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Quotes

A poem by Andrew Gillies

Last night my little boy
confessed to me
Some childish wrong
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears -
“Dear God, make me a man
like Daddy -
Wise and strong; I know you
can!”

Then while he slept I knelt
beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with
low-bowed head -
“O God, make me a
child like my child
here -
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with
faith sincere.”



“Truth is the 'light' by which to
find your way out of darkness.
Turn it on.”

~~ Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

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If there is righteousness in the
heart there will be beauty in
character.

If there is beauty in the character
there will be harmony in the
family home.

If there is harmony in the home
there will be order in the
nation.

If there is order in the nation
there will be peace in the
world.

~~ ancient Oriental maxim

Since you get more joy out of
giving to others, you should
put a good deal of thought into
the happiness that you are
able to give.

~~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Living Waters

Psa 48:14: For this God is our God for ever and ever: he
will be our guide even unto death.

Isa:43:2c: When thou walkest through the fire, thou
shalt not be burned.

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The Vine

“I am the Vine, you are the branches:
He that abides in me, and I in him,
the same brings forth much fruit: for
without me you can do nothing.”
John 15:5

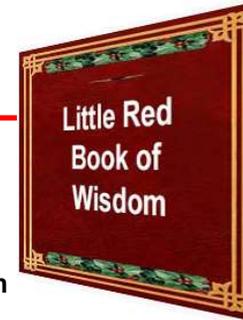
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By Mark DeMoss

Part One: Wisdom for Your Professional Life

1. A Matter of Death and Life

What is it about human
nature that we so blithely
presume we will have seventy
or eighty years of health and
life? The Creator guarantees
not another breath.

I'm never so lost in
living that I don't hear the clock
tick or have an eye on the
calendar – not in a paranoid

sense, but with a sense
of purpose.

We are all wise to invest
life's most precious
commodity for the
greatest return. When I

die, whenever that moment
comes, I hope my passing will
echo the psalmist's saying,
“Teach me to number my days,
that I may present to You a heart
of wisdom.”

2. Stay Under the Umbrella

Or in other words, know
your calling and purpose. Don't
let anything sidetrack you.

I call it focus – that
internal compass that keeps a
person on track with his gifts, his
purpose, his goals. If you own a
business, stick to what you know
and do it better than anyone
else.

Start by examining your
passions, by asking what makes
your heart leap. Write a brief
mission statement, then begin a
day at a time, a decision at a

Upcoming Events

- Bible Studies, Letters
and other Events...see
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Little Red Book of Wisdom (cont.)

time, to forgo the good for the great.

Set your focus and stay with it. Focus is the discipline to say no to anything off-mission – and that is true freedom. Find your umbrella and stay under it.

3. Tackle Something So Difficult You'll Never Want to Do It Again

"You must do the thing you think you cannot do."
Eleanor Roosevelt

"Do what you fear most and you control fear." Jim Lorentzen

By forcing yourself out of your comfort zone, you learn invaluable life lessons you wouldn't learn elsewhere.

Provisions of God

Ps 34:17-19 *The righteous cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.* **18** The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and **saves such as be of a contrite spirit.** **19** Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but **the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

Rom 5:3 And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that **tribulation works patience;** **4** And **patience, experience; and experience, hope:** **5** And **hope makes not ashamed;** because *the* love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit **which is given unto us.**

1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; **but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

Gal 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,** **23** **Meekness, temperance:** against such there is no law. **24** And **they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.** **25** **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**



Anyway

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.
LOVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you are good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.
DO GOOD ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.
SUCCEED ANYWAY

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
DO GOOD ANYWAY

The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds.
THINK BIG ANYWAY.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.
FIGHT FOR SOME UNDER-DOGS ANYWAY.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
BUILD ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.

Women's Ministry

Scarves To Our Troops by Edit Ancona

Our Women's Ministry has been involved with knitting scarves for our men and women in uniform for the past 10 years. This project is a part of Operation Gratitude (OG), a non-profit organization spearheaded in 2003 by a woman from Encino, CA who started it all from her home garage. To date, OG has sent more than two million care packages. The goal is to put a scarf in each box.

Those who serve our country are extremely moved and touched when they get their package. It is a reminder that



they are thought of and cared about.

Our knitters include Jane Hickock, Margie Gordon, Eda Pinkston, Janet Shay, Susan Thompson and a new knitter-Lil Dratler. Not only that these ladies spend time knitting, but they also buy all the yarns on their own. Many heartfelt thanks to all of you for your labor of love and support of our troops. Between them they usually make over 100 scarves.

We are looking forward to another successful year of knitting. Bravo!!!

Reminders

Sometimes helping someone else is the best way to help ourselves. Looking at the world around us touches some inner chords that resonate in a very unique and personal way.

I think God made creation as it is to send us little "reminders" of His purpose, His ways, and His goodness and renewing hope. Although we may at times witness what appears to be tragedy, there is always a *message* behind the scenes if you look carefully enough. When you *seek* His kingdom on earth, your mental outlook is changed, and it is easier to perceive the story behind the story; the hope behind the tragedy; the light behind the darkness. *His Will shall be done* after all is said and finished. Remembering that, we can experience peace when in the midst of chaos, and look forward to the time He promises us will come.

~~~ Sharon Mills