



# SAYINGS

FOR MY CHILDREN

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## ACHIEVEMENT

1. When I think of Achievement, I think of the salesman that sold 2 milking machines to a farmer that only had one cow...Then he took the cow as down payment.
2. This puny guy applied for a job as a lumberjack. "Sorry," says the head lumberjack, eyeing the man up and down. "You're just too small." "Give me a chance to show you what I can do," the guy pleads. "You won't regret it." "Okay," says the boss. "See that giant oak over there? Let's see if you can chop it down." Half an hour later, the mighty oak is felled, amazing the boss. "Where'd you learn to cut trees like that?" he asks. "The Sahara Forest," replied the puny guy. "You mean the Sahara Desert, don't you?" "Sure, if that's what they call it now." (Don't judge a book by its cover.)
3. When you see a man on the top of the mountain, he did not fall there. You need to keep on climbing.
4. Its better to aim at the moon and miss it, than to aim at nothing and hit it. But when you're aiming, don't forget to pull the trigger.
5. Some inspirational words from Ray Kroc, founder of Mc Donald's:  
Press on; nothing in the world can take the place of persistence  
Talent will not; nothing is more common then unsuccessful men with talent  
Genius will not; un-rewarded genius is almost a proverb.  
Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.  
Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.
6. Sisters: Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did except she did it backwards and in high heels.
7. If you can't be a star, you need not be a cloud.
8. The Man in the glass:  
When you get what you want in your struggle for self.  
And the world makes you king for a day, just go to the mirror and look at yourself and see what that man has to say  
  
For it isn't your father or mother or wife whose judgment upon you must pass.  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life is the one staring back from the glass.  
  
You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum and think you're a wonderful guy.  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum if you can't look him straight in the eye.  
  
He's the fellow to please---never mind all the rest, for he will be with you clear to the end.  
  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test if the man in the glass is your friend.
9. A man owned a bird dog he claimed was the world's greatest. One day he was walking down the street with the dog when suddenly it froze in the traditional bird-in-grass pose as a man with a shopping bag in his arms approached. "Do you happen to have a game bird in your bag?" The dog owner asked? "No," replied the man, "But my name is Partridge!"

10. One Solitary life:

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty... Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navy's that ever sailed, all the Parliaments that ever sat, all the Kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

11. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head...

"A young man whose father is a carpenter grows up working in his father's shop. He has no formal education. He owns no property of any kind. One day he puts down his tools and walks out of his father's shop.

He starts preaching on street corners and in the nearby countryside. Walking from place to place preaching all the while even though he is in no way an ordained minister he never gets farther than an area perhaps 100 miles wide at the most. He does this for three years.

Then he is arrested, tried and convicted. There is no court of appeal so he is executed at age 33 along with two common thieves. Those in charge of his execution roll dice to see who gets his clothing — the only possessions he has.

His family cannot afford a burial place so he is interred in a borrowed tomb.

End of Story?

No, this uneducated, property less young man who preached on street corners for only three years who left no written word has for 2000 years had a greater effect on the entire world than all the rulers, kings and emperors, all the conquerors, the generals and admirals, all the scholars, scientists and philosophers who ever lived — all put together. How do we explain that? ...Unless he really was what he said he was."

—Ronald Reagan

## AMERICA

12. Researchers have just completed a \$650,000 government study to determine if too much money is spend on government studies. The results were inconclusive, and further studies are planned.
13. Did you know:

As you walk up the steps to the Capitol building which houses the Supreme Court you see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view... It is Moses and the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door. As you sit inside the Court room, you can see the wall right above where the Supreme Court judges sit a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made The following statement... "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Patrick Henry, that patriot and founding Father of our country, said... "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians...not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher...whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox Churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law...an oligarchy. The rule of few over many.

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said... "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 200 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional.
14. "I leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in you bosoms until there shall no longer be doubt that all men are created free and equal." -Abraham Lincoln-
15. "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, "Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, Or give me death. -Patrick Henry-

16. "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." -Benjamin Franklin-
17. "We kept faith with a promise as old as this land we love and as big as the sky, a brilliant vision of America as a shining city on a hill. Thanks to all of you and with God's help, America's greatest chapter is still to be written, for the best is yet to come." -Ronald Reagan-
18. "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives..." -James Madison-
19. "I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." -Thomas Jefferson-
20. "A nation that forgets its past has no future." -Winston Churchill-
21. **I had never heard of this. I have only visited in the summer months. I wonder why the press hasn't enlightened the public about it????**

## *Arlington National Cemetery*



Rest easy, sleep well my brothers.  
Know the line has held, your job is done.  
Rest easy, sleep well.

Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held.  
Peace, peace, and farewell...



Readers may be interested to know that these wreaths -- some 5,000 -- are donated by the Worcester Wreath Co. of Harrington , Maine . The owner, Merrill Worcester, not only provides the wreaths, but covers the trucking expense as well. He's done this since 1992. A wonderful guy. Also, most years, groups of Maine school kids combine an educational trip to DC with this event to help out. Making this even more remarkable is the fact that Harrington is in one the poorest parts of the state.

**Please share this with everyone on your address list. You hear too much about the bad things people do. Everyone should hear about this.**

## 22. OUR NATIONS FOUNDING

Did you know that 52 of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were orthodox, deeply committed Christians? The other three all believed in the Bible as the divine truth, the God of the scripture, and his personal intervention.

It is the same Congress that formed the American Bible Society. Immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of scripture for the people of this nation.

Patrick Henry, who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is still remembered for his words, "Give me liberty or give me death."

But in current textbooks the context of these words is deleted. Here is what he actually said: "An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

These sentences have been erased from our textbooks. Was Patrick Henry a Christian? The following year, 1778, he wrote this -- He cannot be embarrassed nor surprised or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."

Consider these words that Thomas Jefferson wrote on the front of his well-worn Bible: "I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator." He was also the chairman of the American Bible Society, which he considered his highest and most important role.

On July 4, 1821, President Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

Calvin Coolidge, our 30<sup>th</sup> President of the United States reaffirmed this truth when he wrote, "The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teaching would cease to be practically universal in our country."

In 1782 the United States Congress voted this resolution: "The congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

William Holmes McGuffey is the author of the McGuffey Reader, which was used for over 100 years in our public schools with over 125 million copies sold until 1963. President Lincoln called him the "Schoolmaster of the nation." Listen to these words of Mr. McGuffey: "The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our notions on the character of God, on the great moral Governor of the universe. On its doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions. From no source has the author drawn more conspicuously than from the sacred Scriptures. From all these extracts from the Bible I make no apology."

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first, Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of this life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation for our children to follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.

James Madison, the primary author of the Constitution of the United States, said this: "We have staked the whole future of our new nation not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

Today, we are asking God to bless America. But, how can he bless a Nation that had departed so far from Him? Prior to September 11, he was not welcome in America. Most of what you read in this article has been erased from our textbooks. Revisionists have rewritten history to remove the truth about our country's Christian roots.



## ANIMALS

23. It's a cats' world, I'm just here to open cans.
24. Missionary advice: "When a big mean, dog attacks you, Elder, just remember, you don't have to run faster than the dog...you just have to outrun your companion."
25. Why don't blind people like to sky dive? Because it scares the dog.
26. Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should get used to the idea.
27. One day an eight-year-old boy went to the pet store with his dad to buy a puppy. The store manager showed them a pen where five little furry balls huddled together. After a while, the boy noticed one of the litter all by itself in an adjacent pen. The boy asked, "Why is that puppy all alone?" The manager explained, "That puppy was born with a bad leg and would be crippled for life, so we're going to have to put him to sleep." "You're going to kill this little puppy?" the boy said sadly while patting it. "You have to realize that this puppy would never be able to run and play with a boy like you." After a short conversation with his boy, the dad told the manager that they wanted to buy the puppy with the bad leg. "For the same amount of money, you could have one of the 'healthy' ones. Why do you want this one?" In answer to the manager's question, the boy bent over and pulled up the pants of his right leg, exposed the brace underneath and said, "Mister, I want this one because I understand what he's going through."

## APOSTASY

28. Be narrow minded, don't get broad minded in the gospel. Somewhere in the history of time they replaced baptism with dry cleaning.
29. Painting: When you focus on a single point, you don't see the beauty of the whole painting.
30. Those doing their duty are enjoying their work—those not doing their duty criticize.
31. If you're not LDS, you belong to a non-prophet organization.

## BISHOPS

32. Sacrament meeting was about to begin and a mother couldn't find her son. She searched everywhere and finally located him sitting outside on the curb with his head in his hands. She said, "Son, we have to go in now. Sacrament is about to start." He responds, "I can't go in there, Mom. Nobody likes me. No one will talk to me." She says "But son, you have to go back in ... You're the Bishop."
33. During a Primary lesson on the bishopric, the teacher asked the children what a bishop does. Without hesitation, a bright six-year-old answered. "moves diagonally."
34. A Mormon Bishop, a Catholic Priest, and a Baptist Preacher went fishing in a boat together. After a while, the Mormon Bishop ran out of bait. So he got up, stepped out of the boat, walked across the water to the shore, and returned the same way with more bait. Soon after, the Catholic Priest also ran out of bait and did the same. Finally the Baptist Preacher ran out of bait and stepped out of the boat and sank down into the water until it reached his neck. The Catholic Priest laughed and said to the Mormon Bishop, "Should we tell him about the rocks beneath the water?" The Mormon Bishop, obviously confused, said, "What rocks?"

35. A new Bishop was visiting in the homes of his Ward members. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. He took out a card and wrote "Revelations 3:20 on the back and stuck it in the door. When the tithing envelopes were opened and processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned: added to it was this cryptic message; "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelations 3:20 begins, "Behold I stand at the door and knock.....". Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard thy voice and hid myself for I was naked."

### BUILD THE KINGDOM

36. You can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you can't count the number of apples in a seed.

37. Our Message to You:

Father, where shall I work today? And my love flowed warm and free.

Then he pointed out a tiny spot and said, "Tend Apple Valley Ward for me."

I answered quickly, "Oh no, not that! Why no one would ever see. No matter how well my work was done, Not that little place for me."

And the words he spoke, they were not stern, he answered me tenderly,

"Ah little one, search that heart of thine: Are thou working for them or me? Nazareth was a little place, and so was Galilee."

38. Ask the Lord to lead you today and tell him you will report to him tonight.

39. This is the Lord's work and we are his servants, and he depends on us. 50,000. years from now, when we look back, what will be the most important things we need to be doing now.

### BUSINESS

40. It seems that, upon moving to the country, a city boy purchased a donkey from a farmer for \$100.00. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the following day, but when he arrived, he brought unfortunate news—The donkey had died. When the boy asked for his money back, the farmer replied, "I can't, I've already spent it." "Well, then at least give me the donkey," the boy retorted. "What are you going to do with it?" The boy replied, "I'm going to raffle it off. I just won't tell anybody that it's dead." A month later, the farmer once again met up with the boy and inquired about the donkey. "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at \$2. apiece and made a profit of \$892.00." "Did anyone complain?" asked the farmer. "Just the guy who won," the boy said smugly, "So I returned his money." The little boy grew up to be the Chairman of Enron.

41. It's a bargain: Farmers always pay extra for everything when buying a car from dealers. So when a car dealer wanted to buy a cow for his hobby farm, he got a bill from the farmer:
- |                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| One basic cow:                        | \$200.00 |
| Two tone exterior                     | 45.00    |
| Extra Stomach                         | 74.00    |
| Storage compartment dispensing device | 60.00    |
| Genuine Cowhide upholstery            | 235.00   |
| Dual horns                            | 15.00    |
| Automatic fly swatter                 | 35.00    |
| Total                                 | \$595.00 |
42. The only reason why a great many Americans don't own an elephant is that they have never been offered one for a dollar down and a dollar a week.
43. I've made so many mistakes at the office, people think I'm the boss.
44. The only thing some people will lend without interest is an ear.
45. Use the numbers game. The only way to keep from losing is to have a number of possibilities.
46. Warning: Don't blow it.  
 Don't compromise your integrity.  
 Handle your money wisely.  
 It is not how much you earn, it is how much you keep.  
 Watch your pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves.  
 Unwritten Law: always live below your means.
47. Don't be selfish or self-centered: Symptoms of the Disease:  
 You say me, my, mine instead of "you" and "the team".  
 What you want and need dominates your thinking. You rarely think of others.  
 All of your efforts are directed towards your success. You stop helping other people reach their goals. You see success of others as a threat to your own.
48. Unwritten law: Most people fail because they lose sight of the giving principle of life
49. People need other people.  
 The more you give the more you will receive.  
 The more you help others, the greater your own success will be.  
 The more you focus on helping other people get through their business, the more your business will grow.
50. Make Sure Your Priorities Are Right.  
 Health  
 Family  
 Spiritual
51. Take Responsibility For Your Life.  
 Excuses don't count  
 The world isn't going to stop and wait for you.  
 Things are like they always have been.

