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What you do not want others to do to you, do not do to others.

- Confucius

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

- Confucius

Faithfulness and sincerity are the highest things.

- Confucius

Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves.

- Confucius

He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.

- Confucius

Life is really simple, but men insist on making it complicated.

- Confucius

Sincerity and truth are the basis of every virtue.

- Confucius

Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.

- Confucius

Chose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.

- Confucius

Do not worry about holding high position; worry rather about playing your proper role.

- Confucius

Worry not that no one knows of you; seek to be worth knowing.

- Confucius

Don't complain about the snow on your neighbor's roof when your own doorstep is unclean.

- Confucius

If you don't run your own life, somebody else will.

- Atkinson, John

When about to commit a base deed, respect thyself, though there is no witness.

- Ausonius, Decimus Magnus

Property may be destroyed and money may lose its purchasing power; but, character, health, knowledge and good judgment will always be in demand under all conditions.

- Babson, Roger

You don't get in life what you want; you get in life what you are.

- Brown, Les

There is never a better measure of what a person is than what he does when he is absolutely free to choose.

- Bulger, William M.

The best index to a person's character is (a) how he treats people who can't do him any good, and (b) how he treats people who can't fight back.

- Buren, Abigail Van

Character is what you know you are, not what others think you have.

- Collins, Marva

You can construct the character of a man and his age not only from what he does and says, but from what he fails to say and do.

- Douglas, Norman

What you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to someone else. But what you are will be yours forever.

- Dyke, Henry Van

Character is the sum and total of a person's choices.

- Fitzwater, P. B.

You can buy a person's time; you can buy their physical presence at a given place; you can even buy a measured number of their skilled muscular motions per hour. But you can not buy enthusiasm... you can not buy loyalty. You can not buy the devotion of hearts, minds, or souls. You must earn these.

- Francis, Clarence

The final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.

- Frank, Anne

Character is not made in a crisis -- it is only exhibited.

- Freeman, Robert

Human improvement is from within outward.

- Froude, James A.

Success is always temporary. When all is said and one, the only thing you'll have left is

your character.

- Gill, Vince

You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.

- Goldsmith, Oliver

When God measures man, He puts the tape around his heart -- not his head.

- Guideposts

Man's character is his fate.

- Heraclitus

Character is power; it makes friends, draws patronage and support and opens the way to wealth, honor and happiness.

- Howe, John

It isn't the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog, that counts.

- Howell, Harry

Everyone has three characters, that which they exhibit, that which they have, and that which they think they have.

- Karr, Alphonse

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved.

- Keller, Helen

I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Keep in mind that the true measure of an individual is how he treats a person who can do him absolutely no good.

- Landers, Ann

You are not very good if you are not better than your best friends imagine you to be.

- Lavater, Johann Kaspar

To succeed is nothing -- it's an accident. But to feel no doubts about oneself is something very different: it is character.

- Leneru, Marie

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it piece by piece-by thought, choice, courage and determination.

- Luther, John

The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

- Macaulay, Thomas B.

It is well to think well. It is divine to act well.

- Mann, Horace

Character is the indelible mark that determines the only true value of all people and all their work.

- Marden, Orison Swett

We don't love qualities, we love persons; sometimes by reason of their defects as well as of their qualities.

- Maritain, Jacques

While an original is always hard to find, he is easy to recognize.

- Mason, John L.

Instill the love of you into all the world, for a good character is what is remembered.

- Merikare

Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.

- Michener, James A.

A man's reputation is what other people think of him; his character is what he really is.

- Miner, Jack

If we have need of a strong will in order to do good, it is still more necessary for us in order not to do evil.

- Mole

Character is what you are in the dark.

- Moody, Dwight L.

Reputation is what men and women think of us. Character is what God and the angels know of us.

- Paine, Thomas

If an ass goes traveling it will not come home a horse.

- Proverb

One can easily judge the character of a person by the way they treat people who can do nothing for them.

- Proverb

If you stand straight, do not fear a crooked shadow.

