drop it into their nest.

Chance and luck are nicknames for Providence.

PURPOSE

The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder.

Great men have purposes, others have wishes.

Do all the good you can -- by all the means you can -- in all the ways you can -- and as long as you can.

Life is a cup to be filled, not drained.

It is better to have little to live on and something to live for, than to have plenty to live on and nothing to live for.

Life is not the wick or the candle, it is the burning.

The heart of every man is a furnace of smoldering fire, which when fanned by inspiration bursts into flame.

RELIGION

Two marks of a Christian -- Giving and Forgiving.

Most people are willing to take the Sermon on the Mount as a flag to sail under. But few will use it as a rudder by which to steer.

The light that shows us our sin is the light that heals us.

Communion with God must ever hold a higher place than service for God.

The hardest job for people to do is to move religion from their throats to their lips.

A living religion is a way of living.

The church was created for people, not people for the church.
If Christ is kept outside, something is wrong inside.
What Christians need is less theology and more Doxology.

REPROOF

The sting of a reproach is the truth of it.
When rebuking turn the volume down; speaking softly is like oil on troubled waters.
If a reproof is necessary, let our words have no bitter sting, nor our face a hard look.

REPUTATION

Every day that a man lives, he is building a reputation good or bad.
If you are highly talented do not put your superiority on display. Real talent need not be advertised.
Recognition cannot be demanded. It commends itself if there is a worthy cause.
Reputation is a bubble which a man bursts when he tries to blow it up for himself.
Easier to keep a good reputation than to have to regain it.
A man's reputation is only what people think him to be; his character is what God knows him to be.
Don't talk about your accomplishments; let the track record do the talking.

RESIGNATION

A man must be willing to resign to the inevitable, but first he must be sure that it is the inevitable.
As soon as a person resigns himself to fate, his resignation is promptly accepted.

RESPONSIBILITY

The ability to accept responsibility is the measure of a man.
Ability is not worth much without dependability.
We are morally responsible for every wrong which we have the power to prevent.
Responsibilities gravitate to the person who can shoulder them.
The final test of a man's ability is responsibility.
You owe it to the Lord, to yourself and those around you, to be the best that you are capable of becoming.

RETRIBUTION

Nature's law affirms instead of prohibits. If you violate her laws, you are your own prosecuting attorney, judge, jury, and hangman.
Break God's law and it will break you.
The moral laws of God, like all the laws of the universe, have built-in self-monitoring qualities, that will bless if not tampered with and will exact retribution if in any way violated.
God's mills grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine.
Our acts -- like our own shadows -- will follow us, even if we try to hide from them.
The law that "Every evil Deed has its Retribution" is beyond appeal.

SELF-DENIAL

There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers here on earth.
Self-denial and unselfishness are inseparable companions.
Consideration for others can mean taking a wing instead of a drumstick.
There is nothing truly valuable which can be gotten without pain or labor.

The power of refraining from things gives a man more strength than the possession of them.
He deserves not the sweet who will not taste the bitter.

SELF-ESTEEM

The hardest secret for a man to keep is his opinion of himself.
The quickest way to acquire self-confidence is to try what you are afraid to undertake.
It takes an honest estimate of oneself to have a proper self-esteem.
Let men laugh if they will when you sacrifice desire for duty; time is on your side and you have eternity to rejoice in it.

SERVICE

Service never becomes slavery when performed in love.
God does not want your ability -- He wants your availability.
Instead of waiting upon the Lord, some Christians want the Lord to wait for them.
The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.
What I would do for Christ must needs be done to others.
To serve means to be involved.
Be alert to serve. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

SHARING

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
We may give without love, but we cannot love without giving.
What you keep is lost; what you give is forever yours.
Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor.
Do the giving while you are living -- then you are knowing where it is going.
Be aware of someone's economic needs and share with them in their wants.
There is a universal law, that the happiest people are those who are doing the most good for others.
Love shared is love multiplied.
A bell is not a bell until you ring it, a song is not a song until you sing it, and love is not love until you give it away.
The joy of living is in the giving: it is in the sharing and giving of self.
The principle of love overflows with tenderness and longs to bless.
Love, like the one basket of loaves and fishes, looks insufficient until you start giving it away.
Happiness is the dividend returned for investment in the well-being of others.

SILENCE

Silence is one of the hardest things to refute.
It is not every question that deserves an answer.
I have often regretted my spoken word, never my silence.
The best time to hold the tongue is the time when we feel we must say it or bust.
Silence cannot be misquoted, but it can be misinterpreted.
No echoes return to mock the silent tongue.
Well-timed silence has more eloquence than speech.
One thing about silence is that it can't be repeated.