We were strolling through a printing plant the other day when our eye happened to alight on this memo: It was entitled "New Sick Leave Policy," and we thought it might be something other company presidents might want to consider and something suitable for our own employees.

"SICKNESS; No excuse: We will no longer accept your doctor's statement of proof, as we believe that if you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work."

"DEATH: (other Than Your Own): This is no excuse, There is nothing you can do for them and we are sure that someone else in a lesser position can attend to the arrangements. However, if the funeral can be held in late afternoon, we will be glad to let you off one hour early, provided that your share of work is ahead enough to keep the job going in your absence."

"Death (Your Own): This will be accepted as an excuse, but we would like a two-week notice, as we feel it is your duty to teach someone else your job."

"LEAVE OF ABSENCE (For an Operation): We are no longer allowing this practice. We wish to discourage any thought that you may consider needing an operation. We believe that as long as you are employed here, you will need all of whatever you have and should not consider having anything removed. We hired you as you are and to have anything removed would certainly make you less than we bargained for."

"Too much time is being spent in the Rest Room. In the future, we will follow the practice of going to the Rest Room in alphabetical order. For instance, those whose names begin with 'A' will go from 8a.m. to 8:05 a.m. 'B' will go from 8:05 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. and so on. If you are unable to go at your time, it will be necessary to wait until the day when your turn comes again."

## CHILDREN

53. Give a kid an inch and he thinks he is a ruler.
54. I told my 16 year old son David who had just got his license and was driving our truck to school, that the truck had to be fixed and he would have to ride the school bus. He said "No, not the cheese wagon."
55. Let children honor their parents, and let the parents be worthy of that honor.
56. Your children at best are only investigators, so live your lives in order that they may be converted.
57. Father, a CEO of a large corp. took his son fishing. In his journal that night he stated a day lost and wasted. The son, in his journal, stated it was the best day of his life.
58. I am a product of a broken home, the kids are gone and my wife and I are having a great time.
59. In September, millions of happy, shining faces look forward to school—They are known as parents.

60. I am in favor of lowering the voting age to fourteen. After all, that's when they know everything.

61. Out of the mouths of Babes:

We often learn the most from our children. Some time ago, a friend of mine punished his 3 year old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty. He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside of it?" The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you, Daddy."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her forgiveness. My friend told me that he kept that gold box by his bed for years. Whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us as parents has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

62. The Most Caring Child:

Author and lecturer, Leo Buscaglia, once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said: "nothing, I just helped him cry."

63. (A True Story)

During a sacrament meeting, a little boy made a big disturbance. After several minutes of trying to quiet this noisy three-year-old, the mother desperately handed him to the father, who was seated on the aisle close to the front of the chapel. By this time the noise distracted the speaker and audience, and everyone was very conscious of the parents' plight. The father's patience was much shorter than the mothers. In a few moments he put the little boy over his shoulder, stood up, and started for the back door. Looking back over his father's shoulder and sensing his determined steps, the little boy became quiet and apprehensive. Just as the father approached the rear door of the chapel, the little fellow reached his arms out towards the stand and shouted, "Bishop, help!"

64. "Two Nickels and Five Pennies"

When an ice cream sundae cost much less, a boy entered a coffee shop and sat at a table. The waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" "Fifty cents," Replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it. "How much for a dish of plain ice cream?" He inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table, and the waitress was impatient. "thirty-five Cents," she said angrily. The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream." The waitress brought the ice cream and walked away. The boy finished, and paid the cashier, and departed. When the waitress come back, she swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies---her tip.

**65. What is Means to Be Adopted**

The teacher, Debbie Moon's first graders, were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different color hair then the other family members. One child suggested that he was adopted and a little girl named Joycelynn Jay said, "I know all about adoptions because I was adopted." "What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child. "It means," Said Joycelynn, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

**66. Roles And How We Play them:**

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in my life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what Mom," he shouted, and then he said those words that will remain a lesson with me: "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

**67. Children's letters to God age 6-12**

- a. Dear God, how long did it really take you to make the first people? Do you feel you rushed too much? Keith, age 10
- b. Big G. Hi out there! I have only one request: More rights for nine-year-olds. "I am sick of hearing wait till you're ten." George Age 9
- c. Dear God, thanks for all the memories I had in my life. You must have a lot of notebooks to keep track of what happened to everybody. So long for now Les, age 9
- d. Dear God, What country has produced the most angels? How are we doing? Celeste, Age 7
- e. Dear Great One, Now that I am ten, I want to have a talk with you, please. I am just about a whole decade. And you may not believe this, but I have never been water-skiing. I think it is time. Tell my dad to loosen up. Love, Cheryl, Age 10
- f. Dear God, I read somewhere that you know what we are going to do before we do it. How much advance notice do you get? Sheila, Age 10
- g. Dear God, Why are grandparents so much nicer than parents? Is it their experience? Or is it that they just give up being mean? Jamie, Age 12
- h. Dear Lord, Thanks for the bike last Christmas. It has made me very happy. Except for May 13 at 4 o'clock when I rode into a big ditch that I did not see. I am okay now. Spencer, Age 10
- i. Dear God, I think of you in my prayers. Along with my Mom and Dad, my sister Paula, my grandma, and my two Grandpa's, my aunt Jenie, my aunt Gloria, my uncle Sid, my uncle Jack and my cousins, Billy and Sherie. I spend at least three minutes on you every night! Love Terry, Age 8
- j. Dear God, What happens if you do a few bad things and say you are sorry, but are not sure if you really are? Does it matter if you are only 10? Jan Age 10
- k. Dear God, I am taught to love my neighbors but some days I find it hard. Please help me love old Mrs. Crayton even if she is a crab. Raymond, Age 10
- l. Dear God, Is the world thousands of year old? If it is, what religion were the dinosaurs? Terry, Age 10
- m. Dear God, thanks for helping me out of that jam in social studies. My grades will get better now. You are a true lifesaver. Chris, Age 10
- n. Dear God, My mother and father honk for Jesus—and cars that are in the way, too Love and sweet thoughts, Cherie ... Age\*
- o. Dear God, My grandfather died this year, as you know. I felt very sad. Maybe you did not know, my grandfather likes ice cream a lot. Please make sure he is taken care of. Your friend Ian, Age 6

- p. Dear God, I am a boy. You need to know that to help. My girlfriend Fran is one year older than me. Do you think that's okay? Her mom does not know about us. Thank you, Bryan, Age 8
- q. God, was the sky difficult to color? Did you consider anything else besides blue? Maybe purple? Boy, you must have been glad when you were finished coloring. Barbara, Age 9
- r. God What is life for? I want to know what the purpose is. Let me know when you have a chance to figure out the answer. Sincerely, Daniel Age 11

68. Children's prayers:

- a. Dear God:  
Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?
- b. Dear God:  
Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you have?
- c. Dear God:  
Who draws the lines around the countries? Nan
- d. Dear God:  
I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay? Neil
- e. Dear God:  
Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce
- f. Dear God:  
It rained for our whole vacation and is my father mad! He said some things about you that people are not supposed to say, but I hope you will not hurt him any. Your friend. (but I am not going to tell you who I am).
- g. Dear God:  
Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. Bruce
- h. Dear God:  
If we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton, because I hate her. Denise.
- i. Dear God:  
I want to be just like my daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over. Sam
- k. Dear God:  
I think about you sometimes, even when I'm not praying. Elliott
- l. Dear God:  
I bet it is very hard for you to love all the people in the world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it. Nan



- m. Dear God:  
Of all the people who worked for you, I like Noah and David the best. Rob
  - n. Dear God:  
My brothers told me about being born, but it doesn't sound right. They are just kidding, aren't they? Marsha
  - o. Dear God:  
If you watch me in church Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes. Mickey
  - p. Dear God:  
We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday School, we learned that you did it. So I bet he stole your idea. Sincerely, Donna
  - q. Dear God:  
I do not think anybody could be a better God. Well, I just want you to know that I am not just saying this because you are God already. Charles
  - r. Dear God:  
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! Eugene
  - s. Dear God:  
Maybe Cain and Able would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. Larry
69. A woman could not stop her baby from crying in church. After a long time the Bishop came down from the stand and ask if he could take the baby out in the hall. Soon he returned and gave the baby back to the Mom. The baby was sound asleep. After the next two Sundays passed with the baby sleeping through the entire meetings the Mother asked what he had to do to cause the baby to sleep during all the meeting's. The Bishop replied, "I ordained the baby to a high priest."
70. Stressing the importance of a large vocabulary, the English teacher told his class. "Use a word ten times and it will be yours for life.? In the back of the room a pert blond closed her eyes, and was heard chanting under her breath, "Fred, Fred, Fred, Fred, Fred, Fred, Fred, Fred, Fred, Fred."
71. I am part Chinese and in searching for my Fathers genealogy we found one of his brother-in-laws in Rangoon Burma. I wrote and told him about us. He wrote back. In part this is what he said: "My Dear Frank & Family, your letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1968 is received. My wife and I are glad to hear that you and all of your family are getting along well, Besides you are now studying in school with an aim to be an instructor in electronics. We wish you every success in all efforts.
- So you are expecting the sixth child to come in the course of some months. It is good, very good really. Man-power is top important now a day. More men, more power, more money, more productions, and more popular in the world." ---Frank Toy Yoder Sr.
72. Teacher: You wrote less than half a page on the subject of milk. The assignment was to write a one page theme. Student: I was writing about condensed milk.



73. After a hard day at the office, a man went home to his wife and cute little three-year-old daughter. "Have you a kiss for Daddy?" he asked. "No" said his daughter "I'm ashamed of you. Your daddy works hard all day to bring home some money, and you behave like that. Come on now, where's that kiss?" Looking him right in the eye, the three-year old said, "Where's the money?"
74. All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guest in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.
75. A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were 2 boy kittens and 2 girl kittens." "How did you know?" His mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath he replied. I think it's printed on the bottom."
76. Another three year old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "don't kid me, Mom I KNOW they're my feet."
77. On the first day of school, the Kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers." A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"
78. A mother and her young son returned from the grocery store and began putting away the groceries. The boy opened a box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table. "What are you doing?" his mother asked. "The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken the boy explained. I'm looking for the seal."
79. "Can people predict the future with cards?" "My mother can." "Really?" "Yes, she takes one look at my report card and tells me what will happen when my father gets home."
80. A father reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"
81. A four-year-old girl was learning to say the Lord's Prayer. She was reciting it all by herself without help from her mother. She said, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from e-mail. AMEN

### DEBT

82. A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain. --Mark Twain.
83. A young man once asked God how long a million years was to him. God replied, "A million years to me is just like a single second in your time." Then the young man asked "God what a million dollars was to him." God Replied, "A million dollars to me is just like a single penny to you." Then the young man got his courage up and asked: "God, could I have one of your pennies?" God smiled and replied, "Certainly, just a second."

## DISCERNMENT

### 84. When you have the Spirit:

You feel happy and calm

You feel full of light, your mind is clear

Your bosom burns

You feel generous

Nobody could offend you

You wouldn't mind everybody seeing what you are doing.

You feel outgoing, anxious to be with people

You are glad when others succeed

You want to make other happy. You bring out the best and say the best of others.

You gladly and willingly perform church ordinances. You'd like to be in the temple for a little while every day.

You feel you can magnify your church calling

You feel like praying

You wish you had control of your appetites and emotions: Food and sleep in moderation, sexual restraint, diversion that is wholesome and moderate, calm and controlled speech no anger, etc.

You're generally just glad to be alive

Don Norton, BYU 1975

### When you do not have the Spirit

You feel unhappy, depressed, confused, Frustrated

You feel heavy, full of darkness, your mind is muddled...

You feel empty, hollow, cold inside

You feel selfish, possessive, self-centered

Everything anyone does bothers you. You are always on the defensive. You feel confined in everything you do. You easily become discouraged.

You become secretive, sneaky, evasive.

You want to be alone, You avoid other people, especially members of your family.

You are envious of what others do and what they have.

You are critical of others, especially of family members and of authority.

You feel hesitant, unworthy to perform church ordinances; you don't want to go to the temple.

You wish you had another church job, or no job at all.

You don't want to pray. You find commandments bothersome, restricting, or senseless.

You become a slave to your appetites: Your emotions become passionate; over indulgence in food, sleep, sex, stimulating entertainment, strong anger, outspokenness, etc.

You wonder if life is really worth it.

85. Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. (Winston Churchill)

## DUTY

86. Eccl. 12:13.

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: For this is the whole duty of man.”

87. General Robert E. Lee

“Duty is the sublimest word in our language... You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.”

88. Abraham Lincoln

“Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.”

89. D&C 107:99

“Wherefore, let every man learn His duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.”

90. 1 Nephi 3:7.

”And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father: I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save He shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which He commandeth them.”

91. President John Taylor Said,

“If you do not magnify your callings, God will hold you responsible for those you might have saved, had you done your duty.”

92. A call to duty came to John E. Page when the prophet Joseph Smith extended to him a call to serve as a missionary. John E. Page ‘murmured’ and responded, “Brother Joseph, I can’t go on a mission to Canada, I don’t even have a coat to wear.” The prophet Joseph removed his own coat, handed it to Brother Page, and he said, “Here take this and the Lord will bless you.” John Page went on that mission to Canada and during a two-year period, walked five thousand miles and baptized 600 people.

93. A famed Minister observed:

”Men will work hard for money, Men will work harder for other men, but men will work hardest of all when they are dedicated to a cause.

94. Regindranath Tagore

I slept and dreamt  
That Life was Joy.

I awoke and saw  
That life was duty.

I acted, and Behold-

Duty was Joy.

"I know what pleasure is, for I have done a good work."

96. Duty: A treasured truth, a profound philosophy.

### EDUCATION

97. Dizzy Dean a great baseball player from years ago stated in the middle of the depression:  
There are a lot of people that don't say ain't that ain't eating.
98. "Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the worlds work, and the power to appreciate life."  
----Brigham Young-
99. Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself to do the thing you have to do when it ought to be done whether you like it or not. It is the first lesson that ought to be learned and however early a person's training begins, it is probably the last lesson a person learns thoroughly. ---Thomas Huxley British Biologist.

100. What have you learned?

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| I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing Silent Night...   | <u>Age 6</u>  |
| I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk ...  | <u>Age 7</u>  |
| I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back...   | <u>Age 9</u>  |
| I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up...   | <u>Age 14</u> |
| I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me...   | <u>Age 15</u> |
| I've learned that silent company is often more healing then words of advice...   | <u>Age 24</u> |
| I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures ...  | <u>Age 26</u> |
| I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there...   | <u>Age 29</u> |
| I've learned...that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it...   | <u>Age 39</u> |
| I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it...   | <u>Age 41</u> |
| I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little card...   | <u>Age 44</u> |
| I've learned that the more guilty a person feels, the more he/she has need to cast blame on others...  | <u>Age 46</u> |
| I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies...  | <u>Age 47</u> |
| I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone...   | <u>Age 50</u> |
| I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: A rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights... | <u>Age 52</u> |
| I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills...  | <u>Age 52</u> |
| I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them Terribly after they die...  | <u>Age 53</u> |
| I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life...  | <u>Age 58</u> |
| I've learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, try to improve your marriage...  | <u>Age 61</u> |
| I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance...  | <u>Age 62</u> |

- I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands.  
You need to be able to throw something back... Age 64
- I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on  
your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the  
very best you can, happiness will find you... Age 65
- I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the  
Right decision... Age 66
- I've learned that everyone can use a prayer... Age 72
- I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. And to tell the truth, I've seen  
several... Age 73
- I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one... Age 82
- I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love  
That human touch...holding hands, a warm hug or just a friendly pat on the  
back... Age 84
- I've learned that I still have a lot to learn... Age 92

### ELIJAH

101. The coming of Elijah the prophet before the great & dreadful day of the Lord is in all four Standard works.
- Malachi 4:56. (Bible)
  - 3rd Nephi 25:5-6. (3 Nephi 24:1. (Lord told Malachi to write) (Book of Mormon)
  - Joseph Smith History 2:36-39. (Pearl of Great Price)
  - D&C Sect 110: 13-16 (Prophecy fulfilled.) (Doctrine And Covenants)

### FARMER

102. You can no more teach what you ain't got then you can go back to a place you ain't been.
103. An older man was plowing a field with his two grandsons. It was in the olden times and he had a horse pulling the plow guided by the Grandfather. They stopped work to rest and the Grandfather took a nap. The two young boys saw a large snake and they killed it and then decided to play a trick on the Grandfather. They tied a piece of twine to the snake and hooked it to the horse behind the blow and covered it with dirt. When the Grandfather awoke he got behind the plow and the horse started to move, so did the snake, so did Grandfather. He jumped aside and got a stick and started to beat that dead snake. The two young boys just laughed and then the grandfather caught on. He said he knew the snake was dead all along, he just wanted to prove to it that there was a hell after death.

### FOOD STORAGE

104. What do you get when you cross a Kleptomaniac and a Mormon?  
Ans: A basement full of stolen foods.
105. One busy Saturday as I was leaving for work and my husband was leaving for the temple, our 11-year-old asked who was going to fix breakfast. We told him that his 15-year -old brother would. He replied, "Would this be a good time to use my 72-hour kit?"

## FRIEND

### 106. My Friend I care:

Don't tell me that you understand,  
Don't tell me that you know.  
Don't tell me that I will survive,  
How I will surely grow.

Don't come at me with answers  
That can only come from me,  
Don't tell me how my grief will pass  
That I will soon be free

Don't stand in pious judgment  
Of the bonds I must untie,  
Don't tell me how to suffer,  
Don't tell me how to cry,

My life is filled with selfishness,  
My pain is all I see,  
But I need you, I need your love,  
Unconditionally.

Accept me in my ups and downs,  
I need someone to share  
Just hold my hand and let me cry,  
And say, "My friend, I care."  
...Unknown...

## GROWING OLD

### 107. Great things about getting older:

- a. Your eyes won't get much worse.
- b. Things you buy now will not wear out.
- c. There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
- d. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- e. No one expects you to run into a burning building.
- f. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
- g. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.
- h. Your joints are more accurate then the national Weather Service.
- i. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
- j. Your secrets are safe with your friends...because they can't remember them either.

108. You young women, if you want to have a lot of adventure in life, marry a man with a testimony of the gospel and one that will get a job in the church. You will not see much of him, but you will have a lot of second hand adventure, then when the day comes when he gets too old, he will come back home to roost, and you will be very glad that he had a testimony of the gospel and that he was away a lot doing Gods work. This is a short life isn't it.

109. An old farmer would enter his old horse in the county fair each year. He would always come in last. A friend ask him one day why he entered him each year, he was never going to win. The farmer said he knew he would never win, but he liked to see him get all lathered up in good company.
110. High Priest Group meeting, a brother died and the ambulance crew had to carry out three brethren before they got the right one.
111. Retirement Dinner: Retirement is when you're not dead yet—but you have all the symptoms.
112. I appreciate and am mindful of the pacemaker that I have for my heart, which comes in quite handy. And I have a remodeled hip and renovated knee that I consider just dandy. My updated hearing aid and special glasses are quite a find, But, oh, how I miss my mind!
113. Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?" Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man." Merle commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in peoples lives? Don said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look! He's Moving!'"

### HOLY GHOST

114. The Gift of the Holy Ghost:

"An intelligent being, in the image of God, possesses every organ, attribute, sense, sympathy, affection that is possessed by God Himself...

"The gift of the Holy Ghost adapts itself to all those organs or attributes. It quickens all the intellectual faculties, increases, enlarges, expands and purifies all the natural passions and affections; and adapts them, by the gift of wisdom, to their lawful use. It inspires develops, cultivates and matures all the fine-toned sympathies, joys, tastes, kindred feelings and affections of our nature. It inspires virtue, kindness, goodness, tenderness, gentleness and charity...It strengthens, and gives tone to the nerves. In short, it is, as it were marrow to the bone, joy to the heart, light to the eyes, music to the ears, and life to the whole being."

— (Parley P. Pratt. Key to the Science of Theology. Pg. 99-101.)

### HOME TEACHING

- 115 . Ezek. 3: 17-21                      Makes us watchman to warn them  
       Ezekiel 34:5-10                     Bad Shepherds  
       Jacob 1:19                            Answering the sins of the people upon our head if we did not teach.
116. Joe: my home teacher is so good he comes on the first day of every month!  
       Henry: Oh Yeah? My home teacher is so good he come the day before that!



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## INSPIRATIONAL WORDS

118. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland spoke on the Last Days: "Our lives should be spend preparing for that event whenever it occurs," he said, "not fearing the future. I do know this," he said, "That when Christ comes, the members of His Church must look and act like members of His Church are supposed to look and act if we are to be acceptable to Him. We must be doing His work and we must be living His teachings. He must recognize us quickly, He must recognize us easily as truly being his disciples...  
Yes in that great final hour, if we say we are believers, then we surely better be demonstrating it. The shepherd knows His sheep and we must be known in that great day as His followers in deed as well as in word."
119. President Ezra Taft Benson: Matthew 22:28-30  
"Men and women who turn their lives over to God will discover that He can make a lot more out of their lives than they can. He will deepen their joys, expand their vision, quicken their minds, strengthen their muscles, lift their spirits, multiply their blessings, increase their opportunities, comfort their souls, raise up friends, and pour out peace. Whoever will lose his life in the service of God will find eternal life."
120. Keep Right is found on a common traffic sign.  
This advise was found and followed by Joe, who had been asked to get up at six in the morning and drive a crippled child fifty miles to the hospital. He didn't want to do it, but he didn't know how to say no. A woman carried the child to the car and set him next to the driver's seat, mumbling thanks through her tears. Joe said everything would be all right and drove off quickly. After a mile or so, the child inquired shyly, "You're God. Aren't you?" "I am afraid not, little fellow," replied Joe. "I thought you must be God," said the child. "I heard mother praying next to my bed and asking God to help me get to the hospital so I could get well and play with the other boys. Do you work for God?" "Sometimes, I guess," said Joe, "but not regularly. I think I'm going to work for him a lot more from now on." My brothers and sisters will you? Will I? Will we? I pray humbly, yet earnestly, that we will.
121. When you remain true to your beliefs,  
Loyal to your ideals,  
Faithful to your dreams,  
You remain forever free.
122. For behold, this is My Work and My Glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.  
—Moses 1:39
123. If you could see your real self, your spirit self, you would see a person so beautiful, so brilliant and capable, so loving, kind, and obedient, that in your awe, your inclination would be to kneel. You would say, "Am I that awesomely wonderful person?" That is exactly who you are.
124. Life's most persistent and urgent question is What are you doing for others?  
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

## INTELLECTUAL DEFENSE

125. The glory of God is Intelligence so our intelligence will determine our glory. A ten watt bulb with 10 watt intelligence will result in 10 watts of glory. -D&C 93:36
126. The Lord can't pull out of you what you have not put in, read your scriptures.

## LEADERSHIP

127. Learn to reach higher. A person's reach should always exceed his grasp.
128. Dream big, but keep it simple
129. I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of titles, the character of an honest man." ---George Washington-
130. My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they're right.  
---Theodore Hesburgh, CIS.C former president, University of Notre Dame.
131. Good enough never is. -----Debbi Field, Founder, Mrs. Fields Cookies.
132. Genius is the ability to reduce the complicated to the simple.  
Keys to keeping it simple.  
a. Manage activity.  
b. Create little successes.  
c. Don't get bogged down with paper work.
133. Develop a simple business game plan, be brief.
134. Unwritten law: The shorter the message, the greater the effect.
135. "We, the willing  
led by the unknowing  
are doing the impossible  
for the ungrateful."
- "We have done so much  
for so long  
with so little  
we are now qualified  
to do anything  
with nothing.  
in no time at all."
136. Simplify with the human touch.
137. Believe in you.

138. Always be positive.

“Positive thinking is the key to success in business, education, pro football or anything that you can mention. I go out into the field thinking that I am going to complete every pass”. -Ron Jaworski, former NFL quarterback.

