

Quotations to Re - Consider

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Over the years, men and women have lived and died, leaving behind words of their accumulated wisdom and knowledge. But how many of these quotations are "profitable" for us today? Is it true that "What will be, will be?" or "Waste not, want not?" Is "Truth indeed stranger than fiction?" You decide.

Never **JUDGE** a book by its cover. TRUE! "...for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 SAMUEL 16:7).

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. TRUE! For "...NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation" (2 COR. 6:2).

Opposites attract. NOT TRUE! "Can two walk together, EXCEPT they be agreed" (AMOS 3:3)? "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness" (2 COR. 6:14)?

Out of sight, out of mind. TRUE! "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (JAMES 1:23-25).

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. TRUE! The fact is, we **ALL** live in "glass houses," "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (ROMANS 3:23). That's why Jesus said "...He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her" (JOHN 8:7).

Seeing is believing. TRUE, but God expects more! Jesus said to Thomas, one of his disciples, "...because thou hast **SEEN ME**, thou hast believed: blessed are they that **HAVE NOT SEEN**, and yet have **BELIEVED**" (JOHN 20:29). I'm one of them, are you?

You can't **TELL** a book by its cover. But those who are led by the Spirit can: "For EVERY tree is KNOWN by his own fruit" (LUKE 6:44). "Wherefore by their fruits

ye shall KNOW them" (MATTHEW 7:20), and we avoid them.

A person is known by the company he keeps. TRUE! Believers are to "...have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (EPHES. 5:11). WHY? Because "...evil communications CORRUPT good manners" (1 COR. 15:33).

Actions speak louder than words. TRUE! Because "...as the body without the spirit is dead, so FAITH without works is dead also" (JAMES 2:26).

Ask and you shall receive. TRUE, and yet, NOT TRUE! Jesus said, "...ASK, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (JOHN 16:24), and yet the Word of God **also** says, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (JAMES 4:3). He that is "...taught of God" (JOHN 6:45) knows the difference.

He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword. Sounds familiar? Jesus said to Peter as he drew his sword in defense of his Lord, "...Put up again thy sword into his place: for ALL THEY that take the sword shall PERISH with the sword" (MATTHEW 26:52). However, "The just shall live by FAITH" (HABAKKUK 2:4; ROMANS 1:17; GALATIANS 3:11; & HEBREWS 10:38).

The leopard cannot change its spots. This was taken from Jeremiah 13:23, "Can the Ethiopian CHANGE his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." If it were possible to make this sort of **CHANGE**, then it would be possible for a sinner who is accustomed to doing evil, to **CHANGE** himself and do good. But, "that which is crooked CANNOT be made straight" (ECCLES. 1:15) unless God does it.

Money is the root of all evil. NOT TRUE! But the love of money is: "For the LOVE of money is the ROOT of ALL evil: which while some coveted after, they have ERRED FROM THE FAITH, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 TIM. 6:10).

One rotten apple spoils the whole barrel. TRUE! Also, one **GOOD** apple **CAN NEVER** change a whole barrel of rotten apples, but will, itself, become rotten. The whole world is in a state of decay. "...we are ALL as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as FILTHY RAGS" (ISAIAH 64:6).

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“EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO TO HEAVEN, BUT NOBODY WANTS TO DIE.”

The worst thing about the road that leads to Hell, is when you **THINK** you're on the road to Heaven. TRUE! Jesus warns that in the last days, "...**many false prophets shall rise, and shall DECEIVE many**" (MATTHEW 24:11). Therefore, "**enter ye in at the STRAIT GATE: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat: BECAUSE strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it**" (MATTHEW 7:13-14).

It does not **PAY** a prophet to be too specific. TRUE! For **IF** the average prophet preached **repentance, salvation by Grace, the resurrection, the blood atonement, or the wages of sin is death**, they may lose their **OWN** wages from their congregations. But Paul said "**For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God...For I know this, that after my departing shall GRIEVOUS WOLVES enter in among you, not sparing the flock**" (ACTS 20:27-30).

He that best understands the world, least likes it. TRUE! "**For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow**" (ECCLES. 1:18).

Glass, China, and Reputation, are easily cracked, and never well mended. TRUE! "**Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor**" (ECCLES. 10:1).

Man's tongue is soft, and bone does lack; yet a stroke therewith may break one's back. TRUE! "**Death and life are in THE POWER of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof**" (PROVERBS 18:21).

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. TRUE! God is light: "...**God is light, and in him is no darkness at all**" (1 JOHN 1:5), and God is love: "...**God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him**" (1 JOHN 4:16), and as obedient children, we are to "**be not overcome of evil, but OVERCOME EVIL with good**" (ROMANS 12:21).

Failure to prepare is preparing to fail. TRUE! "...**seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and ALL these things shall be ADDED unto you**" (MATTHEW 6:33). "**Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth**" (MATTHEW 6:19), for "...**the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also...shall be burned up**" (2 PETER 3:10).

For those to whom much is given, much is required. (John F. Kennedy). This is very familiar too, for Jesus said, "...**unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required**" (LUKE 12:48). Since many have been exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and have rejected it, it would have "...**been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them**" (2 PETER 2:21).

'Tis a strange forest that has **no** rotten wood in it; and a strange individual that has **all** good in him. TRUE! "**For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not**" (ECCLES. 7:20).

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise. TRUE! "**LOVE NOT SLEEP, lest thou come to poverty; OPEN THINE EYES, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread**" (PROVERBS 20:13). "**As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth THE SLOTHFUL upon his bed**" (PROVERBS 26:14).

A good wife and health, is a man's best wealth. TRUE! "**Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is FAR above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil**" (PROVERBS 31:10-11).

There are three things extremely hard: steel, a diamond and to know one's self. TRUE! David prayed, "**Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; THAT I MAY KNOW how frail I am**" (PSALM 39:4).

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company. TRUE! "**Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away**" (PROVERBS 4:14-15).

So far as I can remember, there is not one word in the Gospels in praise of intelligence.—Bertrand Russell TRUE! "**For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are**" (1 COR. 1:26-28).

“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?...Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory”