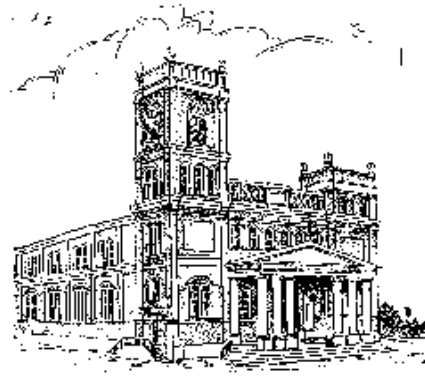


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Great Purposes Orison Sweet Marden

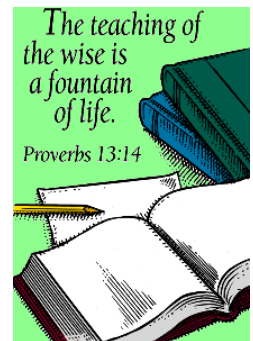
"No man can hope to accomplish anything great in this world until he throws his whole soul, flings the force of his whole life, into it.

It is not enough simply to have a general desire to accomplish something. There is but one way to do that; and that is, to try to be somebody with all the concentrated energy we can muster.

Any kind of human being can wish for a thing, can desire it; but only strong vigorous minds with great purposes can do things."

On Success Coach John Wooden,

"Success is peace of mind
which is a direct result of
Self-satisfaction in knowing you
did your best to become the
Best you are capable of becoming."



What You Learn Prof. Jacob Neusner

"Much that you learn today won't be true five years from now; many things you haven't heard today will be important five or ten years ahead. If I teach you something supposedly 'relevant,' I'm guaranteeing irrelevance.

If I teach you how to work, to have good attitudes, to take responsibility for your own ideas, to communicate and to think a problem through, no matter what subject matter I use in order to get those basic skills of mind and intellect across, then I'm giving you something you can use for a very long time. Those skills will never change."

Look for the Gold Source Unknown

At one time Andrew Carnegie was the wealthiest man in America. He came to America from his native Scotland when he was a small boy, did a variety of odd jobs, and eventually ended up as the largest steel manufacturer in the United States (U.S. Steel). At one time he had forty-three millionaires working for him. In those days a millionaire was a rare person; conservatively speaking, a million dollars in those days would be equivalent to at least twenty million dollars today.

One reporter asked Carnegie how he come to hire forty-three millionaires. Carnegie responded, you got to remember that those men had not been millionaires when they started working for him but had become millionaires only as a result.

The reporter's next question was, "Well, how did you develop these men to become so valuable to you that you paid them that much money?" Carnegie replied that people are developed the same way gold is mined. When gold is mined, several tons of dirt and stone must be moved first to get an ounce of gold; but one doesn't go into the mine looking for dirt—one goes in looking for gold.

That's exactly the way managers need to view people. Don't look for the flaws, warts, and blemishes. Look for the gold, not the dirt; the good, not the bad. Look for the positive aspects of life. Like everything else, the more good qualities we look for in our people, the more good qualities we are going to find.

To Live and Serve Lucia Godwin, LIVING FAITH, Feb. 26, 1992

"I have this day to serve the lord and God's children. In this day I will encounter persons and situations that are not chosen by me. I may not prefer all the day's experiences, but it is in this day, and this day only, that I can live and serve.

Yesterday is no more. For good or ill, its actions and thoughts have come and gone. Tomorrow is not yet here. Today, I will guard against dwelling on the yesterdays and tomorrows of my life. Someone may say, 'Don't you believe in planning and preparation?' And I will answer, 'Yes. I believe in God's plan. I prepare for God's life.'

Although I may walk the same old paths of yesterday, I look to them with a newness of heart. I seek the way Jesus chooses for me to serve him and my brothers and sisters. And if the morrow comes, I begin afresh, looking to God's adventure for the day."

Parents Robert MacNeil, *Wordstruck*

"Parents can plant magic in a child's mind through certain words spoken with some thrilling quality of voice, some uplift of the heart and spirit."