

This is a work in progress. More good ideas to be added.

BITS OF WISDOM was originally meant for the grandchildren but is now a gift to you. Your good ideas are welcome. The world is full of endless ideas but only some of them are really valuable to you. It is hoped that these ideas will help you to be a success and find happiness. Do not expect to agree with or accept or understand all of the ideas presented. But rather LET THEM STAND THE TEST OF TIME. You will find that as you get older and gain more experience that you will gain new insight into these ideas. You can add and expand on the ideas herein.

Wisdom: Ideas to Help You to be a Success.

To test ideas ask: Is it the right thing to do? Is it fair to all? Take time to: Think, Set Goals, Make a Plan to Reach Your goals, Work Your Plan, Reevaluate, Succeed. Be vigilant, Be informed, Read more, use best sources, Surround yourself with positive, wise, drug free, knowledgeable friends. Be Prepared. Wisdom stands the test of time. Think Learn, Knowledge is power. He who learns but does not think, is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger. Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance. Study the past, if you would improve the future and not repeat the mistakes. Question everything. Don't assume. Know yourself. Ask why. Think! Most problems are caused by failing to get enough info. Ask Questions. When the going gets tough, the tough get going! Do what you can one step at a time. Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances. When angry count to ten before you speak. If very angry, count to one hundred, think of the consequences. **Franklin's Maxims:** Silence. **Speak only what will benefit others or yourself.** Order. Let all things have their places. Let each part of your business have its time. Resolution. **Resolve to perform what you ought.** Perform without fail what you resolve. Frugality. Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; that is; waste nothing. Industry. Louse no time. **Be always employed in something useful.** Cut off all unnecessary actions. Cleanliness. Tolerate no uncleanliness in body, clothes or habitation. Tranquility. **Be not disturbed at accidents, common or unavoidable, or at trifles.** Humility. Imitate Jesus, Socrates and Confucius. **Do the Most Good while you still can.** The greatest good for the greatest number. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. **Cause no harm by your actions or inaction.** *Don't do to others what you don't want done to yourself.*

DO ONLY AS YOU WANT TO BE DONE TO. *Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.* As a person thinks so they are. ones character is the sum of ones thoughts. **Be observant Look for opportunities.** *I will pass thru this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any other being let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.* Remember Scout Law. Courtesy you can persuade and influence more with kindness than with rage. Do not waste your time it is valuable and finite. Life is short. Time is money. **The best way** to get something done, is to begin. If it is to be it's up to me. Observe the good points of others and adopt them. Observe bad points of others and correct them in yourself. To see the right and not to do it is cowardice. **What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others.** Do not impose on others what you yourself do not desire. Do only as you would want to be done to yourself As a person thinks so they are. **TO BE A SUCCESS PREPARE FOR AND THINK SUCCESS!**

Wisdom, compassion (Kindness), courage, integrity and concern for the community are the universally recognized moral qualities. Selfishness and greed are the worst. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. *When the government fears the people, there is liberty.* Tom Jefferson Faced with what is right, to leave it undone shows a lack of courage. Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life. **God has given me** this day to use as I will. I can waste it, or use it for good purpose. But what I do with this day is **important.** Because I have exchanged one day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will **be gone forever.** Children learn what they live with. If they live with criticism, they learn to condemn, live with hostility, learn to fight, live with ridicule, learn to be shy, lives with shame, learn to feel guilty, live with tolerance, learn to be patient, If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence, lives with praise, learns to appreciate. lives with fairness, learns justice. If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself. If he lives with acceptance & friendship, he learns to find love in the world. If a child lives with hate, he learns to hate. If a child lives with violence, he learns to be violent. If a child lives with love, he learns to love. They live what they learn. In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of. The greatest good is to do good work for the community. Do the most good while you can before it is too late.

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it, or use it for good purpose. But what I do with this day is important, because I have exchanged one day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. I hope I will not regret the price I paid for it.

Your life touches many others in ways you are often not aware of. If you die you would leave a black hole and cause others sorrow. Your loss is their loss also. Even one who has few or no friends has the potential of helping oneself and others. Somewhere there is someone who desperately needs a few minutes of kindness. The world is indeed full of lonely people. Great satisfaction can be yours in helping and showing love to another. Negative thoughts can make you destroy yourself. They lead to mental depression and can be devastating. Negative thoughts can be overcome. First resolve that you will not give them power over you. No matter how bad it is you are still the captain of your ship. You determine what thoughts you think. It is all right to think a fact thought that may seem negative such as "I am depressed" or "I am tired" even "I have failed". Check it to see if it is really true and if it is learn from it. Think "So I failed what can I learn from this?" Then make a new plan to achieve your goals.

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IS TO BEGIN.

THE LONGEST JOURNEY STARTS WITH BUT
A SINGLE STEP.

IF IT IS TO BE IT'S UP TO ME.

**LOVE AND KINDNESS SHOULD BE THE
STANDARD OF HUMAN CONDUCT.**

DO ONLY AS YOU WANT TO BE DONE TO.

Or put another way

**Don't do to others what you don't want done to
you.**

BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN TO
CURSE THE DARKNESS.

TAKE TIME TO THINK. IT IS THE SOURCE OF
POWER.

TAKE TIME TO READ. IT IS THE FOUNTAIN
OF WISDOM.

TAKE TIME TO PRAY. IT IS THE GREATEST
POWER ON EARTH.

TAKE TIME TO LOVE. IT THE GREATEST
THING IN THE WORLD.

TAKE TIME TO BE CHEERFUL. IT IS THE
ROAD TO HAPPINESS.

TAKE TIME TO BE FRIENDLY. IT IS THE BEST
WAY TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS.

TAKE TIME TO DO WHAT JESUS TAUGHT.
(LOVE ONE ANOTHER, KINDNESS) IT IS THE
KEY TO HEAVEN.

TAKE TIME TO PLAN AND WORK. THEY
ARE KEYS TO SUCCESS.

Do It Now. I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow human being let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.

LOVE MAKES EVERYTHING A LITTLE
EASIER.

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.

Franklin's Maxims:

Silence. Speak only what will benefit others or yourself.

Order. Let all things have their places. Let each part of your business have its time.

Resolution. Resolve to perform what you ought. Perform without fail what you resolve.

Frugality. Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; that is; waste nothing.

Industry. Lose no time. Be always employed in something useful. Cut off all unnecessary actions.

Cleanliness. Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes or habitation.

Tranquillity. Be not disturbed at accidents, common or unavoidable, or at trifles.

WISDOM. Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

GOD IS LOVE.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.

If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance & friendship, He learns to find love in the world.

If you are in the least doubt about a decision or if much emotion is involved it is probably best to sleep on it and see if it passes the test of time. If there is not time than at least seek calm-wise council and listen. Take time to ask infinite intelligence what to do. Then

listen for the quiet answer that may come when you wait for it and are willing to receive it. God gives the answer through your own thoughts. Search for the best, most wise action. Be sure to consider all alternatives and possibilities. If possible set the problem aside for a while to let the subconscious mind work on. Since a very great percentage of the mind is subconscious it is wise to use it. Another good technique is to gather a few thoughtful people together and brainstorm a question. Write down every idea no matter how trivial without question for twenty minutes. Then later go over each idea looking for other ideas. Still later one can sort out the better ideas. Seek expert advice from more than one source when making decisions out of your area of knowledge.

Surround yourself with the best people you can find.

