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JANUARY 1

Reach higher, go farther, achieve more—because you can!



JANUARY 2

Warm up for the year ahead like an athlete would warm up for a competition. Start gently with small movements, stretching, and preparing mentally, and then increase the intensity as you go. You'll last longer and get farther that way than if you take off running at full speed.



JANUARY 3

Lots of people dream, but only those who make their dream their goal turn it into reality. Only they *live* their dreams.



JANUARY 4

Make *people* your priority rather than personal success, and then success will make *you* its priority.



JANUARY 5

Want every day to turn out well no matter what the circumstances? Here is the secret: Look for the good in every situation.



JANUARY 6

Walk a mile in another's shoes, as the saying goes, and you will be much more inclined to be understanding and supportive.



JANUARY 7

Faith lights the way through the darkest night, directs us through the fiercest storm, and sustains us when we falter or are weak.



JANUARY 8

If you can see people from the angle of “this person has something to offer that can help make me a better person,” you’ll not only learn something, but will also be more likely to build stronger and more meaningful relationships.



JANUARY 9

Success starts in the mind. If you want to be successful in any area, train your mind to look beyond obstacles, disappointments, setbacks, and even failures. A successful life starts with a successful attitude.



JANUARY 10

Lean on God's love, and it will uphold you; abide in God's love, and it will sustain you.



JANUARY 11

The secret to building sound relationships is not found in getting people to treat you a certain way, but in looking objectively at the way they tend to treat you and learning from your findings.



JANUARY 12

The true values in life are those that go beyond the things we can see and feel—they are spiritual gifts from God, such as happiness, friendship, and love.



JANUARY 13

Winning teams are made up of team players. Team players respect their coach and teammates, and they realize that all are needed. They keep morale high by expressing confidence in other team members and their team as a whole.



JANUARY 14

When you notice something good about someone, compliment them or praise the good job they've done. Even if you have said it many times before, say it again. Don't worry that others will get tired of receiving appreciation—nobody does.



JANUARY 15

Your expression is your billboard by the highway of life. It is your first means of unspoken communication, and your most powerful “advertisement.”



JANUARY 16

Marriage holds wonderful rewards for those who are willing to make the sacrifices needed to make it all it can be.



JANUARY 17

Give God some of your time and you will be doing the most important thing you can do today.

Give some of your time to help and serve others and you will be doing the next best thing.



JANUARY 18

It has been said that people are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges. Build a bridge by reaching out to and connecting with another. It's worth the effort and it brings warmth, friendship, and love into your life.



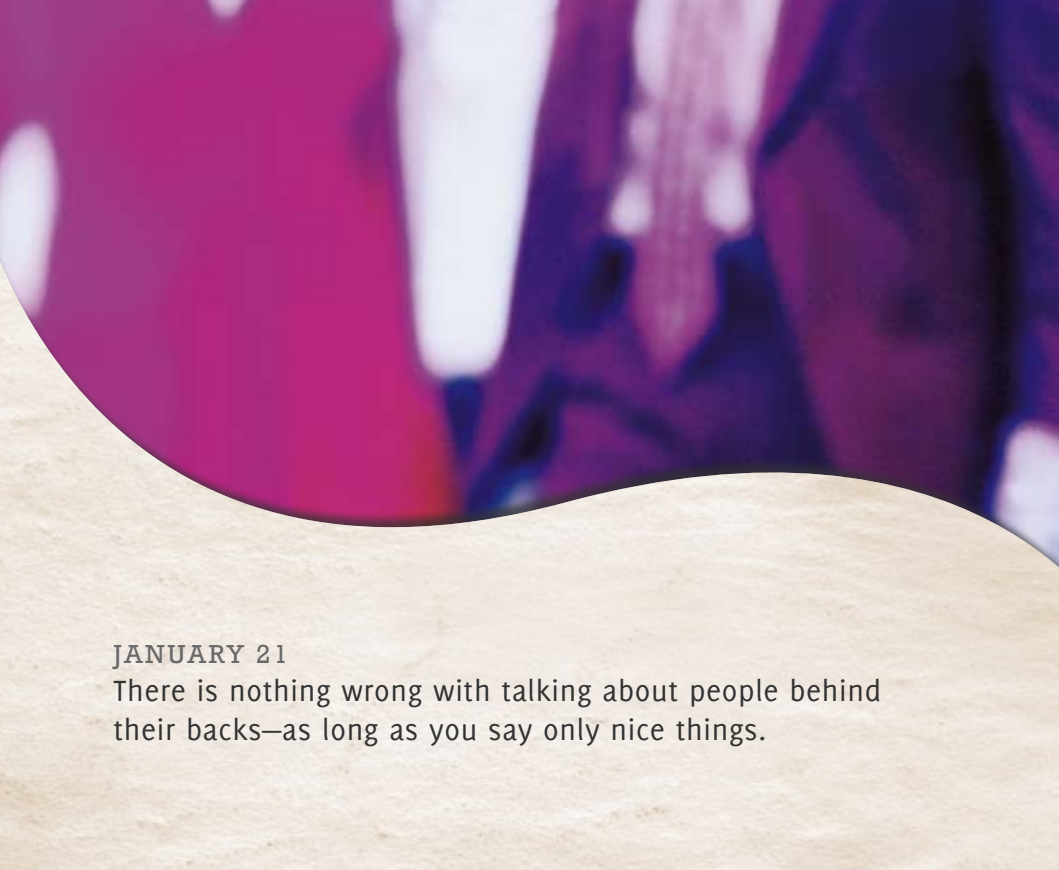
JANUARY 19

Imagine a perfect world. Now imagine the part you would like to play in the creation of that perfect world. Do something today to further that goal.



JANUARY 20

We cannot blame our failure to live our dreams on a lack of time. We must learn to make the time in our days to live those dreams.



JANUARY 21

There is nothing wrong with talking about people behind their backs—as long as you say only nice things.



JANUARY 22

All the love you give comes back to you. It may not happen right away, but in the end you'll find it's true.



JANUARY 23

Life is like a martial art: You can kick and swing all you want, but excellence is only achieved through patience, discipline, balance, and much practice.



JANUARY 24

The power to forgive is one of the greatest powers given to man. It is part of the nature and essence of God. Forgive and you rise above the pettiness of mortals.



JANUARY 25

Have you ever watched a flock of birds or a herd of horses, and noticed that when one gets jumpy or upset, that spirit quickly spreads to the others and the rest soon panic? A similar dynamic occurs in the home or workplace; people affect each other. How do you affect those around you?



JANUARY 26

When you set out to make a difference, find a partner or team to work with and you will multiply your chances of success.



JANUARY 27

There are many little things that you can do for anyone, anytime, for no other reason than because you care—things that may cost you little or nothing but could mean the world to those on the receiving end.



JANUARY 28

Treat all people with respect, and you will earn theirs.



JANUARY 29

There will always be deadlines, pressures, and work. So ask yourself, “What did I do today that will last?” Do you live your life doing what is urgent, or doing what is important?



JANUARY 30

Encourage your team members to think about and discuss how things could be done better. This will pay off in a happier, more unified team that makes more progress.



JANUARY 31

Treasure every moment of every day, because every moment is a gift.



FEBRUARY 1

Determine to make the best of bad situations, and you will make your world a happier place. You will also attract more friends, because people are attracted to positive people.



FEBRUARY 2

If you feel unsettled, take a moment to close your eyes and get quiet. Then direct your mind to some blessing or hopeful thought, and thank God for it. Your confusion and worries will be replaced with His peace.



FEBRUARY 3

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Many problems would be solved if people would live by that Golden Rule. When you live by it, consideration and kindness come back to you.



FEBRUARY 4

Change is a common catalyst behind progress.



FEBRUARY 5

There is tremendous power in love. It changes hearts, renews spirits, gives hope to the despairing, lifts the weary, restores health, and brings happiness where there was none.



FEBRUARY 6

Do you try to hide your mistakes? Or do you take the courageous path of owning up to them? Most people will respect you more if you admit them.



FEBRUARY 7

Try to get along with everyone, but especially those you have to work or live around but don't particularly like. For everyone's sake, building positive relationships is a must.



FEBRUARY 8

A leader's job is twofold: to see that the job gets done, and to care for those carrying out the work. A leader who does the latter well is far more likely to achieve the former.



FEBRUARY 9

Parenting has never been easy, but all loving parents have one great thing going for them from day one: their children love and look up to them more than anyone else in the world.



FEBRUARY 10

Difficulties shape character. How you deal with challenges today helps define who you will be tomorrow.



FEBRUARY 11

Experience and personal discovery are the best teachers.
Let others learn and experience for themselves.



FEBRUARY 12

Carry a warm and sunny atmosphere wherever you go. Let your happy disposition shine on others and cheer them up.



FEBRUARY 13

God's love is the greatest force imaginable. It can create life, forgive sins, and change lives. There is no need in this world that is beyond its reach.



FEBRUARY 14

Love is proof that magic is more than a myth.



FEBRUARY 15

All members of a team need to know that their contributions are noticed, that what they do makes a difference, and that they are a valued part of their team.



FEBRUARY 16

When people look up to you, you have a great opportunity to help unlock their potential. But you can't do that if you insist on calling all the shots. Being right or being successful doesn't need to come at the expense of others. Take a load off everyone: Lay down your ego.



FEBRUARY 17

The goal of correction should be to fix the problem, not the blame, and to help prevent the same mistake from being repeated.



FEBRUARY 18

The night sky is lovely from the perspective of an earthbound stargazer, but that sight doesn't begin to compare to the magnificent, thrilling, enchanting view from space. *Launch* your dreams and they will open worlds to you that you never knew existed.



FEBRUARY 19

If you are a high-powered person, realize that others can be negatively affected by your pace and push. For better results, try creating a calm atmosphere and achieving smooth and steady progress.



FEBRUARY 20

No believer is ever alone. Others around you may fail, but God never fails. He is always with you to whisper to your heart and to love, protect, guard, and guide you.



FEBRUARY 21

Sometimes the greatest progress comes as the result of being still. A good idea developed in a few minutes of quiet reflection can go further than hours or days of frantic work without a clear objective.



FEBRUARY 22

Those few minutes you have with your loved ones in the morning are a great time to give encouragement. Tell her how nice she looks. Tell him you're sure he's going to do great in school. Give a parting hug or kiss that conveys "I can't wait to be with you again!"



FEBRUARY 23

Before passing judgment, get all sides of the story. The better informed you are, the better chance you will have of judging correctly.



FEBRUARY 24

Many people become so discouraged by their mistakes and failures that they lower their sights or stop trying altogether. But when someone comes along and expresses faith in them and tells them they shouldn't be bound by yesterday's failures, it can inspire them to try again.



FEBRUARY 25

As you go about your day, ask yourself, “How can I show love to God and others?” Give that love, and watch your own problems shrink.



FEBRUARY 26

You might not be able to solve the world's problems, but when you help even one person, you become a part of the solution.