139. You can do 99% of the things right but not possess a winning attitude and you will fail.

140. Before things can change, you must change.

141. For things to get better, you must get better.

142. Fundamentals of a winning attitude:

- a. Always be excited.
- b. More then 90% of winning is being excited.
- c. Most people can stay excited for two or three months
- d. A few people can stay excited for two or three years.
- e. A winner will stay excited for twenty or thirty years or as long as it takes to win.
- f. If you are a leader, you have to set an example.
- g. People will not follow a dull, disillusioned, frustrated cry baby.
- h. Excitement is contagious, you motivate you.
- i. Stop making excuses.
- j. Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it.
  
- k. Always be up. Most of what you worry about never happens.
- l. Don't let complainers, criticizers, and moaners change you and make you negative.
- m. Make a total commitment. Learn to turn negative into positive.
- n. A total commitment gives you the extra ounce of courage that it takes to win.
- o. Attitude is everything.
- p. Treat people good
- q. Treat other's as you want them to treat you. Luke 6:31.
- r. You must believe that people are good.
- s. Nobody needs "Boss" but everybody needs a Leader.
- t. Praise is the secret.
- u. Genuine praise is one of the strongest forms of motivation.
- v. People will turn out the way you expect them to turn out.
- w. Don't hide praise, praise in public.

143. A great leader will always give his people credit for his success.

144. Praise should be spontaneous.

145. When you're a leader you're always on time. You do not want to keep people waiting, think of it as those in the meeting are servants of the Lord, the time being lost is the Lord's time. Also when people wait for those that should be on time they count their faults.

146. It is tough to change people's basic qualities.

147. The other side of praise: Withdrawing praise is a lot more effective than criticizing.

148. Definition of a kiss: Oral evaluation.

149. A sign of a good leader is his ability to delegate.

150. Become a Master Motivator:

- a. Praise people for everything; ideas, attitudes, success. Nothing good is too small or too minor to praise.
- b. Know and remember first names.
- c. Make sure all your people hear your praise of others.
- d. Have fun with praise, be creative.
- e. Use praise as a gentle nudge. "You almost made it"
- f. Use praise, not criticism.
- g. Praise people when they are down and hurting.
- h. Praise must be sincere
- i. Praise at home.
- j. Don't stop praising.

151. Don't be afraid to build personal relationships:

- a. Others don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.
- b. Live with your people through good times and bad.
- c. Don't be afraid to show emotion.
- d. Make an "unconditional" commitment.

152. A position doesn't make a person, the person makes a position.

153. Remember the people quotient.

154. A good leader is not the man that can do the work of ten men, but he who can get 10 men to do the work.

155. J. Golden Kimball said: "The Lord must have called him no one else would have."

156. Behold the turtle, he makes progress only if he sticks his neck out

157. The founder of a highly successful company was asked what it took to succeed. "The same thing it took to get started," he replied, "a sense of urgency about getting things done," The people who make things move in this world share the same sense of urgency. No matter how intelligent or able you may be, if you don't have this sense of urgency, now is the time to start developing it. The world is full of very competent people who honestly intend to do things tomorrow, or as soon as they can get around to it. Their accomplishments, however, seldom match those of the less talented who are blessed with a sense of the importance of getting started now.

158. A hunter was going into the woods to hunt, a friend had told him that if he ever got lost, all he had to do was shoot into the air three times and someone would come to find him. After many hours his friends went looking for him and found him and asked why did you not shoot into the air and get help. He replied I did about 4 times and then I ran out of arrows. (Make sure whoever you work with understand your instructions.)

159. In WW1, a General visited the front line where the battle raged. As he walked along the trench's, he keep saying, "Do you see them? Do you see them?" One asked him, "See whom," the General said, "those that gave their life yesterday, and the day before and before that. They are looking at you to see if you will honor the life they gave, by the life you live."

160. A 2X4 will hold 640 lbs, two 2X4 put together will hold 4 times as much.
161. The only responsibility that a man cannot evade in this life is the one he thinks of least—his personal influence. A man's conscious influence is woefully small. But his unconscious influence—the silent, subtle radiations of his personality, the effect of his words and acts, the trifles he never considers—is tremendous. Every man has an atmosphere which is affecting every other. So silent and unconsciously is this influence working that many men forget that it exists. Into the hand of every man is given marvelous power for good or for evil—the silent, unconscious, unseen influence of his life. This is simply the constant radiation of what a man is—not what he pretends to be. Every man, by his mere living, can radiate sympathy, happiness, hope, or any of a hundred qualities. There are men whose presence seems to radiate sunshine, cheer, optimism. With them you feel calm and rested and restored, in a moment, to a new and stronger faith in humanity.
162. A short course in human relations:
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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| The six most important words:   | "I admit I made a mistake." |
| The five most important words:  | "You did a good job."       |
| The four most important words:  | "What is your opinion?"     |
| The three most important words: | "If you please."            |
| The two most important words:   | "Thank You."                |
| The one most important word:    | "We"                        |
| The least important word:       | "I"                         |

### LIFE

163. Flood in New Zealand: 22 white men died but none of the natives. When an investigation was held to determine why the white men died, they asked an old native that question. He said the white man ran for his money but the brown man ran for his life. I am committed to running for my eternal life.
164. The definition for resurrection: is to have the dead body reunite with the spirit. I went on the operating table a few years ago and went into cataract arrest. My heart stopped and I was dead. They shocked my heart and brought me back to life, so you see I am a resurrected being and you best treat me nice. —Frank T. Yoder Sr.
165. Death and taxes are both unavoidable, but at least death isn't an annual event.
166. The reason congressmen try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.
167. Golden Kimball was reported to have said: "The Lord must have liked a joke since he made some of you people."
168. When you go to war, pick your battles, make sure the fight is worth it. —Frank T. Yoder Sr
169. A proverb: I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I learn.
170. A return missionary asked the R.S. President if he could sign up for their passionate service program.

171. From the day of your birth, till you ride in a hearse, there's nothing that's happened that couldn't have been worse.
172. We live to die, and we die to live.
173. "Most putts don't drop. Most beef is tough. Most children grow up to be just people. Most successful marriages require a high degree of mutual toleration. Most jobs are more often dull than otherwise. Life is like an old-time rail journey---delays, sidetracks, smoke, dust, cinder, and jolts, interspaced only occasionally by beautiful vistas and thrilling bursts of speed. The trick is to thank the Lord for letting you have the ride."  
President ----Gorden B. Hinkley quoted at conference. .
174. Elder Kimball had lost his voice, Elder Lee stated the Lord wanted him to speak to a conference, he got up and said a few un-intellectual words. The next conference Elder Lee told him the same thing, Elder Kimball pleaded not to do so, but Elder Lee stated the Lord wanted him to speak, this is when he came to the conclusion he would speak again.
175. Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin: God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff—including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.  
This was passed on to me from another pumpkin, Now, it is your turn to pass it to a pumpkin. I liked this enough to send it to all the pumpkins in my patch.
176. We have to love to live: When you stop loving you stop living, even though you might still be walking around.
177. LDS people should be the happiest people in the world: Man is that he might have Joy, if we obey the commandments. (We should not get the wrong idea, it's not what we want but what God wants us to have for our own good.)
178. Pepper Slater's Grandmother Bertha May Baker McDougale stated this:  
"I shall pass through this life but once.  
Any good that I can do,  
or any kindness that I can show to any human being,  
let me do it now.  
Let me not defer or neglect it,  
for I shall not pass this way again.
179. She also stated this:  
"Your name Son.  
You got it from your Father  
it was all he had to give.  
So it's yours to use and cherish  
for as long as you may live.  
If you lose the watch he gave you  
it can always be replaced  
But a black mark on your name Son  
can never be erased.  
It was clean the day you took it.

and a worthy name to bear  
When he got it from his Father  
there was no dishonor there.  
So make sure you guard it wisely  
after all is said and done.  
You'll be glad the name is spotless  
when you give it to your Son."

180. I was in the express lane at the store, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, 6 items only, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So, which six items would you like to buy?" Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often? !

### LOVE

181. They tell me love is grand, divorce is a hundred grand.
182. The most important thing about teaching is love.
183. Nails didn't hold God to the cross. Love did.
184. When Jesus went home he left the front door open.
185. As much as you can, give thanks. He's already given us more than we deserve.
186. God doesn't keep a clock.
187. Before I heard the Doctors tell the dangers of a kiss, I had considered kissing you the nearest thing to bliss---but now I know biology and sit and sigh and moan, six million mad bacteria---and I thought we were all alone.

### MEMBERSHIP

188. I know thy works: (See Rev. 3:15-16.)  
Lukewarm: Good, upright, decent members of the church who nonetheless do not put first in their lives the things of God's earthly kingdom. They have testimonies; they know the work is true; but they specialize, as it were, in the social gospel; that is, in the portion of the truth which seems to bless others on pretty much the same basis as people are bettered by any good concepts in any church. Their interests are largely centered in temporal things, in making a living, in the things of this world. They are not wicked and ungodly in the sense of being carnal and evil. But they are not devoting their energies to the spread of truth and the perfecting of the lives of their brethren. They are probably part tithe-payers, and they likely go to sacrament meeting and perform church service when it is convenient. They seek the honors of men and the wealth of the world with more zeal than they do the honors of God and the riches of eternity. They are lukewarm and their souls will not be saved. "These are they who are not valiant in the testimony of Jesus; Wherefore, they obtain not the crown over the kingdom of our God." (D&C 76:79.)



'Lukewarm church members say: "We have testimonies, we have received the gospel, we belong to the Church; surely we shall be saved along with all the rest; what more do we need?" But the fact is (and they know it not!) they are no better off spiritually than many nonmembers of the Church; they are still poor in the things of the Spirit, are blind to the real blessings of the gospel, and have not in fact put on the robes of righteousness.'

## MOTAVATION

189. Motivation methods:

- a. Fear lowest
- b. Reward
- c. Joy
- d. Love of Heavenly Father

190. BE STRONG!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;  
We have hard work to do and loads to lift;  
Shun not the struggle-face it;'tis God's gift.

Be strong!  
Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?"  
And fold the hands and acquiesce-Oh shame!  
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!  
It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,  
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;  
Faint not-fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.

-----Maltbie Davenport Babcock  
The best loved Poems, P.302

191. Ideas are a dime a dozen. People who put them into action are priceless.

192. It wasn't raining when Noah build the ark.

193. 1 day for church 6 days for fun, chances of going to heaven 6-1.

194. Whenever I pass our little ward, I linger for a visit. So that when I am carried in, the Lord won't say "Who is it?"

195. Those who are going to burn in the end are those who aren't on fire now.

196. We cannot ask God to guide our footsteps if we are not willing to move our feet.

197. Working for God on earth does not pay much, but his retirement plan is out of this world.

198. The ten most powerful two-letter words: If it is to be, it is up to me.

199. Great hopes make great men. —Thomas Fuller



200. Faith is the grit in the soul that puts the dare into dreams.
201. General Ike: "That which is not inspected, rapidly deteriorates, that which is followed up is usually done."
202. Without vision the people perish, but they perish with their vision unless it is accompanied by action.
203. Praise in public, correct in private.
204. To be without some of the things you want is an indispensable part of happiness.
205. Never let difficulty stop you, it may be only sand on your tract to keep you from skidding.
206. Albert Schweitzer said: "Happiness? That's nothing more than health and a poor memory."
207. My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.
208. The people sensible enough to give good advise are usually sensible enough to give none.
209. Going to church on Sunday will no more make you a Christian then sleeping in a garage at night will make you a Chevrolet.
210. I ain't what I could be.  
I ain't what I should be.  
But I ain't what I used to be.
211. One just man causes the devil more affliction then a million blind believers.
212. Abe Lincoln: "Lord when we are wrong, make us willing to change and when we are right make us easy to live with."
213. Old Shakers saying: A man's religion is for naught unless his dog and cat are better for it.
214. A women was afraid to drive on the freeway, a friend said why don't you go early Sunday morning, the Catholics are at mass, the Mormons are at priesthood and the protestants are home in bed. So she got up early Sunday morning and came off the ramp onto the freeway and got hit by a Seventh Day Adventist going to work.
215. Each man has a calling beyond his ability to fill, but the Lord will bless you to be able to do it.
216. It's God's work and needs to be done His way
217. Gave a man a chance to do a job, think of the chance the Lord took on you.
218. A boy had a dream about his father and himself. He saw himself climbing a ladder, making a mark for each sin he committed. "Where do I enter in" asked the father, the lad replied, "you were coming down to get more chalk."
219. We all have areas to overcome.

