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How like a winter hath my absence been. From thee, the pleasure of the fleeting year! What freezings have I felt, what dark days seen, What old December's bareness everywhere!

- Shakespeare, William

It is much easier to suppress a first desire than to satisfy those that follow.

- Franklin, Benjamin

If you desire many things, many things will seem few.

- Franklin, Benjamin

All human situations have their inconveniences. We feel those of the present but neither see nor feel those of the future; and hence we often make troublesome changes without amendment, and frequently for the worse.

- Franklin, Benjamin

God heals and the doctor takes the fee.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Love your enemies, for they tell you your faults.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Energy and persistence alter all things.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed.

- Franklin, Benjamin

The way to see by Faith is to shut the Eye of Reason.

- Franklin, Benjamin

There seem to be but three ways for a nation to acquire wealth. The first is by war, as the Romans did, in plundering their conquered neighbors. This is robbery. The second by commerce, which is generally cheating. The third by agriculture, the only honest way, wherein man receives a real increase of the seed thrown into the ground, in a kind of continual miracle, wrought by the hand of God in his favor, as a reward for his innocent life and his virtuous industry.

- Franklin, Benjamin

By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity. Another man's, I mean.

- Twain, Mark

Why is it that we rejoice at birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the

person involved.

- Twain, Mark

Whoever has lived long enough to find out what life is, knows how deep a debt of gratitude we owe to Adam, the first great benefactor of our race. He brought death into the world.

- Twain, Mark

We never become really and genuinely our entire and honest selves until we are dead -- and not then until we have been dead years and years. People ought to start dead and then they would be honest so much earlier.

- Twain, Mark

When a person cannot deceive himself the chances are against his being able to deceive other people.

- Twain, Mark

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

- Twain, Mark

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.

- Twain, Mark

I can teach anybody how to get what they want out of life. The problem is that I can't find anybody who can tell me what they want.

- Twain, Mark

Be careless in your dress if you must, but keep a tidy soul.

- Twain, Mark

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

- Twain, Mark

We are all alike, on the inside.

- Twain, Mark

Man will do many things to get himself loved; he will do all things to get himself envied.

- Twain, Mark

There is nothing so annoying as a good example!!

- Twain, Mark

I have never taken any exercise except sleeping and resting.

- Twain, Mark

Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.

- Hughes, Langston

A vast and private consciousness is on the other side of ones' face....

- Blum, Donald

I'm tired of hearing sin called sickness and alcoholism a disease. It is the only disease I know of that we're spending hundreds of millions of dollars a year to spread.

- Havner, Vance

We gain freedom when we have paid the full price...

- Tagore, Rabindranath

Emancipation from the bondage of the soil is no freedom for the tree.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

Your idol is shattered in the dust to prove that God's dust is greater than your idol.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

When I stand before thee at the day's end, thou shalt see my scars and know that I had my wounds and also my healing.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water. Don't let yourself indulge in vain wishes.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Discern of the coming on of years, and think not to do the same things still; for age will not be defied.

- Bacon, Francis

The desire of excessive power caused the angels to fall; the desire of knowledge caused men to fall.

- Bacon, Francis

Faith keeps many doubts in her pay. If I could not doubt, I should not believe.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Our truest life is when we are in our dreams awake.

- Thoreau, Henry David

How could youths better learn to live than by at once trying the experiment of living?

- Thoreau, Henry David

The heart is forever inexperienced.

- Thoreau, Henry David

The smallest seed of faith is better than the largest fruit of happiness.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Parting is such sweet sorrow.

- Shakespeare, William

Youth is full of sport, age's breath is short; youth is nimble, age is lame; Youth is hot and bold, age is weak and cold; Youth is wild, and age is tame.

- Shakespeare, William

I wasted time, and now time doth waste me.

- Shakespeare, William

All that live must die, passing through nature to eternity.

- Shakespeare, William

Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie, which we ascribe to heaven.

- Shakespeare, William

Men must endure, their going hence even as their coming hither. Ripeness is all.

- Shakespeare, William

Words pay no debts.

- Shakespeare, William

He that dies pays all his debts.

- Shakespeare, William

Such as we are made of, such we be.

- Shakespeare, William

The devil can site scripture for his own purpose! An evil soul producing holy witness is like a villain with a smiling cheek. [Merchant Of Venice]

- Shakespeare, William

The devil has the power to assume a pleasing shape.

- Shakespeare, William

Modest doubt is called the beacon of the wise.

- Shakespeare, William

An honest man's the noblest work of God.

- Pope, Alexander

A strong foe is better than a weak friend.

- Dahlberg, Edward

Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember it didn't work for the rabbit.

- Shay, R. E.

It is in the treatment of trifles that a person shows what they are.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

By the time we've made it, we've had it.

- Forbes, Malcolm S.

Speech of yourself ought to be seldom and well chosen.