SIN

Ill deeds are doubled with evil words.
All evils can be reduced to the common denominator, Sin.
Man is the only animal that blushes -- or needs to.
Evil often triumphs, but shall never conquer.
Nothing is ever so finely spun, that it will not show up in the light of the sun.
ALL the apples of temptation have worms.

SINCERITY

In most situations in life, the consciousness of innocence is truly our best shield and our firmest security.
Purity of heart is purity of motive and intention.
One cannot find any rule of conduct to excel simplicity and sincerity.
Say what you mean, and mean what you say.
Only by taking the risk of being open with one another can we heal rifts, break impasses and build bridges.

SKILL

Anything that is worth doing is worth doing well.
The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator.
When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.
Do what you can with what you have and where you are, and it will be well with you.
Slipshod methods never produce a master.
Every man's work is a portrait of himself.
How much you do is important; how well you do it is decisive.
One of the biggest thrills in life comes from doing a thing well.

SLANDER

Slander is worse than killing. Being killed you die but once. Being slandered you may be killed several times.
An injurious truth has no more merit than an injurious lie.
Evil speaking is like a boomerang. Even if the tongue misses the target, it will return to mark and scar him who propelled it.
You can't whitewash yourself by blackening others.
You are none the holier for being praised and none the worse for being blamed.
Hear no ill of a friend nor speak any of an enemy.
Slander is the assassination of another's character.
Defamation is robbery of another's good name.

SMILE

Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
A smile is a light in the window of the face, showing that the heart is at home.
All people smile in the same language.
What sunshine is to flowers, your smile is to others.
A smile costs you nothing, but is worth a great deal to those who are lifted up by it.
You will never offend a person by returning a smile.
Most smiles are started by another's smile.

SORROW

Sorrows which have no vent in tears may make other organs unhappy.

While grief is fresh, every attempt to divert only irritates.

One gives people in grief their own way.

Gifts and flowers are a poor substitute to a sorrowing and suffering person. The gift of your presence, when appropriate, is the best gift that one can give.

SOW / REAP

There was never a person who did anything worth doing, who did not receive more than he gave.

We become most what we focus upon most.

The person who throws himself away seldom likes the place he lands.

The most disappointed people are those who get what's coming to them.

The seed of wrongdoing may be concealed but the harvest cannot be.

He who digs a pit for others digs one for himself.

The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

STEWARDSHIP

Be firm in the things eternal and flexible in the things temporal.

Those who have most to do, and are willing to work, will find time to do more.

We are not masters of our time, we are only stewards of it.

Sum up at night what you have done by day.

Wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing and to do what is best worth doing.

Time is but once. Waste it and it is gone forever. Invest it and it has not passed in vain.

Counting time is not as important as making time count.

He that goes to borrowing goes to sorrowing.

The difference between gospel and gossip is that the gospel is good news -- while gossip is bad news.

Time and words cannot be recalled.

It is not only what we do, but also what we neglect to do, for which we are accountable.

STUBBORNNESS

Be constant in what is good, beware of being obstinate in anything. Constancy is a virtue; obstinacy is an evil.

A dogma, hardened by endless repetition, is difficult to dissolve.

Nothing is harder to open than a closed mind.

SUCCESS

Success consists of getting up just one more time than you have fallen down.

Failure is but the closed door to success. Try again and you may open it.

The door to success swings on the hinges of opposition.

Helping others is the secret of all success -- in business, in the arts, and in the home.

Success or failure is caused more by mental attitudes than mental capacities.

Success comes to the person who does little things well.

The road of success is always under construction.

Itching for what you want doesn't do much good -- you have to scratch for it.

If opportunity knocks, use it -- if you don't you lose it.
Success is two percent inspiration and ninety-eight percent perspiration.
Diligence is fortune's right hand and frugality her left.
No rule for success will work if you don't work.

SUFFERING

The stars are most bright when darkest the night, and God is the nearest when life is the dreariest.
The bird with a broken pinion never again soars so high but its song is sweeter.

TACT

A diplomat is a man who remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.
Be civil to all, sociable to many, familiar to few, a friend to one, and an enemy to none.
Tact is the ability to close your mouth before someone else wants to do it.
Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy.
Tact is the unseen part of what you really think.
An ounce of thoughtfulness can ease a ton of heartache.
The ill-timed truth we might have kept, who knows how sharp it pierced and stung? The word we had not sense to say, who knows how grandly it'd have rung?
Never correct one in public or in the presence of a bystander.
Give a reproof lovingly, refute an error gently. It is more effective on the receiver and more gratifying to the giver.
Some people have chronic hoof-in-mouth disease.
How to avoid an argument? State your point, scratch your head, and then add "I may be wrong."

TEMPTATION

Some who flee temptation often leave a forwarding address.
When a man has a pet peeve, it's remarkable how often he pets it.
No man is safe from falling into temptation until he has learned not to dally with temptation.
If you don't want the fruits of sin, stay out of the Devil's orchard.

TOLERANCE

He is not well-bred who can't bear ill-breeding in others.
It's the glory of a man to bypass an offense.
The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.
If you think the world is all wrong, remember that it contains people like you.
Hunt for the good points in the other person -- remember, he has to do the same for you.
Tolerance comes with age because of the faults we had and still have but did not fully overcome.
To learn to understand each other is the greatest art in life.

TONGUE

An ounce of keeping the tongue in check beats a ton of explanations.
The tongue is the only instrument that gets sharper with every use.
The secret of a governable tongue is not as much self-control as it is Christ control.
Don't talk about yourself -- it will be done when you leave.
One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.
The tongue is the indicator of the heart's condition.

To speak kindly does not hurt the tongue.
A loose tongue often gets into a tight spot.
Never leave your tongue in gear while your brain is idling.
Nothing is opened by mistake more times than the mouth.
Better to let them wonder why you didn't talk than why you did.
Wise men keep their tongue to keep their head.
No member of the body needs as many muscles as the tongue.
It is better to talk less and do more observing and listening. God has given us two eyes and two ears for input, but only one mouth for output.

TRIALS

Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.
God gives us trials equal to our faith, not faith equal to our trials.
A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor can a man be perfected without trials.
It is by God's permitted trials that He works into our character His divine design.
A smooth sea never made an expert mariner.
A storm-weathered tree is stronger and deeper-rooted than a sheltered one.
Afflictions are the rough touches and hard rubs to polish us for use and for shining.
The Lord sometimes takes us into troubled waters, not to drown us but to cleanse us.
God's children are like teabags: they have to go through hot water before the aroma becomes more pleasant.
The fruit makes the pruning worthwhile.
It takes darkness to see the twinkling stars, and it is in the darkest hours when we appreciate God's bright promises most.
That which was bitter to endure may be sweet to remember.
The more the marble wastes, the more the statue grows.
If you want the rainbow, you must put up with the rain.

TROUBLE

You can't keep trouble from coming, but you need not give it a chair to sit on.
In order to get out of step you don't need to do anything.
A warm heart, a cool head, and clean hands: an excellent remedy toward keeping us out of trouble.
The finer the laws are woven, the more numerous the holes to slip through.
Adversity affects people differently -- some become bitter, others become better.

TRUST

God always gives the best to those who leave the choice with Him.
Complete trust in God asks no questions nor complains.
God does not promise smooth sailing, but He does promise safe arrival.
I know not always the way He leads me, but well do I know my guide -- what have I to fear?
Peace to a Christian is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God.
Do the very best you can and leave the outcome to God.

TRUTH

God's laws are truths that stand the test of time.
Most people want the truth only if it agrees with them.

Heart and lips should never be at odds.
The naked truth is often so boring that most people cannot help dressing it up a bit.
The greatest homage we can pay to Truth is to use it.
The greatest friend of Truth is time, and her constant companion is Humility.
Finders keepers, except when we find the truth. Truth is to be shared.
Truth has nothing to lose by fairness, openness and reasonable moderation -- and the turning on of all available light.
There is no power on earth more formidable than the truth.
A lie travels around the world while the truth is still getting her boots on.
Truth on every subject, however or by whomever uttered, is the voice of God.
The appetite for truth gets sharper with every morsel eaten and digested.
Truth is the foundation of all knowledge and the cement of all societies.
Never ask who is right, ask what is right.
Delay of answer is preferable to error.

UNSELFISHNESS

It is impossible to give of ourselves at arm's length or in absentia.
The Dead Sea is a dead sea because it continually receives and never gives.
God looks not on the quality of the gift but on the quality of the giver.
See what you can do for others, not what they can do for you.
Unselfishness never comes easy.
The art of unselfish living is practiced by few and mastered by even fewer.
Some people give and forgive; others get and forget.
To be known is good, to belong is better.
The manner in which it is given is worth more than the gift.
Frugality is good if liberality be joined to it.
He who is not liberal with what he has, deceives himself when he thinks he would be liberal if he had more.

VALUES

The man who stands for a principle must value duty higher than life.
You may call that your own which no man can take from you -- your spiritual values.
An ounce of wisdom is worth a ton of wit.
Full often, what you now despise proves better than the things you prize.
Some are taken up with the immediate so much that they lose sight of the ultimate.
No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of truth.
The future belongs to those who love, not to those who hate.
Woe, if a man is not more than what the tailor and hairdresser have made him to be.

VICTORY

The only conquests that are permanent and leave no regrets are conquests over ourselves.
If there were no difficulties, there would be no victories.
There is a kind of victory in good work done, no matter how humble.
Forget mistakes. Organize victory out of mistakes.
Every difficulty removed is a step gained.
Fear confronted is the first step to fear dissolved.