220. There is always a way if you try, there is always an excuse if you're looking for one.
221. My Father is the tallest man I know, he can reach God on his knees.
222. If Satan does not bother you, he's got you.
223. Success in life is a matter not so much of talent or opportunity as of concentration and perseverance.
224. Nations begin to dig their own graves, when men talk more of human rights and less of human duties.
225. Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.
226. Love means to love that which is unlovable or it is no virtue at all.
227. Let not your yearnings exceed your earnings.
228. There is always a way if you try.
229. Never Give Up:  
When nothing seems to help, I go and look at the stone cutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times, without as much as a crack showing. Yet at the 101<sup>st</sup> blow it will split in two and I know it was not the last blow that did it but a combination of all that has gone on before -----Jacob Riis
230. Quitting is easy, in fact most people do quit. Failure is only the end if you let it be. Keep on "Keeping On." Go for it one more time.
231. What to do when you want to quit.  
Use the margin of thirty days. It is short enough to see the end, but long enough to build momentum.
- Unwritten Law: Anyone can do almost anything for thirty days.  
Devise a system of reward and punishment.
- "I hate every minute of training, but I say "don't quit."  
Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a winner".  
---Mohamed Ali.
232. The President of one of the big steel companies had a discussion with a man who taught saving money for the company. The man suggested to the President that he make a list of all that had to be done each day and do the top three items, after he put the most important three on top. Then he said send me what it is worth. Three weeks later the man received a check for \$25,000.00 from the President.
233. I am only one, but I am one.  
I can't do much, but I can do something.  
And what I can do I ought to do.

234. 3 Nephi 27: 3-11.; 1 Cor. 1:12-14.

OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS

235. Work towards gaining the celestial kingdom, if your obeying the commandments you will feel comfortable there. If you don't feel comfortable, you might ask for a transfer, or you might be transferred. It will be to the south where it is warmer.
236. You don't feel the frost if you have deep roots. Hold on to the Rod of Iron. (The Scriptures)
237. The people who object to rules are people who don't obey the rules.
238. (A true story) It was a hot afternoon when the air conditioning went out in the Tabernacle during General Conference. President Hinckley stood up to address the sweating congregation and said, "It's warm. We're sorry. But it's not as warm as it's going to get if you don't repent."
239. It is a statistical fact that the wicked work harder to reach hell than the righteous do to reach heaven.
240. Our stake mission leader related this:  
When the MTC was built in Provo, beautiful green athletic fields were planted so the missionaries would have a place to exercise. However, they were so inviting that BYU students were attracted there, and you would see BYU students out playing touch football, throwing Frisbees, etc., on the missionaries' field. To deal with this problem, a large banner was posted, which read "Missionaries only." The next day, BYU students were out on the field, playing touch football and throwing Frisbees. They had posted a new banner which read, "Every member a missionary."
241. Moses is the only person to break all of the Ten Commandments at once.
242. Elder Russell Nelson was on a plane trip,  
1 hour after they took off one of the engines blew up and the plane was sent into a spiral dive. The dive fortuitously doused the fire sparked by the explosion and the pilot was able to regain control of the plane and land safely.  
Elder Nelson had expected to die inside that distressed plane. But he had lived a life of gospel harmony and felt prepared to meet eternal life. "I was surprised that I was not afraid to die.  
I remained calm. Why? I knew that my wife and I had been sealed in the temple. We had been sealed eternally to each other and to our 10 precious children."  
During their short-time stay in mortality, members have the privilege to work, live, love and choose. Elder Nelson said, "Part of our choice is the decision to participate in the sacred ordinances of the temple. Those opportunities have eternal consequences."

## OBTAIN RICHES

243. There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if he might bend the rules.

The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man has his stocks and bonds liquidated and converted into gold bars. He gets his largest suitcase and fills it with gold bars and places it beside his bed awaiting his demise and journey to heaven.

Soon afterward, the man dies and sometime later, shows up at the gates of Heaven and is greeted by St. Peter. St. Peter, seeing the suitcase says, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" The man explains to St. Peter that he had received prior permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord.

Sure enough, St. Peter checks and comes back saying, "Your're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

St. Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims, "Pavement? You brought pavement with you?"

## OPENINGS

244. The ward is having so much financial trouble that the Bishop had to take a part-time position in a chess set.
245. One of the bad things about a buildup is trying to live up to it.
246. If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it,  
If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it.  
He sends you flowers every spring.  
He sends you sunrise every morning. Face it, friend-He is crazy about you.
247. May I remind you that smoking is permitted in designated areas only—Today's designated area is Ellwood, New Hampshire.
248. A hypocrite is someone who complains that there's too much sex and violence on the VCR.

249. How many ward members are needed to change a light bulb?

Relief Society: 6

One to be a greeter

One to bring a tablecloth

One to bring the centerpiece

Two to bring refreshments

One to change the bulb.

High Priest: 5

One to hold the oxygen masks for the others.

One ready to call 911

Two to steady the wheelchair

One ---young one--- to change the bulb

Primary:4

One to keep everyone's arms folded

One to lead the music

One to play the piano

One to change the bulb

(But it takes twice as long with your arms folded)

Young Women: 3 (to 15)

One to change the bulb

The rest will need to go to the bathroom...together!!

Elders: 3

Two who will say they will...but won't show up

One who does, will change the bulb

Young Men:??

One might change it...

But he'll break one doing it

The rest will be playing basketball

Home Teachers: 2

But it won't get done until the last day of the month.

Bishopric: none:

Bishoprics don't change lights bulbs...

They call a Ward council and assign it to the Elders

250. How many Pentagon workers does it take to screw in a light bulb? Just one, but he has to be very careful because that bulb cost \$16,000.00.

## PRAYER

251. Prayer for the day: Dear God, so far today, I've done all right, I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and that is when I'm going to need a lot of help. Amen"

252. A little Humor:

My Prayer (Author unknown)

Lord help me to relax about insignificant details beginning tomorrow at 7:41:23 am EST.

God help me to consider people's feelings, even if most of them ARE hypersensitive.

God help me take responsibility for my own actions, even though they're usually NOT my fault.

God, help me to not try to RUN everything. But, if you need some help, please feel free to ask me.

God give me patience, and I mean right NOW!

Lord help me not to be a perfectionist. (did I spell that correctly?)

God, help me to keep my mind on one th—Look a bird\_\_ing at a time.

God help me to do only what I can, and trust you for the rest. And would you mind putting that in writing?

Lord keep me open to others' ideas, WRONG though they may be.

Lord help me be less independent, but let me do it my way.

Lord help me slow down and not rush through what I do. Amen.

253. May your moccasins remain soft and supple that mother earth might safely guide your footsteps.

254. What kind of man would do such a thing?

Jack Tilley, a Sergeant Major of the Army, was with a group of people who recently visited wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC. He saw a Special Forces soldier who had lost his right hand and suffered severe wounds of his face and side of his body. Sgt Tilley wanted to honor him and show him respect without offending, but what can you say or do in such a situation that will encourage and uplift?

How do you shake the right hand of a soldier who has none? He decided to act as though the hand was not missing and gripped the soldier's wrist while speaking words of comfort and encouragement to him.

However, there was another man in the group who knew exactly what to do.

This man reverently took the soldier's stump of a hand in both of his hands, bowed at the bedside, and prayed for him. When he finished the prayer he stood up, bend over the soldier, kissed him on the head, and told him that he loved him.

Sgt. Tilley was awed by the powerful—expression of love for one of our wounded heroes he was witnessing! "What a beautiful Christ-like example!" He thought, moved to tears.

What kind of man would do such a thing?

It was the wounded man's Commander-In-Chief, George W. Bush, President of the United State. This eyewitness account was told by Sergeant Major Jack Tilley at a Soldiers Breakfast at Red Stone Arsenal, Al, and recorded by:

---Chaplin James Henderson, who was stationed there.

Pass it on...the Press won't!!!!

255. Give me a sense of humor, Lord,  
give me the grace to see a joke,  
to get some humor out of life,  
and pass it on to other folk.
256. Don't ask God to do what you want. Ask God to help you do what is right.
257. Listen when God whispers your name.
258. Courage is fear that has said its prayers
259. Elder Hunter told of a story in regional conference priesthood meeting.  
(Leadership meeting 04-28-90) Brigham Young sent a party to Arizona to find a place of safety for the saints due to the persecution. The party traveled 45 miles into the desert and ran out of water. They and their horses were about to perish when the leader prayed to the Lord for rain. The rain came and they refilled their water barrels and returned to SLC to tell the prophet that they could not use Arizona. As the prophet listened to them report he turned to one of the brethren and asked what he would have done. He stated he would have moved on and when he ran out of water again he would once again pray for rain. The prophet stated that is the man to lead the next trip to Arizona.

### RELATIONSHIPS

260. Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional.
261. Boy: "Kathy beat me in tennis today, I sent her a copy of Fascinating Womanhood. Kathy sent Fascinating Womanhood back with a copy of Beginning Tennis. Should I read it?"
262. A child asked a man to pick a flower for her: That was simple enough. But when she said, "Now put it back," the man experienced a baffling helplessness, he never knew before. "How can you explain that it cannot be done?" He asked, "How can one make clear to young people that there are some things which when once picked, once broken, once mutilated, can never be replaced or mended."
263. You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you.
264. You'll regret opening your mouth, you'll rarely regret keeping it shut.
265. Never underestimate a gesture of affection.
266. Be doubly kind to people who bring your food or park your car.

28/: I AM A SEER OF WISDOM:

I'm discerning as can be.

The way I pick a wise man is-

If he agrees with me...Thelma Ireland.

268. A politician is a person with whose politics you don't agree; if you agree with him he's a statesman.

269. President Harold B. Lee said: "If you will concern yourself with being of service rather than with status and if you will concern yourself with building relationships...rather than establishing jurisdiction, you will find that great love and fellowship will develop between you."

### SACRAMENT PRAYER

270. Moroni 4:5

### 271. SEVENTEEN POINTS OF THE TRUE CHURCH

1. Christ organized the Church (Eph. 4:11-14)
2. The true church must bear the name of Jesus Christ. (Eph. 5:23)
3. The true church must have a foundation of Apostles and Prophets. (Eph. 2:19-20)
4. The true church must have the same organization as Christ's church. (Eph. 4:11-14)
5. The true church must claim divine authority. (Heb. 5:4-10)
6. The true church must have no paid ministry. (Isa. 45:13, 1 Peter 5:2)
7. The true church must baptize by immersion. (Matt. 3:13-16)
8. The true church must bestow the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands (Acts 8:14-17)
9. The true church must practice divine healing. (Mark 3:14-15)
10. The true church must teach that God and Jesus Christ are separate and distinct individuals. (John 17:11 and John 20:17)
11. The true church must teach that God and Jesus Christ have bodies of flesh and bone. (Luke 24:36-39 and John 20:17)
12. The officers must be called by God. (Heb. 5:4, Exodus 28:1, Exodus 40:13-16)
13. The true church must claim revelation from God (Amos 3:7)
14. The true church must be a missionary church (Matt. 28:19-20)
15. The true church must be a restored church. (Acts 3: 19-20)
16. The true church must practice baptism for the dead. (1 Cor. 15-16 and 29)
17. By their fruits ye shall know them. (Matt. 7:200)

Why are these things important? Hebrews 13:8

We have the true church, now let's go out and share it.



## SPEAKING

272. When speaking, if you don't strike oil in 20 minutes stop boring.
273. The following quiz consist of 4 questions and tells whether you are qualified to be a professional:
1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?  
Ans: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door.  
This question test whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.
  2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?  
Ans; Open the Refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door.  
This test your ability to think through the repercussions of your actions.
  3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one.  
Which animal does not attend?  
Ans: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator.  
This test your memory. Ok, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your abilities.
  4. There is a river you must cross, but it is inhabited by crocodiles, how do you manage it?  
Ans: You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the animal conference.
274. Spring Cleaning. That's when my wife cleans out the attic, I clean out the garage, and the IRS cleans out my bank account.
275. No two people are alike—and both are glad of it.
276. Where did you get the idea that swimming is good for the figure? Did you ever take a good look at a whale?
277. Some men have hundreds of reasons why they cannot do what they want to, when all they need is just one reason why they can.
278. Once when girls went out to swim they dressed like Mother Hubbard. Now a-days they dress more like the condition she found her cupboard in.
279. I have been in so many church meeting that after I leave here I am going to gather a group of non Mormons and go out and have a good time.
280. Why, exactly, are fire trucks red? Well, fire trucks have four wheels and eight men. Four and eight are 12; there are 12 inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler and her ship is the largest of the seven seas. Seas have fish and fish have fins and the Finns fought the Russians who are red, and fire trucks are always "rushin"—Therefore, fire trucks are red!
281. Light travels faster than sound. That's why some folks appear bright until they speak
282. Broken air conditioner: Since the air conditioning isn't working, I'll keep my remarks brief. The last thing we need is more hot air.

## STEWARDSHIP

283. The spirit of giving, is not as much about money as yourself.
284. More of us would live up to our ideals if we knew what they were.
285. Don't embarrass the Lord.
286. Be unselfish. Do not work for credit.
287. How many of you would be willing to let others go and speak in your name-That is what Christ has allowed us to do.
288. Twixt optimist and pessimist, the difference is quite droll: The optimist see the doughnut, the pessimist the hole.
289. After all is said and done; there is usually more said then done.
290. President Lincoln, turned bug over and stated, I had to give that bug the same chance as the other bugs."
291. Why hide your light under a bushel when a thimble will do?
292. 2 Sam 11:1.: King David not doing what he should be doing.
293. Many people who stand up vigorously for their rights fall down miserable on their duties.
294. Some men have hundreds of reasons why they cannot do what they should do when all the need is just one reason why they can.
295. Visiting Teaching:

All but one I found home, so I went on my way.  
Four out of five's not so bad!  
My visiting teaching was done for the month.  
That was all of the time that I had.  
Dear sister Smith, I knew, had been ill.  
I was sorry I'd missed her that day;  
But no one had answered her door, and I thought,  
"her daughter lives not far away."  
"I'll try and go back later on, when I can,"  
though the month would soon be at an end.  
"She's always so glad when I do visit her.  
She's really in need of a friend."  
She stayed in my thoughts, and each day, to myself,  
"tomorrow I'll go, " I would say.  
But tomorrow would come and I'd rationalize,  
"I'll go when I've more time to stay."

I was always so busy, (there's so much to do)  
 and the month, as it can, hurried by.  
 I'd heard Sister Smith had been ill and was down, --  
 but I didn't expect her to die.

How sorry I was I did not take the time.  
 I surely did hope she had known  
 how much she was loved and how guilty I felt  
 that my love and concern were not shown.

The night of her funeral, I dreamed that I died,  
 and St. Peter was there at the gate  
 with dear Sister Smith standing there at his side.  
 helping him to decide people's fate.

As I looked and beheld people waiting in line,  
 altogether, with me, there were five.  
 When we came to the gate, it all seemed so real,  
 just as if Sister Smith were alive!

The four went ahead, and the big gate was closed!  
 That was all of the time that they had.  
 St. Peter said, "sorry" "but", sister Smith said,  
 "four out of five isn't bad?" --Carol Graff Guinn

### SUCCESS

296. People don't fail because of lack of knowledge, but because they fail to use the knowledge they have.

297. Aim for an eagle, bag a pheasant, so you don't have to eat crow.

298. ALMOST

It was a blinding snowstorm that a plane, loaded with yuletide passengers, was searching to find the landing field. The blizzard dropped a dense white curtain around them. Only radar could penetrate such a heavy blanket... and then only imperfectly. A few minutes more and they would be safe on the ground!

But suddenly and unexpectedly came the crash with the simultaneous explosion...then complete silence...as all signs of life were snuffed out.

Accurate investigation showed that the plane had lacked only 18 inches of altitude in order to clear the top of the ridge in its approach to the airstrip. It "almost" made it! But for the lack of 18 inches in altitude, all lives aboard were lost.

A teen-age driver in his hot-rod raced a train to the crossing. He bet his life that he could beat that train. He "almost" made it...but not quite...and paid his lost bet...with his life.

A skier started down the run that was to carry him on the longest jump he had ever made in his life. Leaving the runway he soared into the air toward the steep hill on which he would land at lightning speed. He "almost" made it, but not quite. His body struck the flat top of the hump...then bounced, limp and lifeless as it rolled down the white, precipice-like hill.

Life is full of almost made it type of tragedies. But for this or that these, people would not have lost their lives. Such unfortunate happenings have touched the lives of many. Some of these circumstances would have been averted. Probably most could not.

However, how often we would like another chance at some experience in order to exert a little more effort in order to succeed, or just a little more caution to avoid a tragedy.

Unfortunately we are not given a second guess. We are not given a second Chance!

Everyone mourns when a life is lost. Everyone weeps even more when it is thought such a life might have been saved by more caution, or by more effort, or by more experience.

But how much more serious is it to lose an eternal life that might have been saved?

How Tragic to think that someone almost made it into God's Kingdom,...he lived Almost worthy enough to enter into God's present, but not quite?

How unfortunate and sorrowful we would feel to think that with just a little more Effort we could have made the grade.

There may be some consolation to winning a second place, in coming close to winning the prize. But when the prize is eternal life with our Father in Heaven, there is little comfort in anything short of this goal!

It's best to be mindful of the importance of this great contest for eternal life. Since we know the rules and what is expected of us, let us not sell ourselves short! Let's avoid the tragic disappointment of "almost" gaining salvation, but not quite.

299. Overcome fear by doing what you are afraid to do.

300. The winner takes a chance  
The loser takes none  
The winner makes commitments  
The loser makes promises  
The winner recognizes only one speed, full speed ahead.  
While the loser just waits and blames the successful people for his failure.

The choice is up to the individual.

301. Those who live on the mountain tops have a longer day than those who live in the valley.  
Sometimes all we need to do to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.

302. Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.

303. Everybody Wants To Be Somebody:

"A man is literally what he thinks". –James Allen.  
As a child everyone has big dreams.  
As we mature the dreams die.

## Understand the power of believing.

Get back the child like ability to dream again.  
Start believing that you are special.  
Start to see yourself winning.  
See yourself doing something special with your life.

## Be somebody, be different.

## Get Ready For What You Want:

### Unwritten Law-

“Life will give you whatever you accept”.  
If you accept being average or ordinary-so will it be.  
If you accept being unhappy - So it will be.  
If you accept having financial problems -so will it be.

### Unwritten Law-

“Life will turn out the way you see it turning out”.

### Power Principle #1-

You have to demand happiness and success for yourself. The world will give you nothing.

### Power Principle #2-

You must learn to dream again. Stop telling yourself you can not. Start thinking you can.

### Power Principle #3-

You have to compete. (Lincoln Story).

### Power Principle #4-

You can change.

## Warning- Watch Out For Failure Message:

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing”. -Abraham Lincoln.

Do you ever wonder why no one else seems to be as excited about your great ideas as you are? We are hit every day from every direction with negatives.

## Secret To Winning:

Nothing stops the man who desires to achieve. Every obstacle is simply a course to develop his achievement muscle. It is a strengthening of this power of accomplishment. -----Eric Butterworth.

Most of us have discovered what winning is not. It is not talent, it is not looks, it is not a college degree or a privileged background.

## It is desire!

If you have a good education-great. But you won't win without desire.

If you have talent-great. But you won't win without desire.

Did you say you were good looking? Super- but you still need desire.

- #1. You must have a specific goal.
- #2. You must have a specific time in which to achieve your goal.
- #3. You must write down your goal.
- #4. You must develop a plan to achieve your goal.
- #5. You must decide the price you are willing to pay.
- #6. You must think about reaching your goal every day.

## Four Principles Of Desire:

- #1. Desire gains strength when it has a concrete form. Napoleon Hill said,  
"Goal seeing is the key to focusing your desire into a workable form."
  - a. Goal setting forces you to decide exactly what your desire is.
  - b. Goals turn "Want to" into "To Do".
  - c. Goals help you measure your progress.
- #2. Desire becomes obsession;
  - a. Once you have a specific goal, keep it in front of you all the time. Write it down and read it every day.
- #3. Desire becomes a commitment. There are three stages of business.
  - a. The lying stage. Deep down you aren't sure you can make it. You hope that you can make it but you can't hope your way to the top.
  - b. The Quitting Stage. Once through the Lying Stage, you enter the Quitting Stage. You feel that you have paid the price and the negatives seem to pile up. You begin to feel that maybe a good job would be better for you.
  - c. Do It Stage. You get through the Quitting Stage and make the final commitment, the one that really counts.
- #4. Desire becomes endurance:
  - a. Unwritten Law. The first eighteen months in business everything turns into a mess.
  - b. Your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing. Where there is a will there is a way.

## Warning; No Free Lunch:

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. --Tomas Edison.

## Six fundamentals to winning:--

- a. The magic Formula to winning:  
You beat 50% of the people in America by working hard.  
You beat another 40% by being a person of honesty, integrity, and standing for something.  
The last 10% is a dog fight in the free enterprise system.
- b. Surprise—work is not fatal.
- c. You win with fundamentals.
- d. Inch by inch it's a cinch.
- e. The six fundamentals are:
  1. Become a dreamer again.
  2. Have a crusade.
  3. Dream big—but KISS. (Keep it simple stupid)
  4. Always be positive.
  5. Treat people good.
  6. Never give up.

#1. Become a Dreamer again. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams ---Eleanor Roosevelt.

### Unwritten Law:-

If you don't have a big dream you are dead.  
Refuse to be discouraged.  
Forget that "Dreams Are Kid Stuff".

### Unwritten Law:-

As great as you think your dream will be when you reach it, it will be a thousand times better.

### The rewards of dreaming, competing and winning are as follows:

Provide for your parents or family.  
Help others.  
Support charities.  
Help mankind.

### How to strengthen your dreams.

Learn to visualize.  
Involve your family in your dreams.  
Find an environment that encourages you to dream.  
Whatever you dream about you can be.

## **#2. Have a Crusade:**

Strong lives are motivated by dynamic purposes.

Money doesn't buy happiness.

- a. A crusade adds meaning and purpose to your life.
- b. Crusaders die hard.

What is a crusade?

Simply something bigger than you are.

Unwritten Law:-

Crusaders commit to something bigger than their business.

- a. Crusaders stand for something.

Unwritten Law:-

What's popular isn't always right and what's right isn't always popular.

Learn to reach higher. A person's reach should always exceed his grasp.

## **#3. Dream Big But Keep It Simple:**

Genius is the ability to reduce the complicated to the simple.

Keys to keeping it simple.

Manage activity.

Create little successes.

Don't get bogged down with paper work.

Develop a simple business game plan, be brief.

Unwritten Law:-

The shorter the message, the greater the effect.

Simplify with the human touch.

Believe in you.

Always be positive.

"Positive thinking is the key to success in business, education, pro football or anything that you can mention. I go out onto the field thinking that I am going to complete every pass". –Ron Jaworski, former NFL quarterback.

Unwritten Law:-

You can do 99% of the things right but not possess a winning attitude and you will fail.

Before things can change, you must change.

For things to get better, you must get better.



#### **#4. Always be Positive:**

##### **Fundamental of winning attitude.**

Always be excited.

##### **Unwritten Law:-**

More than 90% of winning is being excited.

Most people can stay excited for two or three months.

A few people can stay excited for two or three years.

A winner will stay excited for twenty or thirty year.

or as long as it takes to win.

If you are a leader, you have to set an example.

##### **Unwritten Law:**

People will not follow a dull, disillusioned, frustrated cry baby.

Excitement is contagious, you motivate you!

Stop making excuses.

##### **Unwritten Law:-**

Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it.

Always be up. Most of what you worry about never happens.

##### **Unwritten Law:-**

Don't let complainers, criticizers, and moaners change you and make you negative.

Make a total commitment. Learn to turn negative into positive.

##### **Unwritten Law:-**

A total commitment gives you the extra ounce of courage that it takes to win.

Attitude is everything.

#### **#5. Treat people good**

Treat others as you want them to treat you. Luke 6:31.

You must believe that people are good.

##### **Unwritten Law:-**

Nobody needs a "boss" but everybody needs a leader.

Praise is the secret.

##### **Unwritten Law:-**

Genuine praise is one of the strongest forms of motivation.

##### **Unwritten Law:-**

People will turn out the way you expect them to turn out.

Don't hide praise, praise in public.

##### **Unwritten Law: -**

A great leader always give his people credit for his success.

Praise should be spontaneous.

It is tough to change peoples basic qualities.