- Bacon, Francis

There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and faithfully and cheerfully as we can.

- Dyke, Henry Van

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

- Wesley, John

Fate chooses our relatives, we choose our friends.

- Delille, Jacques

My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

Being part of an agenda beyond ourselves liberates us to complement each other rather than compete with each other.

- Stowell, Joseph

Faced with crisis, the man of character falls back on himself. He imposes his own stamp of action, takes responsibility for it, makes it his own.

- Gaulle, Charles De

Want is a growing giant whom the coat of Have was never large enough to cover.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

There's a force in the universe that makes things happen. And all you have to do is get in touch with it, stop thinking, let things happen

- Webb, Ty

The more connections you and your lover make, not just between your bodies, but between your minds, your hearts, and your souls, the more you will strengthen the fabric of your relationship, and the more real moments you will experience together.

- Angelis, Barbara De

There is a law that man should love his neighbor as himself. In a few hundred years it should be as natural to mankind as breathing or the upright gait; but if he does not learn it he must perish.

- Adler, Alfred

I was nauseous and tingly all over. I was either in love or I had smallpox.

- Allen, Woody

Love is a force more formidable than any other. It is invisible -- it cannot be seen or measured, yet it is powerful enough to transform you in a moment, and offer you more joy than any material possession could.

- Angelis, Barbara De

Love is, above all, the gift of oneself.

- Ardele, Jean Anouilh

A false enchantment can all too easily last a lifetime.

- Auden, W. H.

We are not commanded (or forbidden) to love our mates, our children, our friends, our country because such affections come naturally to us and are good in themselves, although we may corrupt them. We are commanded to love our neighbor because our natural attitude toward the other is one of either indifference or hostility.

- Auden, W. H.

What I needed most was to love and to be loved, eager to be caught. Happily I wrapped those painful bonds around me; and sure enough, I would be lashed with the red-hot pokers or jealousy, by suspicions and fear, by burst of anger and quarrels.

- Augustine, St.

Real love stories never have endings.

- Bach, Richard

For a crowd is not company; and faces are but a gallery of pictures; and talk but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love.

- Bacon, Francis

The sweetest joy, the wildest woe is love.

- Bailey, Pearl

Do you want to know a good way to fall in love? Just associate with all your pleasant experiences with someone, and disassociate from all the unpleasant ones.

- Bandler, Richard

An army of lions commanded by a deer will never be an army of lions.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Whenever you have an efficient government, you have a dictatorship.

- Truman, Harry S

Teach only love for that is what you are.

- A Course In Miracles

Everyone admits that love is wonderful and necessary, yet no one agrees on just what it is.

- Ackerman, Diane

Women wish to be loved not because they are pretty, or good, or well bred, or graceful, or intelligent, but because they are themselves.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

In real love you want the other person's good. In romantic love, you want the other person.

- Anderson, Margaret

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

- Augustine, St.

Not all of us have to possess earthshaking talent. Just common sense and love will do.

- Auvil, Myrtle

Naturally, love's the most distant possibility.

- Bataille, Georges

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Bible

Forcible ways make not an end of evil, but leave hatred and malice behind them.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

The best kind of friend is the one you could sit on a porch with, never saying a word, and walk away feeling like that was the best conversation you've had.

- Unknown, Source

Acts of kindness may soon be forgotten, but the memory of an offense remains.

- Proverb

He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster. And if you gaze for long into an abyss, the abyss gazes also into you.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

It is only imperfection that complains of what is imperfect. The more perfect we are the more gentle and quiet we become towards the defects of others.

- Addison, Joseph

I don't like these cold, precise, perfect people who, in order not to speak wrong, never speak at all, and in order not to do wrong, never do anything.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Perfection consists not in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.

- Arnauld, Angelique

The man who insists upon seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides. Accept life, and you must accept regret.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

If a man should happen to reach perfection in this world, he would have to die immediately to enjoy himself.

- Billings, Josh

Have no fear of perfection-you'll never reach it.

- Dali, Salvador

Perfection has one grave defect. It is apt to be dull.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

Perfection is what American women expect to find in their husbands... but English women only hope to find in their butlers.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

Accept life, take it as it is? Stupid. The means of doing otherwise? Far from our having to take it, it is life that possesses us and on occasion shuts our mouths.

- Camus, Albert

Unintelligible answers to insoluble problems.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

We are much beholden to Machiavel and others, that write what men do, and not what they ought to do.

- Bacon, Francis

The higher we rise, the more isolated we become; all elevations are cold.

- Boufflers

No matter how close to yours another's steps have grown, in the end there is one dance you'll do alone.

- Browne, Jackson

In solitude, where we are least alone.

- Byron, Lord

Solitude shows us what should be; society shows us what we are.

- Cecil, Robert

Solitary trees, if they grow at all, grow strong.

- Churchill, Winston

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