- Proverb, Chinese

A man never discloses his own character so clearly as when he describes another s.

- Richter, Jean Paul

Character isn't something you were born with and can't change, like your fingerprints. It's something you weren't born with and must take responsibility for forming.

- Rohn, Jim

It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself.

- Roosevelt, Eleanor

Character is the foundation stone upon which one must build to win respect. Just as no worthy building can be erected on a weak foundation, so no lasting reputation worthy of respect can be built on a weak character.

- Samsel, R. C.

Character is the basis of happiness and happiness the sanction of character.

- Santayana, George

It is with trifles and when he is off guard that a man best reveals his character.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Life every man holds dear; but the dear man holds honor far more precious dear than life.

- Shakespeare, William

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you, and were helped by you, will remember you when forget-me-nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts, and not on marble

- Spurgeon, Charles Haddon

The universe seems bankrupt as soon as we begin to discuss the characters of individuals.

- Thoreau, Henry David

The depth and strength of a human character are defined by its moral reserves. People reveal themselves completely only when they are thrown out of the customary conditions of their life, for only then do they have to fall back on their reserves.

- Trotsky, Leon

Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

- Unknown, Source

The test of any man's character is how he takes praise.

- Unknown, Source

The higher character a person supports the more they should regard their smallest actions.

- Unknown, Source

It is better for the development of character and contentment to do certain things badly for yourself than to have them done better for you by someone else.

- Unknown, Source

Men of genius are admired, men of wealth are envied, men of power are feared; but only men of character are trusted.

- Unknown, Source

The lord will not hold back the promises, even if the person who makes them is not worthy.

- Unknown, Source

Character is like the foundation of a house -- it is below the surface.

- Unknown, Source

The only way to compel men to speak good of us is to do it.

- Voltaire

Another flaw in the human character is that everybody wants to build and nobody wants to do maintenance.

- Vonnegut Jr., Kurt

Character, not circumstances, makes the man.

- Washington, Booker T.

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

- Wooden, John

It is better to run back than run the wrong way.

- Proverb

If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing well.

- Proverb

Talk well of your friends and of your enemies say nothing.

- Proverb

Don't cross the bridge till you come to it.

- Proverb

The end justifies the means.

- Proverb

When someone is going downhill everyone likes to give them a kick.

- Proverb

Weave in faith and God will find the thread.

- Proverb

No one is worse, for knowing the worst of themselves.

- Proverb

He who fears to suffer, suffers from fear.

- Proverb

Think of many things, do only one.

- Proverb

Forgive and forget.

- Proverb

The time to make friends is before you need them.

- Proverb

Short judgments make long friends.

- Proverb

It is prosperity that gives us friends, adversity that proves them.

- Proverb

Man does what he can, God does what he will.

- Proverb

Gossiping and lying go hand in hand.

- Proverb

The first step toward greatness is to be honest.

- Proverb

Good habits result from resisting temptation.

- Proverb

The heart that truly loves never forgets.

- Proverb

Better to be known as a sinner than a hypocrite.

- Proverb

The hardest work of all is to do nothing.

- Proverb

He that is doing nothing is seldom in need of helpers.

- Proverb

Kind words are worth much and they cost little.

- Proverb

A light heart lives long.

- Proverb

Live today for tomorrow it will all be history.

- Proverb

Young people talk of what they are doing; old people of what they have done; and fools of what they have a mind to do.

- Proverb

There are two things a person should never be angry at, what they can help, and what they cannot.

- Proverb

No one is as angry as the person who is wrong.

- Proverb

Two dogs strive for a bone and the third one runs off with it.

- Proverb

A mother's heart is always with her children.

- Proverb

The back of one door is the face of another.

- Proverb

Patience, money and time bring all things to past.

- Proverb

Patience when teased is often transformed into rage.

- Proverb

When we can't find peace in ourselves it is vain to look for it elsewhere.

- Proverb

When a heart is on fire, sparks always fly out of the mouth.

- Proverb

If you can't get people to listen to you any other way, tell them it's confidential.

