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## SO MUCH TO LEARN Dr. Albert Einstein

“A day without learning is a day wasted. There is so much to learn and so little time to learn it.”

## TRUE HAPPINESS William Cowper

“Existence is a strange bargain. Life owes us little; we owe it everything. The only true happiness comes from squandering ourselves for a purpose.”



goal. I must implore God’s light. Show me Lord, what the meaning of my life should be.”

## A FRIEND IS...

Anonymous

“A friend is:  
a push when you have stopped,  
a chat when you are lonely,  
a guide when you are searching,  
a smile when you are sad,  
a song when you are glad.”

## THE PERFORMER’S BLESSING

Rev. Andrew Greeley, *The Irish*, p. 129

“May you sing each note loud and clear,  
May your diction be articulate and precise,  
May you survive that curtain-rising fear,  
And the audience think you’re cool as ice.  
May you remember every single line,  
And your talents from God always cherish.  
May you sing in his honor all the time  
And may the whole world become your parish.”

## OVERCOME APATHY

Arnold Toynbee

“Apathy can only be overcome by enthusiasm, and enthusiasm can only be aroused by two things: first, an ideal which takes the imagination by storm, and second, a definite intelligible plan for carrying that ideal into practice.”

## DESIRE TO BE NOTICED

Pres. John Adams

“Whether they be old or young, rich or poor, high or low, wise or foolish, ignorant or learned, every individual is seen to be strongly actuated by a desire to be seen, heard, talked of, approved, and respected.”

## A KIND WORD SPOKEN

John Greenleaf Whittier

“A little word in kindness spoke,  
A motion, or a tear,  
Has often healed the heart that’s broken  
And made a friend sincere.

## MEANING OF LIFE

Hans Urs von Balthasar,  
WORD & SPIRIT, #4

“...[T]here is one moment in life that towers above all others and summons us, heart and soul, to urgent prayer. The moment when, after a more or less carefree youth, a person fully realizes for the first time the grave choice before him or her: what meaning, what content, what direction do I want my life as a whole to have? I can choose or refuse my mission, my vocation. Fancy or caprice cannot be allowed to dictate the decision; it must be made only on reference to my first beginning and my final

A word, a look, has crushed to earth  
Full many a budding flower,  
Which, had a smile but owned its birth,  
Would bless life’s darkest hour.

Then deem it not an idle thing  
A pleasant word to speak;  
The face you wear, the thought you bring,  
A heart may heal or break.”

## THE RIGHT WORD

Mark Twain

“The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.”

## THE GREAT THINGS

Samuel Smiles

“The very greatest things – great thoughts, discoveries, inventions – have



usually been nurtured in hardship, often pondered over in sorrow, and at length established with difficulty.”

### BETTER MANAGING

*Bits & Pieces*, 4/90

#### “Rules for Better Managing

1. Never do or say anything that will cause anyone to feel hurt. People don’t forget slights or cutting remarks.
2. Say an encouraging word whenever you can.”

### SINS: RESULT OF FEAR

Fr. Ed Hays

*A Pilgrim’s Almanac*, p.115

“Most of our sins are the result of fear. Don’t we lie because we are afraid of being embarrassed? And don’t some people boast and talk only of themselves because they fear that if they do not continuously parade their achievements of knowledge they will be unlovable? Reflect for a moment on your more recent sins and failings. You may be surprised at how many of them have their seeds in fear.”

### APPLY – DO

Goethe

“Knowing is not enough,  
we must apply.  
Willing is not enough,  
we must do.”

### ONLY HAVE TO LOOK

Fra Giovanni

“No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in today. Take heaven! No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in the present instant. Take peace! The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within reach, is joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness could we but see, and to see we have only to look. I beseech you to look!”

### GATHER THE PRAYERS

Source Unknown

There is a legend about two angels who were sent to earth to gather up the prayers of God’s holy people. One was to gather into a basket all the prayers of petition and intercessions. The other angel was to collect all the prayers of gratitude.

Some time later, the two angels returned to God. One had a basket heaped high and over-

flowing with countless petitions from men, women and children. The other angel was sad and heavy of heart because his basket was practically empty of people’s gratitude.

### ALL YOU CAN

St. John Paul II

“Learn and grow all you can;  
Serve and be a friend all you can;  
Enrich and inspire all you can.”

### SUCCESS IS SELF-DISCIPLINE

Brian Tracy

“The one human quality that must be developed for success is self-discipline. The will power to force yourself to do what you know you should do when you should do it, whether you like it or not, whether you feel like it or not. Success is tons of discipline.”

### WE ARE MORE...

William Arthur Ward

“We are more than what we do,  
much more than what we accomplish,  
far more than what we possess.”

### DRINK FROM A RUNNING STREAM

Howard Hendricks

There was a college student who worked in the college dining hall and who, on his way to work early in the morning, walked past the home of one of his professors. Through a window he could see the

light on and the professor at his desk, morning after morning.

At night the student stayed at the library until closing, and on his return trip again he would see the professor’s desk light on. It seemed that he was always pouring over his books and notes.

One day, after class, the professor was walking along the courtyard when the student approached him with several lecture questions to clarify. Finally, the student asked, “Would you mind if I asked you a more personal question?”

“Of course not,” replied the professor. “At least, I hope not.”

“Well, every day I walk by your house,” the student remarked, “and you are so intent at work. What keeps you studying? You never seem to stop.”

“Well, you see,” the professor answered, “I would rather have my students drink from a running stream than a stagnant pool.”