The other side of praise:

**Unwritten Law: -**

**Withdrawing praise is a lot more effective than criticizing.**

**Become a Master Motivator:**

- a. Praise people for everything; ideas, attitudes, success. Nothing good is too small or too minor to praise.
- b. Know and remember first names.
- c. Make sure all your people hear your praise of others.
- d. Have fun with praise, be creative.
- e. Use praise as a gentle nudge. "You almost made it"
- f. Use praise, not criticism.
- g. Praise people when they are down and hurting.
- h. Praise must be sincere
- i. Praise at home.
- j. Don't stop praising.

**Don't be afraid to build personal relationships.**

- a. Others don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.
- b. Live with your people through good times and bad.
- c. Don't be afraid to show emotion.
- d. Make an "unconditional" commitment.

**Unwritten Law:**

**A position doesn't make a person, the person makes a position.  
Remember the people quotient.**

**#6. Never Give Up:**

**When nothing seems to help, I go and look at the stone cutter hammering away At his rock, perhaps a hundred times, without as much as a crack showing, yet at the 101<sup>st</sup> blow it will split in two and I know it was not the last blow that did it but a combination of all that has gone on before**

**—Jacob Riis**

**Quitting is easy:**

**In fact most people do quit.**

**Failure is only the end if you let it be.**

**Keep on, Keeping On.**

**Go for it one more time.**

**What to do when you want to quit.**

**Use the margin of thirty days. It is short enough to see the end, but long enough to build momentum.**

Unwritten Law:-

Anyone can do almost anything for thirty days.  
Devise a system of reward and punishment.

“I hate every minute of training, but I say don’t quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a winner”

-- --Mohamed Ali.

Tough truth about success. You never really get used to rejection.

Unwritten Law: -

Just because you love what you are doing doesn’t mean that everybody is going to love it too.

Things are never as good or as bad as they seem.

When things are good never assume that you are home free.

When things are bad you can’t assume it is over.

Before you get good, you probably will be bad.

Winners are made—not born.

Don’t compare yourself with others.

Don’t get discouraged. That is exactly what your skeptics want.

Don’t do Almost Enough. (Almost is never good enough)

Most people do almost enough to win.

The Do it Principle:

Don’t wait for your ship to come in. Swim out to it.

Competition is the best thing that can happen to you.

Learn to deal with fear.

Fear paralyzes.

Fear creates imaginary difficulties.

Fear spreads like a disease.

Unwritten Law:-

A leader can never show fear, never show hurt, and never show quit.

Beaten paths are for beaten men.

### **Risks:**

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out for another is to risk involvement.

To expose feelings is to risk exposing yourself

To place your ideas, your dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.

To hope is to risk despair.

To try is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing and is nothing,.

They may avoid suffering and sorrow but they cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, or live. Chained by their attitudes they are a slave, they have forfeited their freedom. Only the person who risks is free.—Anonymous

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

### **Do's for doing it:**

Do adopt the "little bit more" principle.

Do pick one thing to go for.

Do learn to be flexible.

Unwritten Law:-

The only way to grow is to accept change.

Find yourself a hero.

Do always play scared.

If you ever need one thing to guarantee your success, it will never happen.

304. When you're a leader you're always on time. You do not want to keep people waiting, think of it as those in the meeting the next time you're late, being lost of the Lord's time. Also when people wait for those that should be on time they count their faults.
305. It is tough to change peoples basic qualities.
306. The other side of praise: Withdrawing praise is a lot more effective than criticizing.
307. No man ever impaired his eyesight by looking on the bright side of things.

308. Great hope makes a great man. --Thomas Fuller
309. Courage is fear that has said it prayers.
310. Arnold Palmer believed in the following saying: If you think you are beaten, you are, if you think you dare not, you don't. If you like to win but think you can't, it's almost certain that you won't. Life's battles don't always go to the stronger woman or man. But sooner or later, those who win are those who think they can.
311. Creed for Optimists: Be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. Talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet. Make all your friends feel there is something special in them. Look at the sunny side of everything. Think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best. Be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. Give everyone a smile. Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others. Be too big for worry and too noble for anger.
312. The only place you find success before work is in the dictionary.
313. Behold the turtle, he makes progress only if he sticks his neck out.
314. This is the Lord's work and He depends on us. 50,000 years from now when we look back, what should be the most important things we need to be doing now. --Frank T. Yoder
315. The Lord gave us two ends to use; one to think with, one to sit on. It all depends on which you choose; Heads you win, tails you lose.
316. Most barriers to your success are man made, and most often you're the man who made them.
317. Success consist of not another falling down, but in rising after every fall. He who gets up each time will be successful.
318. There are dozens of rules for success but none of them work unless you do.
319. We become our greatest barriers—The capacity for success is in each of us and what we do with it depends on each individual.
320. Two men looked out the selfsame bars—one sees the mud the other the stars: It's a matter of the point of view. Opportunity is all around us.
321. Only we have the ability to make our day a good one, or a bad one.
322. There is a law irrevocably decreed in heaven upon which all blessings are predicated and if we would obtain any blessing it would be by obedience to the law on which it is predicated. (D&C 130:20-21)
323. He who fails to prepare, prepares to fail.
324. A failure to prepare on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part.

325. The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, yu gotta put up with the rain. --Dolly Parto)
326. Success is 99 percent failure --Soichiro Honda, Founder of Honda Motor Corp
327. Those who can't laugh at themselves leave the job to others.
328. Will it be hard, sure it will be.  
Will it take sacrifice, sure it will,  
Will it make us cry at times, yes it will,  
But the soul would have no rainbows if the eyes possessed no tear's.
329. It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena. Whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again because there is no effort without error and short-comings, who knows the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the high achievement of triumph and who at worst, if he fails while daring greatly, knows his place shall never be with those timid and cold souls who know neither victory nor defeat. (Theodore Roosevelt)
330. Shoot for the moon...even if you miss, you'll be among the stars.
331. It's a rare person who doesn't get discouraged. Whether it happens to us or to an associate we're trying to cheer up, the answer centers around one word: Perseverance.
332. The will to win is not nearly as important as the will to prepare to win.
333. The value of courage, persistence, and perseverance has rarely been illustrated more convincingly than in the life story of this man.

	<u>Age.</u>
Failed in business	22
Ran for legislature-Defeated	23
Again failed in business	24
Elected to legislature	25
Sweetheart died	26
Had a nervous breakdown	27
Defeated for speaker	29
Defeated for Congress	34
Elected to congress	37
Defeated for Congress	39
Defeated for Senate	46
Defeated for Vice President	47
Defeated for Senate	49
Elected President of U.S.	51

That's the record of Abraham Lincoln.

334. To win:  
If you think you are beaten, you are.  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you like to win but think you can't,  
It's almost certain that you won't.

Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger woman or man,  
But sooner or later, those who win  
Are those who think they can.

## TEACHING

335. A good teacher:

A school custodian was having trouble in the girl's bathroom: The girls were putting on lip stick and pressing it against the mirrors. Every night much time was taken on getting it off. The principle called all the girls to the bathroom and when they were gathered around he explained that much time was lost by what they were doing. Then he asked the custodian to show how he cleaned the mirrors. The custodian took a toilet brush, dipped it in a toilet bowl and cleaned the mirror with it. There was never any lip stick on the mirror after that. That is a good teacher.

336. How to teach:

Have a beautiful cake on the table. Ask teachers who would like a piece? Then take your hand and grab a fistful of cake and serve to that one that ask. Ask if anyone else would like a piece of cake. Then wash your hands, cut a nice piece and put on plate and serve with a napkin. It is not so much what you have to present but how you present it.

337. Morally Clean

Young man in Europe during the war, during the night out on the town he ended up in a room with a women. He had started to take off her clothes. The story picks up later where this young man is on a train speeding through the night to his hometown. Upon arriving he gets a taxi and shortly arrives at the home of his former seminary teacher. Pounding on the door to the point of awaking the neighbors, finally the teacher answers and after being invited in the young man blurts out "I am clean", thank you for your help. He remembered the training and he was conditioned to react properly.

338. My Daughter Sheila's Story:

When I was about 5 years old I went to the store with my Dad to buy something for the house. We walked past a display that had wooden toys that if you pushed the bottom of the toy they collapsed and when you let go they went back into shape. (Elastic running throughout).

I played with the toys while dad got what we needed and when it was time to go, I asked if I could have a toy. Dad told me, "Not this time." and told me to put it back. Well, I REALLY, REALLY NEEDED IT. So, I just slipped it in my pocket and went home.

Now I had to know it was wrong because I hid to play with it. One of my brothers, John, soon came along and saw me and asked where I got the cool toy from. I told him, "The Store". John asked, "Dad bought that for you!!?" Well...after some squirming I told him, "No, I just took it." John told Mom and then Dad was told.

Dad quickly found me and the meeting went something like this; Dad, "Sheila, you know what you did was wrong; it's stealing. We will have to take it back to the store and (Horrors!) tell them what you did."

I WISHED THE WARFA WOULD SEE ME AT LEAST ONCE IN MY SWIMMING SUITS. I COULDN'T  
IMAGINE THE EMBARRASSMENT! I TRIED AND BEGGED DAD NOT TO MAKE ME GO BACK. COULDN'T HE  
JUST TAKE IT BACK AND TELL THEM HOW MANY TIMES. MY DAD, SENSING A CHANCE TO LEARN A LESSON,  
TOLD ME I HAD TO GO AND TELL THEM. I THINK I CRIED THE WHOLE WAY BACK TO THE STORE AND THE  
WHOLE TIME TRYING TO TELL THE MAN WHAT I HAD DONE. CAN'T IMAGINE HE COULD EVEN  
UNDERSTAND WHAT I TRIED TO SAY.

It was a lesson I would never forget and when years later others would steal, I was  
never even slightly tempted and would lecture them on how wrong it is to take something  
without paying for it; as the lesson learned years ago still stayed and remained strong in my  
memory. It wasn't an easy experience, but a lesson I learned well. Thanks Dad.....Sheila.

339. Lazy Student: One day in world history class they were discussing the emperors, and this  
young man was not paying any attention. The professor asked who was the emperor of the  
Medes, I think the answer was Darius. The Prof. called on this young man. He quickly stood  
up and waiting to hear his buddies whisper the answer to him from behind. He then  
answered with Sidney Rigdon. (Don't always trust your buddies.)
340. The most important thing about teaching is love.
341. At one time they ask me to substitute in Primary teaching the 6 yrs old. The class was all  
over the place, so I told them I used to be a scout master and we had a saying, I showed  
them the scout sign and told them that when they saw me do that they should do it also. It  
meant PUT UP And SHUT UP. They never asked me to teach in Primary again!  
—Frank T. Yoder Sr.
342. Former Chm. Of General Mills Harry Bullis Stated:  
“Forget about the sale you hope to make and concentrate on the service you want to  
render.” The moment people’s attention is centered on service to others, they become more  
dynamic, more forceful, and harder to resist. How can you resist someone who is trying to  
help you solve a problem. Each morning you should start out with the thought that I want to  
help as many people as possible today, instead of ‘I want to make as many sales as possible  
today,’ They would find a more easy and open approach to their buyers and they would  
make more sales. “The person who goes out to help people to be happier and giving an  
easier way of life is exercising the highest type of salesmanship.”
343. She Cares:  
A few years ago there was a terrible automobile accident on the boulevard not too far from  
our home. The passengers in one of the cars were a family group. The mother and father  
were killed in this tragic accident, and this left a little girl alone at this ugly scene of tragedy.  
In all the confusion and excitement that there is at a time like that, someone said, “What do  
we do with the child?” The little girl looked up at them and said, “Take me to my Primary  
Teacher. She loves me and cares about me.”  
An incident related by ———Jeanne M. Hughes, Primary General Board.
344. A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him.  
When class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to  
fill it with rocks right to the top, rocks about 2” diameter.  
  
He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So the professor  
then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar.



He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. The students laughed.

He asked his students again if the jar was full? They agreed that yes, it was.

The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

"Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life.

The rocks are the important things-your family, your partner, your health, your children, anything that is so important to you that if it were lost, you would be nearly destroyed.

The pebbles are the other things in life that matter, but on a smaller scale. The pebbles represent things like your job, your house, your car.

The sand is everything else. The small stuff. If you put the sand or the pebbles into the jar first, there is no room for the rocks. The same goes for your life.

Play with your children. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.

Take care of the rocks first-the things that really matter.

Set your priorities.

The rest is just pebbles and sand.

### THOUGHTS ON TIME

345. Imagine:

There is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400.00

It carries over no balance from day to day.

Every evening it deletes what you fail to use during the day.

What would you do?

You'd use it all of course.

Each of us has such a bank.