FEBRUARY 27

There is much emphasis these days on political correctness—on acting and speaking in such a way as to avoid offending others—but spiritual correctness goes a step further. Spiritual correctness does the caring, considerate, or sacrificial thing not because social convention requires it, but because love inspires it.



FEBRUARY 28

A truly wise man will value humility and the counsel of others.



FEBRUARY 29

Expect the unexpected and then expect some more; but wear a smile even through the problems and setbacks, and you will come out on top no matter what.



MARCH 1

Everyone has influence. Our attitude and level of happiness are reflected in the things we say and do, and those affect others. What kind of impact do you usually have?



MARCH 2

Marriage can be likened to a joint bank account. The more love each of you deposit, the greater your joint assets.



MARCH 3

The way to reach a goal is to do something—anything—that will get you a little closer. Small steps are better than standing still.



MARCH 4

If you understood and truly believed that you were not put in the world to claw your way to the top but to love God and love your neighbor, you wouldn't become envious or frustrated when others seem to have it better or get ahead quicker.



MARCH 5

Get rid of the mindset that all criticism is bad and to be avoided. It's *good* to know what needs to be changed. How else can you make progress?



MARCH 6

At the end of every day, pause and take stock. If anger or any other negative emotion is in your heart, let it go. Say a prayer asking God to take it away. He will.



MARCH 7

Every organization needs a boss at the top who makes or approves the final decisions, but a good boss is not a dictator; a good boss consults with others and respects their ideas and opinions. A good boss may not agree with all the input and may decide to go a different route, but at least the others involved have their opinions respectfully considered.



MARCH 8

Learning to show appreciation is a genuine, tried-and-proven, guaranteed-to-work home improvement.



MARCH 9

Failure is a step forward when you learn from it. Failure prepares the way for future success by causing you to look hard at your plans and methods, and forcing you to find the one that works.



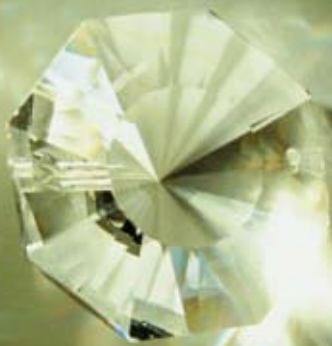
MARCH 10

Think of the things people have done that made your day,
and make a point of doing those same things for others.



MARCH 11

Even if you don't agree with what someone is saying or think you have a better idea, nevertheless hear him or her out before offering your suggestion.



MARCH 12

Look for the inner beauty in people, the touch of the divine.



MARCH 13

It's easy to spend the most time on things that matter least.
Make time for the most important things in life: people.



MARCH 14

You don't have to understand exactly how someone else feels in order to help them. Sometimes people try so hard to relate to others by saying "I understand" that it can come across as insincere.



MARCH 15

With zeal and passion must also come restraint—knowing when to speak and when to listen, when to push and when to yield, and when to have patience with situations or people that are imperfect.



MARCH 16

While your children are a gift from Heaven, they are also a work in progress. It's your job to help them grow into loving, responsible adults.



MARCH 17

One of the quickest and best ways to get people's cooperation is to involve them in the decision-making process.



MARCH 18

Each day is a gift from God. If some days it seems like you got an empty box, God may be giving you your choice as to how you will fill it.



MARCH 19

If you want to be a better friend, spouse, parent, leader, or conversationalist, try listening. It's guaranteed to take you up a few notches in the way people perceive you.



MARCH 20

It takes faith and optimism to be able to look past others' shortcomings and see what they can become. This is a gift, and it's one that a lot more people could have if they would ask God for it.



MARCH 21

You can never lose God's unconditional love; and because of His unfailing love, you will never be lost.



MARCH 22

Give of yourself wherever and whenever possible. Give a reassuring look and a warm smile. Provide a listening ear. Lend a helping hand. Do a kind deed. Pray a caring prayer. Speak an encouraging word.



MARCH 23

The climate of an effective team allows for the breezes of free expression without the storms of confrontation.



MARCH 24

Nothing is more powerful than love, and you demonstrate that power every time you reach out to help another.



MARCH 25

No one wins by strolling along. Winners win by pushing their limits until their limits become the norm. This is how champions are made.



MARCH 26

Set a goal today: “I’m going to try something different.”
“I’m going to tackle a job I’ve been putting off.” “I’m going
to look up an old friend or make a new one.” That little
extra challenge can do wonders!



MARCH 27

The company that works most effectively thinks “team.” Each member knows his or her role, accepts responsibility, and supports the others. “Team” companies develop trust and achieve success together.



MARCH 28

Eyes can convey understanding or annoyance, empathy or arrogance, approval or disapproval, encouragement or discouragement, support or doubt, as well as a thousand other emotions. Look for the good in others, and your eyes will positively convey that.



MARCH 29

Don't be afraid of change. You just might find that it is the answer you have been looking for.



MARCH 30

It's not realistic to expect others to automatically understand your point of view, much less to agree with you. If you do, you will often be disappointed and run the risk of alienating yourself from others.



MARCH 31

If you knew that your time left on Earth was short, what would you do with it? Do something in that direction today.



APRIL 1

Keep love as your focus, and everything else will fall into place. Love will give you proper perspective.



APRIL 2

Goals are the landing gear of dreams.



APRIL 3

If you have tried everything else and things still aren't turning out, why not try prayer? In fact, why not try prayer first? You just might save yourself a lot of trouble.



APRIL 4

Anyone can be nice to those who are nice, but the person who can be nice to those who aren't will be more blessed by God.



APRIL 5

Children, with their innocence and simple faith, can sometimes be the most profound teachers.



APRIL 6

People are often not looking for answers or advice when they tell others their problems. They may just want to be able to express their feelings and to have the satisfaction of knowing someone else understands and empathizes. You pay people a high compliment simply by hearing them out.



APRIL 7

There is a lot of competition out there. If you don't work as a team, the competition will win; but if you can learn to work together, you will win together and be able to enjoy the rewards of victory together.



APRIL 8

Prayer is like having a conversation with a friend—and God is a very powerful Friend who can do *anything* for you!



APRIL 9

Tailor your expectations to people's abilities, and then praise them when they do well. Don't push too hard or expect too much too soon.



APRIL 10

A good executive assembles his or her staff and listens to them. The staff probably knows more about how the operation could be made to run more successfully than the executive does.



APRIL 11

A life without difficulties would produce weak and untested people. Having never faced or overcome any real challenges, they would be incapable of appreciating success.



APRIL 12

Your time and resources are limited. Invest them wisely.



APRIL 13

“I’m sorry” can put an end to almost any argument. You may still feel somewhat justified in your position, but if you can at least say you are sorry for having let something come between you, you will be on the path to reconciliation.



APRIL 14

If you can focus on even one good quality in a person that is hard for you to work with, you are on the road to discovering their true potential.



APRIL 15

Play in the “big league” of life by joining the ranks of those who are too big to stoop to petty putdowns and gossip.



APRIL 16

Getting things out in the open will nearly always bring people together. It may not solve the immediate problem, but it will foster mutual respect and better understanding that will lead to future solutions and successes.



APRIL 17

God's love works the impossible, sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, heals the incurable, and loves the unlovable.



APRIL 18

As you show love and concern in the little things, you will have more love to give and more love to enjoy.



APRIL 19

The wise show their wisdom by listening before speaking.



APRIL 20

Save the environment. Fuel your life with the pure, clean power of love.



APRIL 21

When there is a conflict, be willing to hear the other person out, no matter how difficult it may be to hear their side or how much you may disagree. If the other person sees that you're willing to listen, be reasonable, and apologize if warranted, chances are they will do the same.



APRIL 22

The humble person may not end up on the top of the “ladder,” but he is more likely to have a truly successful life because he is more likely to succeed in the things that matter most.



APRIL 23

These three things convey love: attention, approval, and appreciation. Give some of each every day.



APRIL 24

Have you ever dreamed a great dream or had an inspiring idea, but then went back to your daily routine and lost sight of it? The next time inspiration knocks, invite it in.



APRIL 25

It is often easier to keep doing things the old way than it is to change. Change takes time and effort, but good changes are worth it in the long run.



APRIL 26

Don't be afraid to invest time in getting to know people and learning from them; you won't regret the results.



APRIL 27

The secret to success in life, including successful relations with others, is learning to stay in touch and in tune with God; and the way to do that is by talking with Him daily.



APRIL 28

Two people may be trying to get across the same idea, but they may do it in completely different ways. One presentation may have positive overtones, whereas the other may have just the opposite. Almost without exception, the one who presents things in a positive, considerate way will have the greater success.



APRIL 29

What good is success if you don't share it with someone?



APRIL 30

Let your legacy be kindness.



MAY 1

A team is like a tool set. No one tool can do all the jobs alone, but together they can.



MAY 2

If you are going to shoot for the stars, pick out *one* and take careful aim at it. Otherwise you will probably end up lost in space.



MAY 3

Love, simplicity, and humility—if you embrace these three qualities, you can't go wrong.



MAY 4

If someone is out of sorts or is not being as productive as usual, think about what might be causing that person to act that way—or ask. Do what you can to correct the cause of the problem, even if all you can do is sympathize, and you will assist in that person's effectiveness.



MAY 5

Invest in the truly important things in life. Remember, everything that is worth something costs something.



MAY 6

God's love will never leave you; you will never lose it, and it will never diminish. Rest in His love.



MAY 7

When you must say something negative, try to balance it with something positive.



MAY 8

Learn to get friendly with your mistakes. Treat them as counselors, and benefit from their advice.



MAY 9

If we find ourselves dismissing other people's opinions right off the bat, that's a sign we are thinking more highly of ourselves than we should.



MAY 10

Ask God to help you develop the gift of encouragement, and He will. Then you will have something everybody needs.



MAY 11

Avoid pointing out others' shortcomings in public. Wait until you are able to talk to them privately or write them a note.



MAY 12

A pot of food that is stirred often will cook evenly and well. In the same manner, a life that is stirred frequently is more likely to be balanced and successful.



MAY 13

When all is said and done, you will not regret a single loving, unselfish, or sacrificial deed.



MAY 14

Impossibilities are possibilities that have not yet been attempted.



MAY 15

You will win the respect and appreciation of just about everyone you talk with if you don't interrupt. You will also be more likely to learn something and avoid misunderstandings.



MAY 16

The blocks for building others' confidence come in various forms—recognition, encouragement, appreciation, acceptance, admiration, trust, prayer, and above all, love. Keep plenty of these building blocks on hand and use them at every opportunity.



MAY 17

Taking time connecting with God is like drinking a good cup of coffee: it energizes you and leaves you looking forward to the next time.



MAY 18

A wise leader is not only open to counsel and help from others, but actively seeks it out.



MAY 19

The key to working well with any group of people is communication.