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS IN HUMAN RELATIONS

I ADMIT I MADE A MISTAKE (the most important 6 words)

I AM PROUD OF YOU (the most important 5 words)

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION (the most important 4 words)

IF YOU PLEASE (the most important 3 words)

THANK YOU (the most important 2 words)

We (the most important word)

I (the LEAST important word)

A wise person: controls his thoughts and thereby his actions; spends more time in study and thought; questions most everything; tries to find the truth; makes the best use of his time; avoids time traps such as excessive entertainment. A wise person knows that success, failure, happiness, worry, love, suffering, health and actions all stem from thought. **Character is the sum of ones thoughts. You are what you think.** You act what you think. As you think so you are. See as a man thinketh by James Allen. If you want to change yourself change your thinking. You have the freedom to choose your thoughts. If you want success you must think success. You are responsible completely responsible for your own thoughts. You can't blame anyone else. As you continue to think so you will remain. You are limited only by the thoughts you yourself choose. The wise man organizes, prioritizes controls, & disciplines his thinking. He rejects negative, useless, idle, irrational, emotional, worrisome, lustful, purposeless (except to relax) thoughts. It is wise to set some time aside for reflection.

READ THESE BOOKS Bits of Wisdom by Wesley Arnold The Book of Survival by A. Greenback As

A Man Thinketh by James Allen The New Testament You Can Become The Person You Want To Be by Robert Schuller, How To Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie Think and Grow Rich by N. Hill Success Through Positive Mental Attitude by C. Stone The Boy Scout Handbook by BSA, Amplenomics Ample For All Can Be Created Workable Solutions To The Problems Of Our Time by W. Arnold Esperanto The International Language by Wesley Arnold Discover Your Possibilities Schuller, Book of Self-Defense B. Tegner, How To Stay Alive In The Woods by Bradford Angier, Power of Positive Thinking N Peale, Outdoor Survival Skills by Olsen The Greatest Thing In The World by Henry Drummond, In His Steps by Sheldon, How to Start Your Own Business on a Shoestring by Tyler Hicks

Lord make me an instrument of Your Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. St Francis of Assisi

TO THYSELF BE TRUE KNOW THYSELF

SEEK THE TRUTH IN ALL THINGS

**GOD IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH GOD IS LOVE
GOD IS INFINITE INTELLIGENCE IF YOU
WANT TRUE HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS YOU
MUST AVOID VIOLATING INFINITE
INTELLIGENCE. SEEK WISDOM not just
knowledge AVOID EXTREMES NOTHING IN
EXCESS USE MODERATION STAY IN
CONTROL OF YOURSELF**

**LET EVERYONE SWEEP IN FRONT OF
THEIR OWN DOOR AND THE WHOLE
WORLD WILL BE CLEAN.**

TIME When one could care less about time it seems to go so slowly. Those that don't value it complain that they have to "kill time." It seems to those that value time that there isn't enough of it. A young person kills time, an older person may find that time is killing him/her. What is time? Sixty minutes to an hour, 8 hours = 480 minutes. 10 hours = 600, 24 hours = 1440 1 week = 10080 1 month = 43,200, 1 year = 525,600 one lifetime 70 years = 36,792,000 **Each day we get our allotment of time, no more, no less, to spend as we will. Each of us has the freedom of choice of what to do with it. One can waste it or use it wisely but once spent it is gone forever. And when the moment of death comes, as it surely will to all of us, for us there is no more time.**

AS A PERSON THINKS SO THEY ARE. ONES
CHARACTER IS THE SUM OF ONES
THOUGHTS. They Can because they think they
can. You see things as they are and ask "Why?" I
dream things that never were and ask "Why not?"

TO BE A SUCCESS THINK SUCCESS!

Jesus of Nazareth said this about life after death "In my fathers house are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2) He also said: "**A new commandment I give to you Love one another.**" (John 13:34) "I am the way the truth and the life." About the good Samaritan who helped a stranger he said "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37 "Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid." John wrote (1 John 3:11 & 4:7,8) "**This is the message that you heard from the beginning that we should love one another...for love is of God and every one that loves is born of God and knows God. He that does not love does not know God for God is Love... God is love and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."** Acts 20:35 The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life. Romans 6:23 "the greatest of these is love. It is love then that you should strive for." 1 Cor 13-14