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You can t, in sound morals, condemn a man for taking care of his own integrity. It is his clear duty. And least of all can you condemn an artist pursuing, however humbly and imperfectly, a creative aim. In that interior world where his thought and his emotions go seeking for the experience of imagined adventures, there are no policemen, no law, no pressure of circumstance or dread of opinion to keep him within bounds. Who then is going to say Nay to his temptations if not his conscience?

- Conrad, Joseph

Blessed is the servant who loves his brother as much when he is sick and useless as when he is well and an be of service to him. And blessed is he who loves his brother as well when he is afar off as when he is by his side, and who would say nothing behind his back he might not, in love, say before his face.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

The actual tragedies of life bear no relation to one's preconceived ideas. In the event, one is always bewildered by their simplicity, their grandeur of design, and by that element of the bizarre which seems inherent in them.

- Cocteau, Jean

Gray skies are just clouds passing over.

- Ellington, Duke

There is a great deal of unmapped country within us which would have to be taken into account in an explanation of our gusts and storms.

- Eliot, George

Every hardship; every joy; every temptation is a challenge of the spirit; that the human soul may prove itself. The great chain of necessity wherewith we are bound has divine significance; and nothing happens which has not some service in working out the sublime destiny of the human soul.

- Ford, Elias A.

Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward.

- Ford, Henry

Suffering! We owe to it all that is good in us, all that gives value to life; we owe to it pity, we owe to it courage, we owe to it all the virtues.

- France, Anatole

I have often been downcast, but never in despair; I regard our hiding as a dangerous adventure, romantic and interesting at the same time. In my diary I treat all the privations as amusing. I have made up my mind now to lead a different life from other girls and, later

on, different from ordinary housewives. My start has been so very full of interest, and that is the sole reason why I have to laugh at the humorous side of the most dangerous moments.

- Frank, Anne

What is to give light must endure the burning.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

March on. Do not tarry. To go forward is to move toward perfection. March on, and fear not the thorns, or the sharp stones on life's path.

- Gibran, Kahlil

We must free ourselves of the hope that the sea will ever rest. We must learn to sail in high winds.

- Grant, Hanmer Parsons

Growth itself contains the germ of happiness.

- Buck, Pearl S.

The fatal metaphor of progress, which means leaving things behind us, has utterly obscured the real idea of growth, which means leaving things inside us.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

We find comfort among those who agree with us-growth among those who don't.

- Clark, Frank A.

Slow buds the pink dawn like a rose From out night's gray and cloudy sheath; Softly and still it grows and grows, Petal by petal, leaf by leaf.

- Coolidge, Susan

Those who have high thoughts are ever striving; they are not happy to remain in the same place. Like swans that leave their lake and rise into the air, they leave their home and fly for a higher home.

- Dhammapada

Thou mayest as well expect to grow stronger by always eating as wiser by always reading. Too much overcharges Nature, and turns more into disease than nourishment. 'Tis thought and digestion which makes books serviceable, and give health and vigor to the mind.

- Fuller, R. Buckminster

A tree trunk the size of a man grows from a blade as thin as a hair. A tower nine stories high is built from a small heap of earth.

- Lao-Tzu

The key to growth is the introduction of higher dimensions of consciousness into our awareness.

- Khan, Pir Vilayat

Ever since I was a child I have had this instinctive urge for expansion and growth. To me, the function and duty of a quality human being is the sincere and honest development of one's potential.

- Lee, Bruce

The sculptor will chip off all unnecessary material to set free the angel. Nature will chip and pound us remorselessly to bring out our possibilities. She will strip us of wealth, humble our pride, humiliate our ambition, let us down from the ladder of fame, will discipline us in a thousand ways, if she can develop a little character, Everything must give way to that. Wealth is nothing, position is nothing, fame is nothing, manhood is everything.

- Marden, Orison Swett

All growth is a leap in the dark, a spontaneous, unpremeditated act without benefit of experience.