MAY 20

If you sometimes feel as though the world has walked out on you, cheer up. God will be there for you if you ask Him to, and He's the best company and assistance that there is.



MAY 21

Charity begins at home, but it should not stop there. Try extending to others the kind of love and thoughtfulness you show your loved ones, and watch the difference it can make.



MAY 22

Don't worry if you don't always see eye to eye with everyone on everything; there often have to be differing opinions for the picture to be complete and a wise decision reached.



MAY 23

Do not be limited by past mistakes or successes, but use both to build a brighter future.



MAY 24

How you treat someone who can be of no possible use to you is a great mark of character.



MAY 25

It is sometimes necessary, for the sake of maintaining harmony, to hold your peace. Not having the last word may seem at the time like a defeat or mistake, but it may pave the way for future victory and progress.



MAY 26

Overconfidence is the frayed bungee cord of fools.



MAY 27

Love, humility, and prayer are some of the most important ingredients in a thriving marriage. Add communication and you have a sure-fire recipe for success.



MAY 28

Being quick to apologize is one of the smartest things you can do.



MAY 29

Most people live up to others' expectations of them, whether high or low. Show faith in someone who is struggling to make it, and you just might help them succeed.



MAY 30

Having fun with those you work with is not time wasted.
Happy teams are productive teams.



MAY 31

Love is still God's solution, even in such a highly complex and confused society as today's.



JUNE 1

You may feel insignificant in the grand scheme of life, but you are daily creating the world that tomorrow's children will live in. Each decision you make helps to shape the legacy that will be left to them.



JUNE 2

A good executive is not just a boss; he is also a servant.



JUNE 3

Clear up misunderstandings before they have a chance to grow into something worse—a rift or smoldering resentment.



JUNE 4

The best gift you can give another is prayer.



JUNE 5

Try to make everybody happy, because everybody has a right to be happy and to have what they need.



JUNE 6

More collaboration and better communication often act as solutions in themselves.



JUNE 7

When a group of people admire and respect each other enough to hear one another out and give one another the benefit of the doubt, when they are each willing to put the common good and others' preferences ahead of their own, they've got the makings of a winning team.



JUNE 8

If you take it personally when problems are pointed out, you make it doubly hard to find a solution.



JUNE 9

Praise is an actual spiritual power that uplifts and strengthens. When you praise God, you empower Him to work on your behalf. And when you praise others, you encourage and strengthen them in spirit. Praise does wonders!



JUNE 10

You can change...

- long-standing bad habits
- the way you think about other people
- the way you act
- anything about yourself that needs changing

Just ask God to help you. He's a change specialist.



JUNE 11

If you are worried about tomorrow, it makes today doubly difficult because you're trying to carry tomorrow's burdens as well as today's. Concentrate only on what you can do today.



JUNE 12

Every criticism, suggestion, or comment that you receive can benefit you in some way.



JUNE 13

Don't let little inconveniences become big annoyances that stop your forward momentum. As soon as one comes up, thank God that it's not worse, deal with it, and get going again.



JUNE 14

Tell others what you are thinking, rather than expecting them to read your mind or correctly interpret your actions.



JUNE 15

When emotions come into play during discussions, it can be a recipe for disaster. But if the people involved are more concerned with *what* is right instead of *who* is right, then they can discuss matters in a calm, clear, objective manner.



JUNE 16

When you must point out the mistakes and failings of others, remind them of your own shortcomings. This helps you come across as sympathetic rather than self-righteous.



JUNE 17

Small courtesies and good manners go amazingly far in building successful social and business relationships. Such thoughtfulness not only speaks well of you, it also conveys respect and fosters goodwill.



JUNE 18

People are unique individuals with particular likes and dislikes, needs, wants, and personalities. If you and those you work with can learn to capitalize on that fact rather than letting it become a source of friction or disunity, you are far more likely to reach your full potential as a team.



JUNE 19

What matters most is not how much ability a person possesses, but how much he or she uses it.



JUNE 20

True leaders do the job even to their own hurt, if necessary. They are resilient enough to take flak from those who criticize them—without retaliating—and are humble enough to admit their shortcomings and accept help.



JUNE 21

When things get so heated that you find yourself raising your voice, it's time to call a timeout until you can get your emotions under control and collect your thoughts. Then apologize and try again.



JUNE 22

Love comes in many packages. If it doesn't arrive in the one we expected or hoped for, that doesn't necessarily mean it hasn't come.



JUNE 23

When you shut yourself off from constructive criticism, you cease to learn.



JUNE 24

God is the author of hope, the source of peace, and the fountain of strength.



JUNE 25

It takes time for a flower to bloom, for the sun to rise, for a heart to heal, for a life to change. Be patient.



JUNE 26

Say the kind words you know you *should* say and show the respect you know you *should* show, even when you don't feel like it, and genuine feelings of kindness and respect will follow.



JUNE 27

If we don't see things through the eyes of love, then we are more likely to have a distorted view of them. We must ask God to show us how *He* wants us to see situations and people. Only then can we be sure that we are seeing things clearly.



JUNE 28

You cannot always choose what happens to you, but you can always choose to trust God no matter what happens.



JUNE 29

It's such a waste when people are alienated from each other for days or months or even years, all over some misunderstanding that could have been sorted out much quicker if even one of the parties had shown a bit more humility, love, or understanding.



JUNE 30

Always give each other the benefit of the doubt, because not everything is the way it might seem at first.



JULY 1

Positive thinking can help to propel you over, around, or through any obstacle.



JULY 2
Humility is wisdom.



JULY 3

Don't push too hard or be too hard on yourself. Take it easy!
Take regular breaks. Have some fun!



JULY 4

There is always time to love—time to stop and listen, time to pray for someone, time to lend a helping hand. It's these little things that make life worth living.



JULY 5

Convey respect by letting others say their piece without interrupting, hurrying them along, or finishing their sentences for them.



JULY 6

In quietness you will find strength.



JULY 7

Life can be experienced to the full only when it is shared with another.



JULY 8

Explain, explain, explain. You may *think* others understand exactly what you mean, but misunderstandings arise every day for lack of clarity. If you are not sure whether someone understands what you mean, ask them. That's a lot more efficient than guesswork.



JULY 9

When there is a difference of opinion, someone has to be willing to concede some ground to the other if any sort of agreement is to be reached.



JULY 10

When you fail, congratulate yourself for having tried.
Then get up and try again!



JULY 11

Thoughtful gestures, especially when they are least expected, have a wonderful way of brightening people's days. They convey, "You are special."



JULY 12

A good listener not only listens to the words that a person is saying, but also tries to hear and understand the unspoken words of the person's heart.



JULY 13

How perfect is God's love? He sees the good and possibilities in us, even when we are at our worst.



JULY 14

It's a wonderful thing to be able to be open and honest about yourself—your likes and dislikes, problems, needs, worries, and even your weaknesses and mistakes—because openness and honesty are the building blocks that sound relationships are made of.



JULY 15

Love in all of its forms—kindness, gentleness, consideration, respect for others, and much more—is the hallmark of greatness.



JULY 16

Take care of what's within your control by giving your children a strong foundation and instilling in them a clear sense of right and wrong. Then trust God to keep them and help them to make the right choices when it comes to the things that are beyond your control.



JULY 17

It's easy to inadvertently make people feel unloved or unappreciated, but a little forethought and courtesy can have just the opposite effect.



JULY 18

Your mind is a precious gift from God. Carefully filter what you allow to take up space there.



JULY 19

Love has creative power. In the home, love does its magic by engendering unselfish acts and helping each family member to see the others in a positive light.



JULY 20

If you strive for unity even at the cost of how you think some things should be done, don't be surprised if you find things turning out much better than you expected. Unity is a catalyst that activates positive results.



JULY 21

History has many examples of men and women who turned their handicaps into assets. With God's help, anyone can do the same.



JULY 22

If you can't see light at the end of the tunnel, blast your way through with the power of prayer.



JULY 23

People who communicate frequently and clearly are more likely to be able to work through problems when they come up.



JULY 24

Regardless of differences in age, position, and ability, for a team to reach its full potential all members must respect one another.



JULY 25

Bad things are often good things looked at from the wrong perspective.



JULY 26

The foundation of any successful relationship between two individuals is their understanding of each other and the knowledge that they have something in common—a purpose, perception, experience, emotion, hope, or dream.



JULY 27

Look for a special way to express your love to your spouse each day, and your capacity to love and be loved will grow.



JULY 28

Enjoy the pleasant little things, for they are part of the essence of life. Appreciate the senses God has given you; use them to their fullest. When you see look. When you eat, taste. When you smell, savor. When you hear, listen. When you touch, feel.



JULY 29

Make a habit of telling those dearest to you that you love them. Tell them how much you appreciate them and how thankful you are for them.



JULY 30

It is a sign of maturity when you can take correction to heart and learn from it rather than becoming defensive.



JULY 31

Worry is like a mobile phone: You don't like it ringing constantly, but you don't want to switch it off. Discipline your mind; switch off the constant ringing of problems and spend a few minutes thinking about things that make you smile.



AUGUST 1

If you make it clear that you know there is a lot you *don't* know, most people will be open to hearing what you *do* know. But if people sense that you think you're always right, they will seek advice from someone they consider more open-minded.



AUGUST 2

Never fear change; rather fear stagnation.



AUGUST 3

Be a visionary! Only those who can picture themselves where they want to be ever get there.



AUGUST 4

If you show people real love, you won't have a hard time winning or keeping friends.



AUGUST 5

Saying "I'm sorry" requires humility, but if you can say it and mean it, it works wonders!



AUGUST 6

Set the kind of example that your children will be proud to follow.



AUGUST 7

God bestows His blessings every day. Take time to appreciate them and thank Him, and He will shower you with more.



AUGUST 8

It pays to show courtesy to others, because it builds friendship, encourages loving interaction, strengthens unity, brings harmony, shows others appreciation, and helps to lift their load. It makes life so much more beautiful.



AUGUST 9

Like the rain on arid ground transforms the landscape and causes flowers to bloom, God rewards us for having passed the tests of life by causing our spirits to blossom.



AUGUST 10

God's love will keep you and your loved ones united in heart, mind, and purpose, and will help you overcome any differences that arise.



AUGUST 11

You can learn something from *anyone*, no matter who they are. Everyone has *something* to offer.



AUGUST 12

Heartaches and heartbreaks: no matter what has caused them, God can heal and mend and make whole.



AUGUST 13

For an education in human nature, try some “people watching.” Learn what makes them tick.



AUGUST 14

Always remind yourself of your loved ones' good qualities and all you would miss if you were without them.



AUGUST 15

You will never regret spending time with your children, but
you *will* regret it if you don't.



AUGUST 16

Sometimes a good way to go about getting someone on your side is to ask for their opinion on the matter. This tells them that you respect their opinion, and they are likely to reciprocate.



AUGUST 17

Prayer is the highway to new things, and determined efforts are the wheels that get you there.



AUGUST 18

Life is made up of a multitude of choices, and what you choose shapes your character, success, and personal happiness. Choose well.



AUGUST 19

Relationships of any kind take time to develop and mature.
It takes time to get to know people.



AUGUST 20

To strengthen a team, be friends as well as workmates, have camaraderie, be open with each other, and offer mutual support.



AUGUST 21

If you learn to find God's "good" in life's most trying times,
you will never have another bad day.



AUGUST 22

Offering opposing opinions doesn't have to be confrontational. It should simply be the airing of differing views so that all sides can be considered and the best conclusion reached.



AUGUST 23

Life is one big common pot of experiences. Everyone has something unique to contribute. If you are wise, you can draw something valuable from that pot every day.



AUGUST 24

The key to building a good relationship with anyone is finding out what they are interested in and starting there.



AUGUST 25

For the sake of unity and future successes, it is sometimes better to go along with someone else's idea than to insist on yours. If time proves you wrong, you will be happy you went along; and if time proves you right, others will be more likely to listen to you next time.



AUGUST 26

In communicating, *how* you say it is sometimes almost as important as *what* you say. To get the best results, be considerate in your presentation.



AUGUST 27

If you examine any object in nature up close, you will discover things about it that you hadn't noticed before. Do the same with your work, and you may very well find better ways to do things that will lead to faster progress and greater success.



AUGUST 28

Your greatest asset is your people, and their greatest potential is in their collective thinking. Pump people power.



AUGUST 29

In every moment of disappointment or loss, God's loving hands are there to cradle your heart and bring comfort and peace.



AUGUST 30

You can either do something about a problem or you can't, but either way, worrying won't help. Channel your energy into finding a solution, if one is to be found, or into other things that *are* within your control.



AUGUST 31

Yesterday is past. Today is a fresh new start, a clean slate,
the beginning of a new life.



SEPTEMBER 1

If you want others to see things from *your* perspective, actively show that you are also trying to see things from *their* perspective.



SEPTEMBER 2

Faith can see possibilities that no one else can. With faith, anything is possible!



SEPTEMBER 3

Learning to take constructive criticism is one of the smartest attitude changes you can make, because it puts you on the fast track to progress. It also fosters good working relations by showing that you are easy to work with.



SEPTEMBER 4

A key to treating people right is understanding them, and the best way to do that is to imagine yourself in their place.



SEPTEMBER 5

Difficulties that seem like giant obstacles to you are pebbles to God. His power can toss them aside with far less effort than it would take you to go over or around them.



SEPTEMBER 6

If people are usually having to give in to *your* preferences and the way *you* think things should be done, eventually they will feel they can't count on you to be open-minded.



SEPTEMBER 7

Praise and appreciation need not be reserved for big things. In fact, it's good to concentrate on the little things because those are what often go unnoticed; and yet it's these little things that make the big things possible.



SEPTEMBER 8

Why worry? If something is big enough to worry about, then you know God has already thought of it. If it's not big enough for God to be concerned about, then it doesn't matter.



SEPTEMBER 9

Leaders are responsible to make the final decision, but being a leader does not mean that you have all the ideas and do all the thinking. A good executive will listen to others.



SEPTEMBER 10

A good rule of thumb for communicating is to put your strongest point or best news first, the weakest point or the saddest news in the middle, and then end on another positive note.



SEPTEMBER 11

Even though you may not particularly like someone, that shouldn't hold you back from giving that person God's love. No one is too bad for God or beyond the reach of His love; and if you have God's love, He wants you to share it with others.



SEPTEMBER 12

You can have much more sympathy for people when you take into consideration the difficult experiences they have been through. Often we only see how far people still have to go, while failing to see the much greater distance they have already come.



SEPTEMBER 13

Maintaining an open line of communication with others when all is going well will make it easier for them to accept constructive criticism or even reproof when it's needed.



SEPTEMBER 14

A few minutes of quality time with your children at the start and end of each day—a hug, a story, a prayer—will go a long way toward helping them feel loved and secure.



SEPTEMBER 15

The art of tact—saying the right thing at the right time—is really a matter of being sensitive to people’s feelings, wanting to meet their needs for love, encouragement, and support, and deliberately *not* saying things that might be hurtful.



SEPTEMBER 16

If you're going to be an effective team, all members must work together. Listen to one another, counsel together, decide together, and then follow through on your decisions together.



SEPTEMBER 17

A cheerful disposition and an optimistic outlook are keys to success in business, family life, and every relationship.



SEPTEMBER 18

Everyone has at least one good quality or skill, and a wise person will look for that thing. What some people have to offer is obvious, but with others it is hidden and must be uncovered.



SEPTEMBER 19

People love to talk about themselves. If you show an interest in people, you will find that they suddenly become *very* talkative.



SEPTEMBER 20

Embrace change when it comes your way. You'll be happier riding the wave of change than feeling it come crashing down on you.



SEPTEMBER 21

One key to working well with others is being willing and open to change your mindsets and ways of doing things when necessary for the sake of unity.



SEPTEMBER 22

Don't reserve encouragement only for those who are "down." Encourage someone who is "up," and they will appreciate it too—and you just might spare them from future discouragement that is lurking right around the corner.



SEPTEMBER 23

Start the day with love, and love will carry you through the day.



SEPTEMBER 24

It takes a lot of understanding to make a marriage stand.



SEPTEMBER 25

Disagreements don't *have* to be negative experiences, if the people involved display mutual respect, consideration, and humility.



