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SLUMBERING POWERS

Orison Swett Marden

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“Deep within man dwell those slumbering powers; powers that would astonish him, that he never dreamed of possessing; forces that would revolutionize his life if aroused and put into action.”



one was capable of becoming and what one has in fact become.”

EVER BEING BORN

Calvin Miller

“We are ever being born, or dying, And the thrill of choosing which is ours.

Only once must we be born without our own consent.

Only once must we die without our own permission.”

LIVE DIFFERENTLY

Charles Swindoll

Quest for Character, p. 137

“How easy it is to be ‘average.’ The ranks of the mediocre are crowded with status quo thinkers and predictable workers. How rare are those who live differently! Ask God to do a new work in you this day, to lift your sights above the expected, to develop in you the qualities that make for excellence. And as he lifts your sights, watch for those who may be struggling in their quest...perhaps dangerously near giving up. May He grant you a sensitive heart and a ready word of encouragement.”

DO IT ALONE

Mother Teresa

“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.”

WORTH DOING WELL

Bits & Pieces, 3/79, p. 10

“Lord Chesterfield said: ‘Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.’ His observation is now so common that we are in danger of overlooking the profound wisdom in that statement.

When we do work in a halfhearted, listless or slipshod way, we tell ourselves that it’s because we don’t care about the work. The truth is, however, that it is ourselves, our own pride, that we don’t care about. And that’s the danger.”

THE DRAGON’S ALMANAC

Justin Whittle

691: “Words are like bubbles of water, deeds like drops of gold.”

SUBCONSCIOUS MIND

Napoleon Hill

Think & Grow Rich, p. 229

“Your subconscious mind functions voluntarily, whether you make any effort to influence it or not... The subconscious mind will not remain idle! If you fail to plant desires in your subconscious mind, it will feed upon the thoughts which reach it as the result of your neglect.”

STRENGTH TO LOVE

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“[W]e have cultivated a mass mind and have moved from the extreme of rugged individualism to the even greater extreme of rugged collectivism. We are not makers of history; we are made by history. Longfellow said, ‘In this world a man must either be anvil or hammer,’ meaning that he is either a molder of society or is molded by society. Who doubts that today most men are anvils and are shaped by the patterns of the majority? Or to change the figure, most people, and Christians in particular, are thermometers that record or register the temperature of majority



ONE’S DESTINY

William Arthur Ward

“We are not destined for fulfillment or failure, success or sadness; we are privileged to choose our course and decide our destiny.”

PERSONAL DEFEAT

Ashley Montague

“The deepest personal defeat suffered by human beings is constituted by the difference between what

opinion, not thermostats that transform and regulate the temperature of society.”

MAN’S WORST SIN

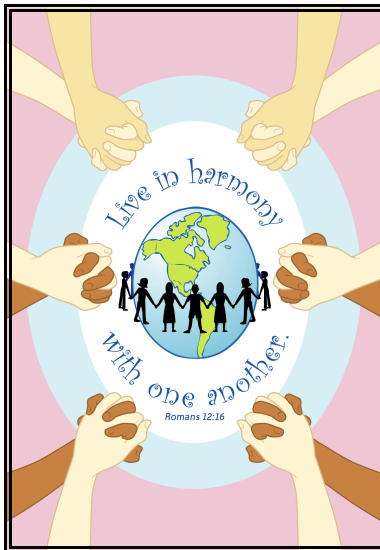
George Bernard Shaw

“Man’s worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that’s the essence of inhumanity.”

GOOD TO GREAT

Jim Collins, p. 208

“To be clear, I am not suggesting that going from good to great is EASY, or that every man will successfully make the shift. By definition, it is not possible for everyone to be above average. But I AM asserting that those who strive to turn good into great find the processes no more painful or exhausting than those who settle for just letting things wallow along in mind-numbing mediocrity.”



FULFILL YOUR DESTINY

John Wesley

“Give me Your strength; give me Your love; and be the motive of all the use I make of my understanding, my affections, my senses, my health, my time, and whatever other talents I have received from You. Only thus can I fulfill my duty and Your command of loving You with all my heart, and mind and soul and strength.”

A YEAR OF TIME

Steven B. Cloud,
Pulpit Helps, Vol. 14, # 2

“Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into 2009 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time

marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year’s block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?”

FOOTPRINTS

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“Lives of great men all remind us we can make out lives sublime, and, departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time.”

PRAY TO BE STRONGER MEN

Phillips Brooks

“Do not pray for easy lives! Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle.”

ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

Vince Lombardi

“There is no such thing as perfection. But, in striving for perfection, we can achieve excellence.”

21ST CENTURY CHALLENGE

Jim Rohn

“Leadership is the great challenge of the 21st century in science, politics, education, and industry. But the greatest challenge in leadership is parenting. We need to do more than just get our enterprises ready for the challenge of the 21st century. We also need to get our children ready for the challenges of the 21st century.”

WHAT DOES CHAPLAIN OF CONGRESS DO?

Cal & Rose Samra, *Holy Humor*, p. 6

A small boy visiting the U.S. Senate with his father, asked him, “What does the Chaplain of Congress do?”

The father answered, “He stands up, looks over the members of Congress, and prays for the country.”