- Proverb

Many talk like philosophers yet live like fools.

- Proverb

No one can pray well, but those who live well.

- Proverb

Short prayers reach heaven.

- Proverb

Pride and poverty don't get along, but often live together.

- Proverb

We hate delays by others, but sometimes it makes us wise.

- Proverb

One of these days, is none of these days.

- Proverb

Every convenience brings its own inconveniences along with it.

- Proverb

Respect starts with yourself.

- Proverb

Simplicity is the seal of truth.

- Proverb

The soul is not where it lives, but where it loves.

- Proverb

A little body often harbors a great soul.

- Proverb

Talking without thinking is like shooting without taking aim.

- Proverb

The wolf changes his coat, but not his disposition.

- Proverb

The first mistake are theirs who commit them, the second are theirs that permit them.

- Proverb

When two friends have a common bank account, one sings and the other weeps.

- Proverb

There is nothing certain, but the uncertain.

- Proverb

The charitable give out the door and God puts it back through the window.

- Proverb

In teaching others we teach ourselves.

- Proverb

Lost time is never found again.

- Proverb

Time tries truth.

- Proverb

Truth fears nothing but concealment.

- Proverb

By others faults the wise correct their own.

- Proverb

Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down.

- Proverb

Try and trust will move mountains.

- Proverb

Children and drunks always speak the truth.

- Proverb

A rich child often sits in a poor mothers lap.

- Proverb

He who does not have common sense at age thirty will never have it.

- Proverb

Confess you were wrong yesterday; it will show you are wise today.

- Proverb

Some have been thought brave because they didn't have the courage to run away.

- Proverb

Love is like war, easy to begin, hard to end

- Proverb

A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials.

- Proverb, Chinese

If your strength is small, don't carry heavy burdens. If your words are worthless, don't give advice.

- Proverb, Chinese

A wise man makes his own decisions, an ignorant man follows the public opinion.

- Proverb, Chinese

If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.

- Proverb, Chinese

Great doubts deep wisdom. Small doubts little wisdom.

- Proverb, Chinese

The fire you kindle for your enemy often burns yourself more than him.

- Proverb, Chinese

If a man fools me once, shame on him. If he fools me twice, shame on me.

- Proverb, Chinese

A man should choose a friend who is better than himself. There are plenty of acquaintances in the world; but very few real friends.

- Proverb, Chinese

When men speak of the future, the Gods laugh.

- Proverb, Chinese

Your friend has a friend; don't tell him.

- Proverb, Chinese

If you want happiness for an hour -- take a nap. If you want happiness for a day -- go fishing. If you want happiness for a month -- get married. If you want happiness for a year -- inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime -- help someone else.

- Proverb, Chinese

Insanity is doing the same thing in the same way and expecting a different outcome.

- Proverb, Chinese

When you cease to strive to understand, then you will know without understanding.

- Proverb, Chinese

To understand your parents' love you must raise children yourself.

- Proverb, Chinese

One step at a time is good walking.

- Proverb, Chinese

Be not afraid of going slowly, be afraid only of standing still.

- Proverb, Chinese

If you want 1 year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want 10 years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people.

- Proverb, Chinese

Respect for ones parents is the highest duty of civil life.

- Proverb, Chinese

Never do anything standing that you can do sitting, or anything sitting that you can do lying down.

- Proverb, Chinese

An inch of time cannot be bought with an inch of gold.

- Proverb, Chinese

The greatest conqueror is he who overcomes the enemy without a blow.

- Proverb, Chinese

With virtue you can't be entirely poor; without virtue you can't really be rich.

- Proverb, Chinese

Great souls have wills; feeble ones have only wishes.

- Proverb, Chinese

The journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

- Proverb, Chinese

To talk goodness is not good... only to do it is.

- Proverb, Chinese

Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life lies in eliminating the non-essentials." ~

- Proverb, Chinese

Poverty is a wonderful thing. It sticks to a man after all his friends have forsaken him.

- Proverb, Hebrew

An advantage of poverty, your relatives gain nothing by your death.

