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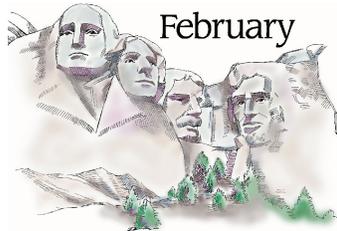
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AN EDUCATED PERSON

The Freedom to Learn

“The only one who is educated is the person who has learned how to learn; the one who has learned how to adapt and change; the one who has realized that no knowledge is secure; that only the process of seeking knowledge gives a basis for security.”

Carl Rogers



February

ACHIEVEMENT

Anonymous

“ACHIEVEMENT: To achieve the impossible, one must think the absurd; to look where everyone else has looked, but to see what no one else has seen.”

PLANT GOOD SEEDS

Og Mandino

“I will waste not even a precious second today in anger or hate or jealousy or selfishness. I know that the seeds I sow I will harvest, because every action, good or bad, is always followed by an equal reaction. I will plant only good seeds this day.”

EXPLORE–DREAM–DISCOVER

Mark Twain
www.inspirelist.com

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore–Dream–Discover.”

DOMINATING INFLUENCE

Napoleon Hill
Think & Grow Rich, p. 232

“Positive and negative emotions cannot occupy the mind at the same time. It is your responsibility to make sure that positive emotions constitute the dominating influence of your mind....*Form the habit of applying and using the positive emotions!* Eventually they will dominate your mind so completely that the negatives cannot enter it.”

AN ARTIST

Louis Nizer

“A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brains is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist.”

A GREAT MAN’S LIGHT

H.W. Longfellow

“When a great man dies,
for years the light he leaves behind him,
lies on the paths of men.”

SUCCESS

Celestial Seasonings

“Success is speaking words of praise,
In cheering other people’s ways,
In doing just the best you can
With every task and plan.
It’s silence when your speech would hurt,
Politeness when your neighbor is curt,
It’s deafness when the scandal flows,
And sympathy with other’s woes,
It’s loyalty when duty calls,
It’s courage when disaster falls,
It’s patience when the hours are long,
It’s found in laughter and in song
It’s in the silent time of prayer,
In happiness and in despair,
In all of life and nothing less,
We find the thing we call success.”

TAKE A STAND

Les Brown
INSIGHT, # 108, p. 25

“Deciding to be a powerful person is deciding to act and to act with a sense of integrity and courage....[Y]ou have to take a stand to be honest. Decide that you’re going to draw the line in your life. Decide that there are certain things that you just won’t tolerate, that you won’t compromise on. Decide that there are certain things in your life that are non-negotiable.”



STORIES ILLUSTRATE

Abraham Lincoln
Lincoln On Leadership, p. 159

“Abraham Lincoln once said: ‘I believe I have the popular reputation of being a story-teller, but I do not deserve the name in its general sense, for it is not the story itself, but its purpose, or effect, that interests me. I often avoid a long and useless discussion by others or a laborious explanation on my own part by a short story that illustrates my point of view. So, too, the sharpness of a refusal or the edge of a rebuke may be blunted by an appropriate story, so as to save wounded feelings and yet serve the purpose. No, I am not simply a story-teller, but story-telling as an emollient saves me much friction and distress.’”

ON AGING William Arthur Ward

“It’s not how old we are, but how vibrantly we live;
Not what our age is but what our attitudes are.”

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

F.B Meyer, p. 23

“Forgive me, most gracious Lord and Father, if this day I have done or said anything to increase the pain of the world. Pardon the unkind word, the impatient gesture, the hard and selfish deed, the failure to show sympathy and kindly help where I had the opportunity, but missed it; and enable me so to live that I may daily do something to lessen the tide of human sorrow, and add to the sum of human happiness.”

PREPARE FOR GREATNESS

Anonymous

“Prepare yourself for greatness—it will be thrust upon you when you least expect it.”

A TEACHER’S INFLUENCE

Source Unknown

Many years ago a sociology class at a major university made an intensive study of some inner-city, poverty-stricken neighborhoods. They identified 200 children who were a sure bet to end up in prison. Twenty-five years later another study was conducted, in order to determine what had happened to those 200 deprived kids. Incredibly, only two out of the 200 ended up in prison.

When the interviewers asked how they had managed to “stay on the straight-n-narrow,” invariably the

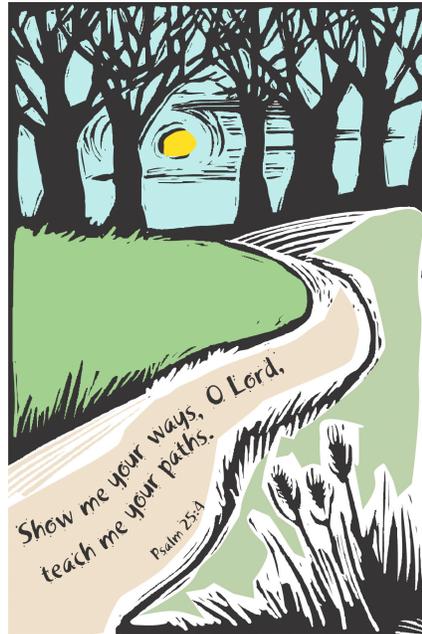
answer was “Aunt Hannah.”

Who was this Aunt Hannah? She was their teacher...and she loved each one of them.

EXAMPLE OR WARNING

Jim Rohn

www.JimRohn.com



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB. 25TH

“The Bible gives us a list of human stories on both sides of the ledger. One list of human stories is used as examples—do what these people did. Another list of human stories is used as warnings—don’t do what these people did. So if your story ever gets in one of these books, make sure they use it as an example, not a warning.”

THE FORCE IT REQUIRES Margaret Fuller

“It is astonishing what force and purity and wisdom it requires for a human being to keep clear of falsehoods.”

CORRECT OUR FAULTS Francois Fenelon

“We can often do more for other men by trying to correct our own faults than by trying to correct theirs.”

LEADERS ENABLE

Kouzes & Posner

The Leadership Challenge, p. xvii

“Leaders know that the more they control others, the less likely it is that people will excel. Leaders do not control. They enable others to act.”

STRENGTHENING THE ROOTS

Source Unknown

Once upon a time, a stately oak tree realized that its strength was beginning to wane. When the wind was strong, the once proud tree shook ominously and made suspicious creaking sounds. With great effort, the tree grew some fine new branches and began to feel secure once more. But when the next gale came, it felt some of its roots snapping and, had it not been for the support of a friendly neighboring sycamore tree, it would have fallen to the ground.

When the oak tree recovered from the shock, it turned to the sycamore and asked, “How is it that you were able to stand your ground but to help me also?”

The sycamore tree replied, “While you were busy growing new branches, I was strengthening my roots.”