- Miller, Henry

The unexamined life is not worth living.

- Socrates

Only by contending with challenges that seem to be beyond your strength to handle at the moment you can grow more surely toward the stars.

- Tracy, Brian

Love didn't grow very well in place where there was only fear, just as plants didn't grow very well in a place where it was always dark.

- King, Stephen

Never reach out your hand unless you're willing to extend an arm.

- Fuller, Elizabeth

We do not quite forgive a giver. The hand that feeds us is in some danger of being bitten.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

- Beattie, Melody

Because gratification of a desire leads to the temporary stilling of the mind and the experience of the peaceful, joyful Self it's no wonder that we get hooked on thinking that happiness comes from the satisfaction of desires. This is the meaning of the old adage, Joy is not in things, it is in us.

- Borysenko, Joan

Genuis flows through the most improbable portals

- Blum, Donald

One of the tragedies of life is the demise a loved one, the other is the loss of respect for a friend.

- Blum, Donald

As children mature into young adults they slowly realize that the Gods of their youth were merely well intentioned but flawed people.

- Blum, Donald

The rewards which one accrues for maintaining their facade are neuroses..

- Blum, Donald

Accept the place the divine providence has found for you, the society of your contemporaries, the connection of events.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Always fall in with what you're asked to accept. Take what is given, and make it over your way. My aim in life has always been to hold my own with whatever's going. Not against: with.

- Frost, Robert

Ah, when to the heart of man was it ever less than a treason to go with the drift of things to yield with a grace to reason and bow and accept at the end of a love or a season.

- Frost, Robert

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Life has no other discipline to impose, if we would but realize it, than to accept life unquestioningly. Everything we shut our eyes to, everything we run away from, everything we deny, denigrate or despise, serves to defeat us in the end. What seems nasty, painful, evil, can become a source of beauty, joy and strength, if faced with an open mind. Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such.

- Miller, Henry

Accept everything about yourself -- I mean everything, You are you and that is the beginning and the end -- no apologies, no regrets.

- Moustakas, Clark

The passion for destruction is also a creative passion.

- Bakunin, Mikhail

To revolt is a natural tendency of life. Even a worm turns against the foot that crushes it. In general, the vitality and relative dignity of an animal can be measured by the intensity of its instinct to revolt.

- Bakunin, Mikhail

The first revolt is against the supreme tyranny of theology, of the phantom of God. As long as we have a master in heaven, we will be slaves on earth.

- Bakunin, Mikhail

Freedom, morality, and the human dignity of the individual consists precisely in this; that he does good not because he is forced to do so, but because he freely conceives it, wants it, and loves it.

- Bakunin, Mikhail

The destructive character lives from the feeling, not that life is worth living, but that suicide is not worth the trouble.

- Benjamin, Walter

Destruction, hence, like creation, is one of Nature's mandates.

- Sade, Marquis De

It was only natural to want to destroy something you could never have.

- Fitch, Janet

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

- Schweitzer, Albert

Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.

- Schweitzer, Albert

Until he extends his circle of compassion to include all living things, man will not himself find peace.

- Schweitzer, Albert

In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.

- Schweitzer, Albert

No excellent soul is exempt from a mixture of madness.

- Aristotle

Nature does nothing uselessly.

- Aristotle

If your desires be endless, your cares and fears will be so too.

- Fuller, Thomas

Judge of thine improvement, not by what thou speakest or writest, but by the firmness of thy mind, and the government of thy passions and affections.

- Fuller, Thomas

The injuries we do and the injuries we suffer are seldom weighed on the same scales.

- Aesop

The only antidote to mental suffering is physical pain.

- Marx, Karl

Everything hurts.

- Michelangelo

We must all suffer one of two things: the pain of discipline or the pain of regret or disappointment.

- Rohn, Jim

Pain and pleasure, like light and darkness, succeed each other.