- Proverb, Hebrew

A rich man has no need of character.

- Proverb, Hebrew

When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you.

- Proverb, African

Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped.

- Proverb, African

A wise man never knows all, only fools know everything

- Proverb, African

Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

- Aristotle

Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.

- Aristotle

Without friends, no one would want to live, even if he had all other goods.

- Aristotle

Happiness depends upon ourselves.

- Aristotle

The aim of the wise is not to secure pleasure, but to avoid pain.

- Aristotle

I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies; for the hardest victory is over self.

- Aristotle

All human actions have one or more of these seven causes: chance, nature, compulsions, habit, reason, passion, desire.

- Aristotle

The ideal man bears the accidents of life with dignity and grace, making the best of circumstances.

- Aristotle

The beauty of the soul shines out when a man bears with composure one heavy mischance after another, not because he does not feel them, but because he is a man of high and heroic temper.

- Aristotle

The wise man does not expose himself needlessly to danger, since there are few things for which he cares sufficiently; but he is willing, in great crises, to give even his life -- knowing that under certain conditions it is not worthwhile to live.

- Aristotle

Only one thing has to change for us to know happiness in our lives: where we focus our attention.

- Anderson, Greg

No one is in control of your happiness but you; therefore, you have the power to change anything about yourself or your life that you want to change.

- Angelis, Barbara De

Remember that very little is needed to make a happy life.

- Aurelius, Marcus

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one does.

- Barrie, Sir James M.

Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response.

- Barthel, Mildred

We find greatest joy, not in getting, but in expressing what we are. Men do not really live for honors or for pay; their gladness is not the taking and holding, but in doing, the striving, the building, the living. It is a higher joy to teach than to be taught. It is good to get justice, but better to do it; fun to have things but more to make them. The happy man is he who lives the life of love, not for the honors it may bring, but for the life itself.

- Baughan, R.J.

Happiness is like a cat, If you try to coax it or call it, it will avoid you; it will never come. But if you pay not attention to it and go about your business, you'll find it rubbing against your

legs and jumping into your lap.

- Bennett, William John

When one is happy there is no time to be fatigued; being happy engrosses the whole attention.

- Benson, Edward Frederic

A good way I know to find happiness, is to not bore a hole to fit the plug.

- Billings, Josh

If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it as the old woman did her lost spectacles. Safe on her own nose all the time.

- Billings, Josh

The world's literature and folklore are full of stories that point out how futile it can be to seek happiness. Rather, happiness is a blessing that comes to you as you go along; a treasure that you incidentally find.

- Binstock, Louis

It is the paradox of life that the way to miss pleasure is to seek it first. The very first condition of lasting happiness is that a life should be full of purpose, aiming at something outside self.

- Black, Hugo

We all want to be happy, and we're all going to die. You might say those are the only two unchallengeably true facts that apply to every human being on this planet.

- Boyd, William

To be happy we must not be too concerned with others.

- Camus, Albert

Remember, happiness doesn't depend upon who you are or what you have, it depends solely upon what you think.

- Carnegie, Dale

Did you ever see an unhappy horse? Did you ever see bird that had the blues? One reason why birds and horses are not unhappy is because they are not trying to impress other birds and horses.

- Carnegie, Dale

Many people think that if they were only in some other place, or had some other job, they would be happy. Well, that is doubtful. So get as much happiness out of what you are doing as you can and don't put off being happy until some future date.

- Carnegie, Dale

They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world. Someone to

love, something to do, and something to hope for.

- Chalmers, Allan K.

The creed of a true saint is to make the best of life, and to make the most of it.

- Chapin, Edwin Hubbel

Happiness is a mystery, like religion, and should never be rationalized.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Happiness is a continuation of happenings which are not resisted.

- Chopra, Deepak

Happiness is the absence of the striving for happiness.

- Chuang Tzu

Happiness is a hard thing because it is achieved only by making others happy.

- Cloete, Stuart

There is this difference between happiness and wisdom, that he that thinks himself the happiest man, really is so; but he who thinks himself the wisest, is generally the greatest fool.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions.