VIRTUE

Virtue debases itself by justifying itself.

He is ill-clothed that is bare of virtues.

Virtue, like a precious perfume, is most fragrant when submitted to being crushed by trials and testings.

It is more noble to use things and love people than to love things and use people.

A truly virtuous person does not advertise his virtue -- it will surface on its own.

Only virtue tested in the fire of adversity is true virtue.

Virtue is like a precious stone, best when plainly set.

Not to know evil is innocence; to know evil and to choose good is virtue.

True nobility comes of the gentle heart.

Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

Some people's virtues are somewhat tintured with vice.

WISDOM

The greatest truths are the simplest ones and so are the greatest men.

When a person grows to maturity he becomes wiser -- he talks less but says more.

To know how to use knowledge properly is wisdom.

The doors of Wisdom are never shut to those who seek Wisdom.

Much wisdom often goes with fewest words.

Wisdom is of great value. We pay for it dearly by experience.

Wisdom is a collection of Values gained by experiences and observations, weighing them one against the other.

Every person gets silly ideas, but a clever person suppresses them.

Be wise in this world but be not worldly-wise.

Wise men are not always silent, but know when to be.

Some people could use some common horse-sense, to know when to neigh.

The doorstep to the temple of Wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance.

Reading the Bible is the Fountain of Godly wisdom.

Wisdom is a tree that grows in the heart and whose fruits appear on the tongue.

Knowledge comes from taking things apart, wisdom from putting back together.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can -- and the wisdom to know the difference.

A wise man hopes for the best, is prepared for the worst, and bears with equanimity whatever may happen.

When alone guard your thoughts, when in the family guard your temper, when in company guard your words.

Wise people speak from experience -- and at other times from experience speak not.

The best way to become wise is at your own expense.

WITNESSING

The three thicknesses a missionary must have: thickness of skin, of stomach, and of soles.

It is better to be accused of telling the truth than to be accused of hiding it.

If God's Word is in your mind, it will also be on your tongue.

We may use the truth as a club to show our strength, but it will not bring men to God.

To be the salt of the earth, we must sprinkle it out of our shakers, by giving a witness.
Applying some shoe leather to the gospel will improve our spiritual life.
Some Christians are Dead-Sea Christians: all intake and no outlet.
Be not only a reflector of Christ, but a radiator.
If Jesus' name is worth possessing, then surely it is worth proclaiming.
Do not preach to others how to behave, if you have not preached it to yourself first.
When presenting the truth do it gently; one does not hang pictures with a sledgehammer.
It is easier to find a score of men wise enough to comprehend the truth, than one intrepid enough to stand up for it in the face of opposition. There are not many that stand up to be counted.
There is nothing so refreshing as a clean, clear, uncompromising stand for the truth.
One good deed is more convincing than ten arguments.
To be a fool for Christ's sake does not give us license to act as a fool.
Be careful how you live -- you may be the only Bible some people will ever read.
The best proof of being a child of God is your living birth certificate that can be read by everyone.
When the Lord uses you as an angel to do good to others, praise Him with thanksgiving. Be sure to do it low key so that only you and the Lord know about it.
God has always had some people in every age who would not yield to the logic of the executioner's ax or to the arguments of a blazing fire.
Speak no untruth -- speak the truth -- speak the truth in love.

WORDS

What most orators want to give in depth, they give in length.
A word to the Speaker: The mind can't retain what the seat can't endure.
Language is the apparel in which your thoughts parade before the public. Never clothe them in shoddy or vulgar attire.
The more you say, the less people remember.
To many speakers, the clock runs out before he does.
A recipe for a good speech: Put in more shortening.
The advantage of writing over speaking is that writing can be unhurriedly measured and weighed.
One may talk too much on the best of subjects.
Listen more, talk less; no one ever learned anything by talking.
It is not so much what we say as the number of times we say it.
Talking is not always communicating.
When talking, be not a book come alive.
Don't shoot too high -- aim low and the common people will understand.
Brevity is the soul of wit.

WORRY

To have your worry-wrinkles removed, have your faith lifted.
Brood over your troubles and you may get a perfect hatch.
Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
Worry is like sitting in a rocking chair: It will keep you occupied, but it won't get you anywhere.
Ulcers are caused not so much by what you eat as what's eating you.
We crucify ourselves between two thieves: Regret for yesterday and Fear for tomorrow.
Worry is the interest paid on trouble before it is due.
You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future.

Some people have their troubles three times: First in anticipation, second in the reality, and thirdly living them over in morbid retrospection.

He who worries about what people think of him would not worry so much if he only knew how seldom they do.