- Sterne, Laurence

The pain of the mind is worse than the pain of the body.

- Syrus, Publilius

Doubt can only be removed by action.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Do not give in too much to feelings. A overly sensitive heart is an unhappy possession on this shaky earth.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Don't dissipate your powers; strive to concentrate them. Genius thinks it can do whatever it sees others doing, but it will surely repent of every ill-judged outlay.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Our thoughts take the wildest flight: Even at the moment when they should arrange themselves in thoughtful order.

- Byron, Lord

Rather than viewing a brief relapse back to inactivity as a failure, treat it as a challenge and try to get back on track as soon as possible.

- Connors, Jimmy

If you focus on results, you will never change. If you focus on change, you will get results.

- Dixon, Jack

To me, the definition of focus is knowing exactly where you want to be today, next week, next month, next year, then never deviating from your plan. Once you can see, touch and feel your objective, all you have to do is pull back and put all your strength behind it, and you'll hit your target every time.

- Jenner, Bruce

To shun one's cross is to make it heavier.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

Each of us has the right and the responsibility to asses the road which lie ahead and those over which we have traveled, and if the feature road looms ominous or unpromising, and the road back uninviting-inviting, then we need to gather our resolve and carrying only the necessary baggage, step off that road into another direction. If the new choice is also unpalatable, without embarrassment, we must be ready to change that one as well.

- Angelou, Maya

Accept the consequences of your actions in order to become the agent of your mental, physical, spiritual and material success.

- Brown, Les

If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your

dreams.

- Brown, Les

The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.

- Didion, Joan

Much misconstruction and bitterness are spared to him who thinks naturally upon what he owes to others rather than what he ought to expect from them.

- Guizot, Madame

Everyone has a responsibility to not only tolerate another person's point of view, but also to accept it eagerly as a challenge to your own understanding. And express those challenges in terms of serving other people.

- Guthrie, Arlo

We are each responsible for all of our experiences.

- Hay, Louise L.

Psychologically I should say that a person becomes an adult at the point when he produces more than he consumes or earns more than he spends. This may be a the age of eighteen, twenty-five, or thirty-five. Some people remain unproductive and dependent children forever and therefore intellectually and emotionally immature.

- Link, Henry C.

We are responsible for actions performed in response to circumstances for which we are not responsible.

- Massie, Allan

I will not surrender responsibility for my life and my actions.

- Powell, John Enoch

Whatever happens, take responsibility.

- Robbins, Anthony

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity an obligation; every possession, a duty.

- Rockefeller, John D.

One must care about a world one will not see.

- Russell, Bertrand

To be a man is to be responsible. It is to feel shame at the sight of what seems to be unmerited misery. It is to take pride in a victory won by one's comrades. It is to feel, when setting one's stone, that one is contributing to the building of the world.

- Saint-Exupery, Antoine De

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will -- his personal responsibility.

- Schweitzer, Albert

A bizarre sensation pervades a relationship of pretense. No truth seems true. A simple morning's greeting and response appear loaded with innuendo and fraught with implications. Each nicety becomes more sterile and each withdrawal more permanent.

- Angelou, Maya

In addition to self-awareness, imagination and conscience, it is the fourth human endowment-independent will-that really makes effective self-management possible. It is the ability to make decisions and choices and to act in accordance with them. It is the ability to act rather than to be acted upon, to proactively carry out the program we have developed through the other three endowments. Empowerment comes from learning how to use this great endowment in the decisions we make every day.

- Covey, Stephen R.

I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart.

- Frank, Anne

Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

To have that sense of one's intrinsic worth which constitutes self-respect is potentially to have everything: the ability to discriminate, to love and to remain indifferent. To lack it is to be locked within oneself, paradoxically incapable of either love or indifference.

- Didion, Joan

Security... it's simply the recognition that changes will take place and the knowledge that you're willing to deal with whatever happens.