- Dalai Lama

The greatest happiness is to know the source of unhappiness.

- Dostoevsky, Fyodor

A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes.

- Downs, Hugh

There is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.

- Dyer, Wayne

I look on that man as happy, who, when there is question of success, looks into his work for a reply.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will.

- Epictetus

It is the chiefest point of happiness that a man is willing to be what he is.

- Erasmus, Desiderius

Enjoy your happiness while you have it, and while, you have it do not too closely scrutinize its foundation.

- Farrall, Joseph

Some of us might find happiness if we quit struggling so desperately for it.

- Feather, William

If we cannot live so as to be happy, let us so live as to deserve happiness.

- Fichte, Johann G.

A great obstacle to happiness is to expect too much happiness.

- Fontenelle, Bernard Le Bovier

When what we are is what we want to be, that's happiness.

- Forbes, Malcolm S.

Happy were men if they but understood There is no safety but in doing good

- Fountain., John

What makes people happy is activity; changing evil itself into good by power, working in a God like manner.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Happiness in this world, when it comes, comes incidentally. Make it the object of pursuit, and it leads us a wild-goose chase, and is never attained.

- Hawthorne, Nathaniel

Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life.

- Hills, Burton

The search for happiness is one of the chief sources of unhappiness.

- Hoffer, Eric

When we recall the past, we usually find that it is the simplest things -- not the great occasions -- that in retrospect give off the greatest glow of happiness.

- Hope, Bob

Happiness in the present is only shattered by comparison with the past.

- Horton, Doug

You have succeeded in life when all you really want is only what you really need.

- Howard, Vernon

I am more and more convinced that our happiness or our unhappiness depends far more on the way we meet the events of life than on the nature of those events themselves.

- Humboldt, Karl Wilhelm Von

Happiness is not a reward -- it is a consequence. Suffering is not a punishment -- it is a result.

- Ingersoll, Robert Green

Those who seek happiness miss it, and those who discuss it, lack it.

- Jackson, Holbrook

Happiness comes of the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, to risk life, to be needed. which give happiness. Thomas Jefferson We never enjoy perfect happiness; our most fortunate successes are mingled with sadness; some anxieties always perplex the reality of our satisfaction.

- James, William

The really happy person is the one who can enjoy the scenery, even when they have to take a detour.

- Jeans, Sir James

Who we are never changes. Who we think we are does.

- Almanac, Mary S.

That's the risk you take if you change: that people you've been involved with won't like the

new you. But other people who do will come along.

- Alther, Lisa

Everybody wants to do something to help, but nobody wants to be the first.

- Bailey, Pearl

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

- Baldwin, James

Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others.

- Braude, Jacob M.

You cannot expect to achieve new goals or move beyond your present circumstances unless you change.

- Brown, Les

Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.

- Burnett, Carol

There is hope for all of us. Well, anyway, if you don't die you live through it, day in, day out.

- Becker, May L.

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

forgiveness is me giving up the right to hurt you for hurting me.

- Unknown, Source

Hurt's a reason to change, but all the hurt in the world don't change facts.

- King, Stephen

It's not what your are, it's what you don't become that hurts.

- Levant, Oscar

If you are never scared, embarrassed, or hurt, it means you never take chances.

- Soul, Julia

Forgiveness keeps you whole; it allows you to love even when you are hurt.

- Kessler, Daniella

Anger, if not restrained, is frequently more hurtful to us than the injury that provokes it.

- Seneca

Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.

- Dalai Lama

This is a tough game. There are times when you've got to play hurt, when you've got to block out the pain.

- O'Neal, Shaquille

Dance like no one is watching, Love like you'll never be hurt, Sing like no one is listening, Live like it's heaven on earth.

- Purkey, William

Maybe all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets.

- Miller, Arthur

Happiness is essentially a state of going somewhere wholeheartedly, one-directionally, without regret or reservation.

- Sheldon, W. H.

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

- Moustakas, Clark

When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we don't see the one that has opened for us.

- Keller, Helen

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