Its name is time.

Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds.

Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose.

It carries over no balance.

It allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you.

Each night it burns the remains of the day.

If you fail to use the days deposit...

The loss is yours.

There is no going back.

There is no drawing against the "tomorrow."

You must live in the present on today's deposit.

~~INVEST IF SO AS TO GET THEM IF THE HEART IS READY: HARRINESS AND SUCCESS:~~

~~The clock is running:~~

~~Make the most of it today.~~

Take responsibility for your own happiness...

...Now.

Enjoy life now.

346. Sometimes, just sometimes, we all need that reminder. The reminder that life is too short to waste, and too precious to leave to routine.  
We need a reminder to give more time to our families and friends and, just as importantly, ourselves.  
This is a gentle nudge, to get you remembering what's important to you. This is the kind of thinking you'll find adding joy to your life.
347. Chinese proverbs: The dawn does not come twice to awaken a man...  
Think of your own faults when you are awake, and the faults of others when you are asleep...  
One more good man on earth is better than an extra angel in heaven...
348. The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

349. Fast offering: It cost you nothing. That is if you observe it. If you pay it then eat breakfast fast morning, then it cost you something. (The cost of that breakfast.)
350. President Hinkley's counsel on tithing. "Those who faithfully pay their tithing can expect "Rice on their plates and clothes on their backs."

### TOMBSTONE OF THE 1800'S

351. Here lies Mary, the wife of John Ford.  
We hope her soul is with the Lord  
But if for hell she has changed this life  
'tis better than being John Ford's wife.
352. Gone, but not forgiven
353. I am somebody, who, is none of your business.
354. Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.
355. Here lies the body of Arkansas Jim; We made the mistake but the joke's on him.  
Vigilante Committee.
356. When dear Papa went up to Heaven, what grief Moma endured; And yet that grief was softened, for Papa he was insured.

357. Due to lack of ground in this cemetery, two bodies are buried in this one plot. One of them was a politician, the other was an honest man.
358. Died suddenly, nothing serious.
359. He was young, he was fair, but the Injuns, raised his hair.
360. Sacred to the memory of my husband, John Barnes, who died January 4, 1803. His comely young widow, age 23 has many qualifications of a good wife, and yearns to be comforted.
361. Pardon me for not getting up. (The perfect gentleman)
362. Jonathan Grober died dead sober, Lord will thy wonders never cease.
363. Here lies an atheist-all dressed up with no place to go.
364. Gone to another meeting.
365. Ma loved Pa, Pa loved women. Ma caught Pa, with 2 in swimin' her lies Pa!
366. Here lies my wife, here let her lie, she is at rest, and so am I.

### TRIALS

367. The soul would have no rainbows if the eyes possessed no tears.
368. It wasn't raining when Noah build the ark.
369. Jesus is having a conversation with the Devil, and the Devil says to Jesus, "You have beat me in just about everything, but I am better on a computer than you are." The Devil then challenges Jesus to a contest. Jesus agrees, so they sit down in front of their computer and start typing away; creating documents, graphs, charts, etc. All of a sudden, the power goes out. After a few minutes, the power comes back on. They immediately reboot their computers and Jesus starts right were he left off, but the Devil has problems getting his computer to work. The Devil gets very angry and frustrated after he realizes that he has lost all of his work. He turns to God and asks God, "why does his computer work and mine won't?" God replies, "Jesus Saves!"
370. Work will win when wishie, washy wishing won't—John Yoder
371. God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, sun without rain, but he did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way.  
If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.
372. Moses Believed:  
Moses and the people were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed, and feeding 2 or 3 million people required a lot of food. According to the Quartermaster General in the Army, it is reported that Moses would have to have had 1500 tons of food each day. Do you know that to bring that much food each day, two freight trains, each at least a mile long, would be required!

Besides you must remember, they were out in the desert, so they would have to have firewood to use in cooking the food. This would take 4000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day.

And just think, they were forty years in transit.

And Oh yes! They would have to have water. If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day, and a freight train with tanks cars, 1800 miles long, just to bring water!

And then another thing! They had to get across the Red Sea at night. Now, if they went on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. So there had to be a space in the Red Sea, 3 mile wide so that they could walk 5000 abreast to get over in one night.

But then, there is another problem.....each time they camped at the end of the day, a campground two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island was required, or a total of 750 square miles long....Think of it! This much space for camping.

Do you think Moses figured all this out before he left Egypt? I think not! You see, Moses believed in God. God took care of these things for him.

Now do you think God has any problem taking care of all your needs? His love is always with you, His promises are true. And when we give Him all our cares, you know He will see us through. So when the road you're traveling on seems difficult at best Just remember God will do the rest.

373. In 1843, a group of nine black Mormons arrived in Nauvoo, Ill., led by a free black women, Jane Manning James. She had led them more than 800 miles from Buffalo, N.Y., because they were refused passage on a boat that was to take them to Nauvoo. "We walked until our shoes were worn out." She later wrote, "and our feet became sore and cracked open and bled until you could see the whole print of our feet with blood on the ground. We stopped and united in prayer to the Lord ... to heal our feet, and ... our feet were healed forthwith."
- Jane would later make the long trek west, driven from Nauvoo by religious persecution. In 1847, as a pioneer in one of the first group of Mormons to head west she showed great courage as she walked across the plains to what would later be known as Utah. Life did not get easier in the Salt Lake Valley, a forsaken desert with no crops or civilization. "Oh how I suffered of cold and hunger and keenest of all was to hear my little ones crying for bread, and I had none to give them." Faith and hard work sustained her. She shared what little she had with her neighbors. Her husband left her and her children in 1869, and didn't return until 20 years later. Undaunted, she kept a garden, sewed, made soap, and managed her family and home. She worked as a laundress to make money. Throughout her life Jane Manning James retained a sense of personal worth and dignity, and was a great example of goodness and faith. —News and Feature Services.

## WELARE

374. One of the nation's best known conservative organizations, the Heritage Foundation, praised the Church's welfare plan in the winter of 1992 edition of Policy Review. The quarterly publication said the welfare plan provides material necessities while focusing on "strengthening the family, teaching a vigorous work ethic and helping the needy to help themselves. Its themes are one of secular world would do well to study."
375. Tucker Carlson, assistant editor of Policy Review said a sign of success of the Church's welfare program is that able-bodied people become independent in an average of about 100 days. "Compare this to the federal welfare system in which half of the families...will remain on the dole for 10 years. The explicit aim of Mormon welfare is to wean people from it. That it succeeds is its greatest achievement." Carlson said.

## WIFE & HUSBAND RELATIONSHIP

376. A man approached a very beautiful woman in the large supermarket and said, "I've lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?" The woman looked puzzled. "Why talk to me?" She asked. "Because every time I talk to a pretty woman, my wife appears out of nowhere."
377. After being gone for a number of out of town assignments, I said to my wife: "My dear I am gone so much I would think you would trade me in for a newer model," she said, "Dear, you have no trade in value." It was the truth of that statement that hurts.
378. Do you know why we call our language the mother tongue? Because father never gets a chance to use it.
379. An LDS child needed to bring an old shirt from home for a school project about drug prevention. The mother was busy and handed her child an old T-shirt without examining it. Later, she was appalled to see her child wearing the T-shirt through the mall. On the front it said, "A family is forever." On the back: "Be smart, Don't start."
380. Why do Mormon women stop having babies at thirty-five?  
Ans: Because thirty-six is just too many.
381. A man was having trouble with starting his truck. He needed his wife to push the starter while he moved the wires. While he was under the hood she slide into the seat and her arm landed on the horn. He jumped back and hit his head on the hood and came to her in the truck and yelled, "how can you be so beautiful and so stupid." She dryly replied, "I was beautiful so you would marry me and stupid so I would marry you."
382. This woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she

had stayed by his bedside every single day. One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "You know what? You have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right there. When my health started failing, you were still by my side... You know what?" "What Dear," She gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth. "I think you're bad luck..."

383. Antiques have become very popular. Right now there are 15 million Americans who have things that are old, funny-looking, don't work and are only kept for sentimental purposes. Some of these are called antiques- and the rest are called husbands.
384. "Will the father be present during the birth?" asked the obstetrician. "Nab." Replied the mother-to-be. "He and my husband don't get along."
385. A husband and wife were out biking on a two seater, they came to a steep hill, finally after much effort they got to the top. The husband said, "I did not think we were going to make it." The wife replied, "I did not think so either, that is why I had the breaks on the whole time so we would not slide backwards."
386. She to parting husband at station: "Good-by, dear, you will write me? Just a few lines-Even if it's just a check."
387. The homeliest tasks get beautified, if loving hands do them.
388. Summarizing the family budget problem neatly, the housewife said: "Our problem is-there's too much month left over at the end of the money."
389. About the only people who listen to both sides of an argument are the next door neighbors.
390. Behind every great man is a surprised wife.
- 391 Behind every good or great man is a host of men and women who saw his potential. They lead and encourage. They lift up and forgive. They are the watchmen on the hill.  
--John Stevens
392. Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.
393. Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should get used to the idea.
394. A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it." The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?" The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me." The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?" The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me. What should I do?" The rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her. I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says. " I spoke to your wife...spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advise?" The man said "yes," and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."
395. Bride on her wedding day:  
"Mom, I'm at the end of all my troubles!" Mother: "Yes, but at which end?"

396. Note pinned to the pillow of a mother who has the flu by her well-meaning husband.

Monday A.M.

My dearest: Please sleep late. Everything under control. Lunches packed. Kids off to school. Menu for dinner planned. Your lunch is on a tray in refrigerator. Finger-sandwiches and fruit cup. Thermos of hot tea by bedside. See you around 6:00. Hope you're feeling better.

Tuesday A.M.

Honey: Sorry about the egg rack in the refrigerator. I tried to catch it. Hope you got back to sleep. Did the kids tell you about the Coke I put in their Thermos bottles? Apparently not a good idea. The school might call you on this. Dinner may be a little late. I'm doing your door-to-door canvas for liver research. Your lunch is in refrigerator. Hope you like leftover chili.

Wednesday A.M.

Dear Doris: Why in the name of all that is sane would you put soap powder in the flour canister! If you have time, could you please come up with a likely place to find Chris's missing shoes? We've checked the clothes hamper, garage, back seat of the car and wood box. Did you know the school has a ruling on bedroom slippers? There's some cold pizza for you on a napkin in the frig. Am trying to find out what smells in the kitchen. Will be late tonight. Driving eight Girl Scouts to tour meat packing house.

Thursday A.M.

Doris: Don't panic over water in hallway. It crested last night at 9 P.M. Will finish laundry tonight. Please pencil in answers to the following:

- ii. How do you turn on the garbage disposal? I thought it was automatic. Guess not.
- iii. Why would that rotten kid leave his shoes in his boots?
- iv. How do you remove a Confederate flag inked on the palm of a small boy's hand?
- v. What do you do with leftovers when they begin to snap at you when you open the door?

I don't know what you're having for lunch! Surprise me!

Friday A.M.

Hey: don't drink from pitcher by the sink! Am trying to restore pink dress shirt to original white. Take heart. Tonight, the ironing will be folded, the house cleaned and the dinner on time. I called your mother.

WISDOM

397. The wisdom of a Navajo Woman:

A saleswoman is driving towards home in Northern Arizona when she sees a Navajo woman hitchhiking. Because her trip has been long and quiet, she stops her car and the Navajo woman climbs in. During their small talk the Navajo woman glances surreptitiously at a brown bag on the front seat between them. "If you're wondering what's in the bag," offers the saleswoman, "It's a bottle of wine, I got it for my husband." The Navajo woman is silent for awhile, nods several times and says, "Good Trade."

398. If Satan does not brother you, he's got you.

399. The Plan Of The Master Weaver:

Our lives are but fine weavings

That God and we prepare,

Each life becomes a fabric planned

And fashioned in His care.

We may not always see just how

The weavings intertwine,

But we must trust the Master's hand

And follow His design,

For he can view the pattern

Upon the upper side,

While we must look from underneath

And trust in Him to guide...

Sometimes a strand of sorrow

Is added to His plan,

And though it's difficult for us,

We still must understand

That it's He who fills the shuttle,

It's He who knows what's best,

So we must weave in patience

And leave to Him the rest...

Not till the loom is silent

And the shuttles cease to fly

Shall God unroll the canvas

And explain the reason why—

The dark threads are as needed

In the Weaver's skillful hand

As the threads of gold and silver

In the pattern he has planned.