- Browne, Harry

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death.

- Byrnes, James F.

The task we must set for ourselves is not to feel secure, but to be able to tolerate insecurity.

- Fromm, Erich

There is no such thing as security. There never has been.

- Greer, Germaine

There is nothing assured to mortals.

- Horace

Security depends not so much upon how much you have, as upon how much you can do without.

- Krutch, Joseph Wood

If thou art a man, admire those who attempt great things, even though they fail.

- Seneca

A person's fears are lighter when the danger is at hand.

- Seneca

Rather fail with honor than succeed by fraud.

- Sophocles

The long unmeasured pulse of time moves everything. There is nothing hidden that it cannot bring to light, nothing once known that may not become unknown.

- Sophocles

One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life; that word is love.

- Sophocles

Look and you will find it -- what is unsought will go undetected.

- Sophocles

In a just cause the weak will beat the strong.

- Sophocles

Wonders are many, and none is more wonderful than man; the power that crosses the white sea, driven by the stormy wind, making a path under surges that threaten to engulf him...

- Sophocles

The comic and the tragic lie inseparably close, like light and shadow.

- Socrates

We are in fact convinced that if we are ever to have pure knowledge of anything, we must get rid of the body and contemplate things by themselves with the soul by itself. It seems, to judge from the argument, that the wisdom which we desire and upon which we profess to have set our hearts will be attainable only when we are dead and not in our lifetime.

- Socrates

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes, and but one tongue-to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak.

- Socrates

To generous souls every task is noble.

- Euripides

To place oneself in the position of God is painful: being God is equivalent to being tortured. For being God means that one is in harmony with all that is, including the worst. The existence of the worst evils is unimaginable unless God willed them.

- Bataille, Georges

The expectations of life depend upon diligence; the mechanic that would perfect his work must first sharpen his tools.

- Confucius

A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake.

- Confucius

The real fault is to have faults and not amend them.

- Confucius

When you have faults, do not fear to abandon them.

- Confucius

The perfecting of one's self is the fundamental base of all progress and all moral development.

- Confucius

I have become my own version of an optimist. If I can't make it through one door, I'll go through another door -- or I'll make a door. Something terrific will come no matter how dark the present.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

I will not permit any man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him.

- Washington, Booker T.

Liberty consists in wholesome restraint.

- Webster, Daniel

To accuse others for one's own misfortunes is a sign of want of education. To accuse oneself shows that one's education has begun. To accuse neither oneself nor others shows that one's education is complete.

- Epictetus

Failure is success if we learn from it.

- Forbes, Malcolm S.

If the word has the potency to revive and make us free, it has also the power to blind, imprison, and destroy.

- Ellison, Ralph

Words represent your intellect. The sound, gesture and movement represent your feelings.

- Fripp, Patricia

Every spoken word arouses our self-will.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

All my life I've looked at words as though I were seeing them for the first time.

- Hemingway, Ernest

All our words from loose using have lost their edge.

- Hemingway, Ernest

A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged, it is the skin of a living thought and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed.

- Ibsen, Henrik

When a poet's mind is perfectly equipped for its work, it is constantly amalgamating disparate experiences.

- Eliot, T. S.

We must believe that emotion recollected in tranquillity is an inexact formula. For it is neither emotion, nor recollection, nor without distortion of meaning, tranquillity. It is a concentration, and a new thing resulting from the concentration of a very great number of experiences which to the practical and active person would not seem to be experiences at all; it is a concentration which does not happen consciously or of deliberation. These experiences are not recollected and they finally unite in an atmosphere which is tranquil only in that it is a passive attending upon the event.

- Eliot, T. S.

Footfalls echo in the memory down the passage which we did not take towards the door we never opened into the rose-garden.

- Eliot, T. S.

Success is relative. It is what we can make of the mess we have made of things.

- Eliot, T. S.

April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain.

- Eliot, T. S.

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