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GROW CHARACTER

William B. Buechel

“Character is something that grows. It is not something put on ready-made. Day-by-day, here a little, there a little, it grows with one’s growth and strength, until, good or bad, it determines our earthly way of life and even our eternity.”

ON COACHING

Coach Tom Landry

“A coach is someone who makes players do what they don’t want to do, to achieve what they want to achieve.”

AN INFINITE DIFFERENCE

Orison Swett Marden

“There is an infinite difference between a little wrong and just right, between fairly good and the best, between mediocrity and superiority...”

GIVE TO YOUR DREAMS

William James

“Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out they’ve got a second. Give your dreams all you’ve got and you’ll be amazed at the energy that comes out of you.”

WILL TO WIN

Vince Lombardi

“The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur.”

LIFE CHANGES

William James

“To change your life:

- Start immediately.
- Do it flamboyantly.
- No exceptions (no excuses).”

KEEP ON GOING

Charles Kettering

“Keep on going, and the chances

are that you will stumble onto something, perhaps when you are least expecting it. I never heard of anyone ever stumbling on something sitting down.”



NOVEMBER



LOVE IS GIVING

Henry Van Dyke

“Love is not getting, but giving. Not a wild dream of pleasure and a madness of desire — oh, no — love is not that! It is goodness and honor and peace and pure living — yes, love is that and it is the best thing in the world and the thing that lives the longest.”

WHY WAIT!

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“Why wait! Life is not a dress rehearsal. Quit practicing what you’re going to do, and just do it. In one bold stroke you can transform today.”

ADVICE ON PREACHING

Pulpit Helps, Aug. 1990, p. 11

“Advise on preaching:

Study long to do justice to the topic;
Preach short to show mercy to the people.”

GREATNESS IS MEASURED

Wm. J.H. Boetcker
Soundings, Vol. 6, # 8, p. 2

“Your greatness is measured by your kindness; your education and intellect by your modesty; your ignorance is betrayed by your suspicions and prejudices, and your real caliber is measured by the consideration and tolerance you have for others.”

THE COUNTRY’S NEEDS

Theodore Roosevelt

“Surely all of us ought to realize the need in this country is of a loftier idealism than we have had in the past; and the further, and even greater, need that we should in actual practice live up to the ideals we profess. The



things of the body have a rightful place and a great place. But the things of the soul should have an even greater place. Materialism, in the end, eats like an acid into all the finer qualities of our souls."

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY Marcel Proust

"The voyage of discovery lies not in seeking new horizons, but in seeing with new eyes."

ON DISCOVERY Albert Szent-Gyorgi

"Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what no one else has thought."

FULLY HUMAN, FULLY ALIVE Fr. John Powell, SJ

"YOU ARE CALLED TO LOVE:
YOUR GOD, YOUR SELF
AND YOUR NEIGHBOR.

God, who is love, has made you in his image and likeness. Love is your calling and destiny.

You must acknowledge and affirm all that is good in you. You must gently try to understand all that is weak and limited. You must be aware of and try to fulfill your needs: physical, psycho-logical and spiritual. As you learn to love your-self, you must also learn to balance concern for yourself with concern for others."

CONSIDER YOURSELF ASKED

CONNECTIONS, Jan. 1993

Retired Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill recalls one of the most important lessons he learned early in his career: In 1935, just before Election Day in O'Neill's first campaign, a neighbor told him, "Tom, I'm going to vote for you tomorrow even though you didn't ask me to."



A shocked O'Neill replied, "Why, Mrs. O'Brien, I've lived across from you for 18 years. I cut your grass in the summer. I shovel your walk in the winter. I didn't think I had to ask for your vote."

Mrs. O'Brien replied, "Tom, let me tell you something: People like to be asked."

OUR NATIONAL LIFE Oliver Wendell Homes, Jr.

"It is now the moment when by common consent we pause to become conscious of our national life and to rejoice in it, to recall what our country has done for each of us, and to ask ourselves what we can do for our country in return."

NOVEMBER REFLECTION Anonymous

November is the season to settle down before the fireplace and look back, to remember and to be grateful. Also, it can be seen as the in-between season, the lull period — post harvest and pre-Christmas. It is the month when the leaves have fallen, and the weather turns gray. November is a time for saints, for poor souls, for veterans and for giving thanks.

The lectionary readings have a "November" feeling to them, an "end time" peal, but filled with hope. The real question to be asked in November is not if there is life after death, but is there life before death.

John H. Rhoads wrote:

"Do more than exist, live.
Do more than touch, feel.
Do more than look, observe.

Do more than read, absorb.

Do more than hear, listen.

Do more than think, ponder.

Do more than talk, say something."

And Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "We are always getting ready to live, but never living."

"God is not a God of the dead but of the living." Are you among the living? Are you alive for God?

THANKSGIVING PRAYER Samuel F. Pugh

"O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen."