Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.

– John Locke

Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house.

– Henry Ward Beecher

The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never scoring.

– Bill Copeland

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

In order to maintain a well-balanced perspective, the person who has a dog to worship him should also have a cat to ignore him.

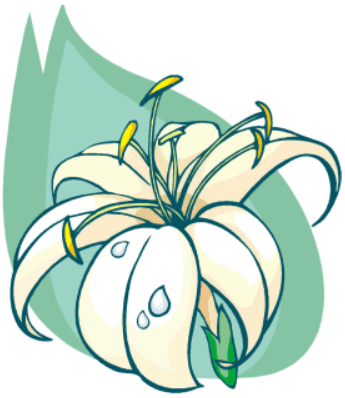
– Peterborough Examiner

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.

– Doug Larson

If it's painful for you to criticize your friends, you're safe in doing it; if you take the slightest pleasure in it, that's the time to hold your tongue.

– Alice Duer Miller



The golden rule of friendship is to listen to others as you would have them listen to you.

– David Augsburger

You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view.

– Harper Lee

A pat on the back, though only a few vertebrae removed from a kick in the pants, is miles ahead in results.

– Bennett Cerf

To be agreeable in society, you must consent to be taught many things which you already know.

– Talleyrand

Manners are like the zero in arithmetic; they may not be much in themselves, but they are capable of adding a great deal to the value of everything else.

– Freya Stark

Establishing goals is all right if you don't let them deprive you of interesting detours.

– Doug Larson

We can often endure an extra pound of pain far more easily than we can suffer the withdrawal of an ounce of accustomed pleasure.

– Sydney J. Harris

No person can be a great leader unless he takes genuine joy in the successes of those under him.

– W. A. Nance

It is never wise to seek or wish for another's misfortune. If malice or envy were tangible and had shape, it would be the shape of a boomerang.

– Charley Reese

One of the virtues of being young is that you don't let the facts get in the way of your imagination.

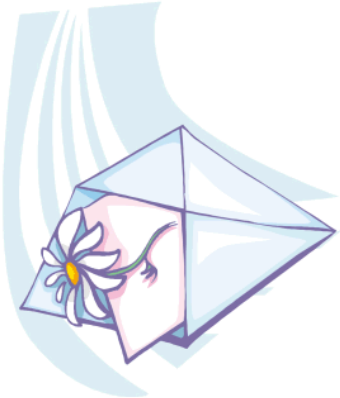
– Sam Levenson

Sow an act, and you reap a habit. Sow a habit, and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny.

– Charles Reade

People want to know how much you care before they care how much you know.

– James F. Hind



Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better.

– Sydney J. Harris

He who cannot forgive others destroys the bridge over which he himself must pass.

– George Herbert

The tragedy of modern man is not that he knows less and less about the meaning of his own life but that it bothers him less and less.

– Vaclav Havel

Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first.

– Frederick B. Wilcox

To go against the dominant thinking of your friends, of most of the people you see every day, is perhaps the most difficult act of heroism you can perform.

– Theodore H. White

Don't approach a goat from the front, a horse from the back, or a fool from any side.

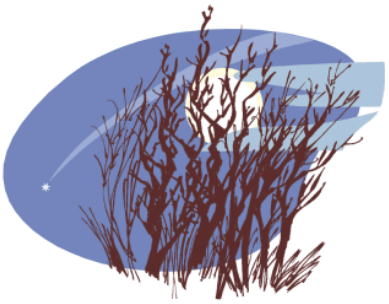
– Yiddish proverb

In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins – not through strength but by perseverance.

– H. Jackson Brown

Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

– The United Church Observer



Misfortunes one can endure – they come from outside; they are accidents. But to suffer for one's own faults – there is the sting of life.

– Oscar Wilde

Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones.

– Phillips Brooks

You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him.

– Leo Aikman

Things will probably come out all right, but sometimes it takes strong nerves just to watch.

– Hedley Donovan

Courage is not the towering oak that sees storms come and go; it is the fragile blossom that opens in the snow.

– Alice Mackenzie Swaim

Experience is a wonderful thing; it enables you to recognize a mistake every time you repeat it.

– The Associated Press

People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so has a hard-boiled egg.

– Good Reading

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

– William Arthur Ward

Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty – they merely move it from their faces into their hearts.

– Martin Buxbaum