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When we see men of a contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves.

- Confucius

To love a thing means wanting it to live.

- Confucius

If you cannot inspire a woman with love of you, fill her above the brim with love of herself; all that runs over will be yours.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

Self-denial is the shining sore on the leprous body of Christianity.

- Wilde, Oscar

Complete abstinence is easier than perfect moderation.

- Augustine, St.

Abstainer. A weak man who yields to the temptation of denying himself a pleasure.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Subdue your appetites, my dears, and you've conquered human nature .

- Dickens, Charles

Always rise from the table with an appetite, and you will never sit down without one.

- Penn, William

The only way for a rich man to be healthy is by exercise and abstinence, to live as if he were poor.

- Temple, Sir William

Stop the habit of wishful thinking and start the habit of thoughtful wishes.

- Martin, Mary

The most loving parents and relatives commit murder with smiles on their faces. They force us to destroy the person we really are: a subtle kind of murder.

- Morrison, Jim

Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you.

- Brown Jr., H. Jackson

The most important thing that parents can teach their children is how to get along without them.

- Clark, Frank A.

A child, like your stomach, doesn't need all you can afford to give it.

- Clark, Frank A.

Parenthood is not an object of appetite or even desire. It is an object of will. There is no appetite for parenthood; there is only a purpose or intention of parenthood.

- Collingwood, Robin G.

Parents are not quite interested injustice, they are interested in quiet.

- Cosby, Bill

The first half of our life is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children.

- Darrow, Clarence

A mother is not a person to lean on but person to make leaning unnecessary.

- Fisher, Dorothy Canfield

Let your children go if you want to keep them.

- Forbes, Malcolm S.

Stop trying to perfect your child, but keep trying to perfect your relationship with him.

- Henker, Dr.

Where parents do too much for their children, the children will not do much for themselves.

- Hubbard, Elbert

Men are anxious to improve their circumstances, but are unwilling to improve themselves; they therefore remain bound.

- Allen, James

When the archer misses the mark, he turns and looks for the fault within himself. Failure to hit the bull's eye is never the fault of the target. To improve your aim -- improve yourself.

- Arland, Gilbert

There is no use whatever trying to help people who do not help themselves. You cannot push anyone up a ladder unless he be willing to climb himself.

- Carnegie, Andrew

The good man is the man who, no matter how morally unworthy he has been, is moving to become better.

- Dewey, John

People never improve unless they look to some standard or example higher or better than

themselves.

- Edwards, Tryon

Inside yourself or outside, you never have to change what you see, only the way you see it.

- Golas, Thaddeus

He was always smoothing and polishing himself, and in the end he became blunt before he was sharp.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

By these things examine thyself. By whose rules am I acting; in whose name; in whose strength; in whose glory? What faith, humility, self-denial, and love of God and to man have there been in all my actions?

- Mason, Jackie

Whoever will cultivate their own mind will find full employment. Every virtue does not only require great care in the planting, but as much daily solicitude in cherishing as exotic fruits and flowers; the vices and passions (which I am afraid are the natural product of the soil) demand perpetual weeding. Add to this the search after knowledge... and the longest life is too short.

- Montagu, Lady Mary Wortley

All of us, who are worth anything, spend our manhood in unlearning the follies, or

expiating the mistakes of our youth.

- Shelley, Percy Bysshe

The best rules to form a young man, are, to talk little, to hear much, to reflect alone upon what has passed in company, to distrust one's own opinions, and value others that deserve it.

- Temple, Sir William

Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you.

- Proverb, Spanish

My ass contemplates those who talk behind my back.

- Picabia, Francis

If an addict who has been completely cured starts smoking again he no longer experiences the discomfort of his first addiction. There exists, therefore, outside alkaloids and habit, a sense for opium, an intangible habit which lives on, despite the recasting of the organism. The dead drug leaves a ghost behind. At certain hours it haunts the house.

- Cocteau, Jean

My case is a species of madness, only that it is a derangement of the Volition, and not of the intellectual faculties.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

In this country, don't forget, a habit is no damn private hell. There's no solitary confinement outside of jail. A habit is hell for those you love. And in this country it's the worst kind of hell for those who love you.

- Holiday, Billie

The world is in balance <...>. To light a candle is to cast a shadow.

- LeGuin, Ursula K.

Yes, there are times when something is legitimately not our fault. Blaming others, however, keeps us in a stuck state and is ultimately rough on our own self-esteem.

- Allenbaugh, Eric

When you blame others, you give up your power to change.

- Anthony, Dr. Robert

No one to blame! That was why most people led lives they hated, with people they hated. How wonderful to have someone to blame! How wonderful to live with one's nemesis! You may be miserable, but you feel forever in the right. You may be fragmented, but you feel absolved of all the blame for it. Take your life in your own hands, and what happens? A terrible thing: no one to blame.

- Jong, Erica

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