SEPTEMBER 26

“Look on the bright side” is good advice. But what if you can’t *find* a bright side? Stay positive and thank God anyway, and He will bring one out of the darkness.



SEPTEMBER 27

Develop a habit of praying for love and humility every day.



SEPTEMBER 28

The best executive is the one who has a knack for picking good people to do what he wants done and enough self-restraint to keep from meddling while they do it.



SEPTEMBER 29

If you want to see changes for the better, take one step forward, then another, then another.



SEPTEMBER 30

Love should be an “action word,” and when it is acted out, it inspires others to do the same.



OCTOBER 1

Even if you are certain, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that you are right, you should still present your point of view with consideration and humility.



OCTOBER 2

Set your goals. Ask God if they are the right goals.
Work your goals. Ask God for strength and wisdom.
Reach your goals. Thank God for His help.



OCTOBER 3

When things happen that hurt you, whether by accident or intent, you can get over it and move on more easily if you have a positive attitude.



OCTOBER 4

Give a man a dream and you give him a “car.” Add faith and you send him off with a “full tank.”



OCTOBER 5

Life is a marathon, not a sprint. Pace yourself and keep your eyes on the goal. Run with heart, and you will be glad you did when you cross the finish line. It will be worth it all!



OCTOBER 6

Most of the time you have to work your way *through* your problems. If you try to ignore them, waiting for them to go away, you don't stand much chance of overcoming them. You will also miss the opportunity to grow stronger through adversity.



OCTOBER 7

When trouble comes your way, look it squarely in the eye and say, “My God is bigger than you! You might be able to defeat *me*, but you cannot defeat *us*!”



OCTOBER 8

For a team to be effective there must be a free flow of ideas, counsel, and communication. Sensitivity on anyone's part hinders that stream.



OCTOBER 9

Not every new idea is good, but some of the best ideas hatch from not-so-good ones. Treat each idea with respect, as it may contain something useful, even if it is not exactly what's needed at the time.



OCTOBER 10

When God created you, He equipped you with a two-way
radio: prayer.



OCTOBER 11

Always look at differences in personalities as necessary and helpful ingredients of a successful, balanced team—never as excuses for quitting.



OCTOBER 12

It is strength, not weakness, to give people a second chance when they are truly sorry for their mistakes and want to do better.



OCTOBER 13

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.



OCTOBER 14

It takes humility and understanding on both sides for there to be any real connection and communication between people.



OCTOBER 15

It's natural to think that you are right. But experience should teach you that sometimes you are not and that it is wise to listen to others.



OCTOBER 16

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being.



OCTOBER 17

Everything you do will come back to you in one way or another, for better or for worse.



OCTOBER 18

You help to create the way people treat and react to you by the way you treat and react to them.



OCTOBER 19

Do people consider you open and flexible? Or do they sense rigidity, strictness, confinement, and rules? Striving to be more elastic than rigid is a great way to improve your relations with others.



OCTOBER 20

Success is the reward of persistence.



OCTOBER 21

Don't let your personal feelings toward people shut you off from their ideas. *They* may rub you the wrong way, but their thoughts and opinions may be insightful and just what you need to hear.



OCTOBER 22

The more difficult the problem, the more satisfaction you will derive from solving it.



OCTOBER 23

Like the coach of a successful sports team, a good leader is able to take a group of individuals with different skills and personalities and form them into a cohesive, effective unit.



OCTOBER 24

For a discussion to be as successful as it can be, everyone needs to be open-minded enough to listen to any idea from anyone.



OCTOBER 25

To improve your chances of success, strive to master the art of simplicity. Keep your words, ideas, and communications simple.



OCTOBER 26

Focus on how you affect others, rather than on how they affect you.



OCTOBER 27

When you feel as though you have the weight of the world on your shoulders, it's time to remember that you are only human, that true strength comes only from God, and that He is able to help you bear any load.



OCTOBER 28

It helps to ask people if you are not sure that you understand exactly what they mean or how they feel about a certain matter, because some people are not quick to open up and share their honest feelings.



OCTOBER 29

Empathy helps create unity, and that is a wonderful thing!



OCTOBER 30

There are very few things in life that actually *can't* be done, and chances are that your current challenge is not one of them. So get creative, be inventive, expand your horizons, keep trying.



OCTOBER 31

The more specific the appreciation, the easier it is for the recipient to believe it is sincere.



NOVEMBER 1

It is wise to be open to the counsel and suggestions of those who have more experience, even if you don't like their presentation. What they've learned through years of trial and error can save you a lot of time and trouble.



NOVEMBER 2

People's true motives are seen best from a humble position.



NOVEMBER 3

If all you see are obstacles, maybe it is because you have taken your eyes off the goal.



NOVEMBER 4

Find out the strengths and weaknesses of those on your team. Then work to maximize the strengths and minimize the weaknesses.



NOVEMBER 5

Every loving deed lives on in those upon whom it is bestowed.



NOVEMBER 6

There is a bridge over every gulf of difficulty, but you often need the binoculars of hope to find it. Once you do, take strides of faith to reach the other side.



NOVEMBER 7

When people's "bad" qualities irritate you—being loud, impatient, or hard to get along with, for example—consider *why* they are that way. Try to empathize and you'll probably find them to be not so bad after all.



NOVEMBER 8

They say “three’s a crowd,” but when it comes to marriage, God is a third party that can help you through the tough times and make the good times great.



NOVEMBER 9

Failure is not a matter of failing once or twice or any number of times. Failure is failing to try one more time.



NOVEMBER 10

Don't try to place blame; that doesn't help anyone. Find out what went wrong and set it right, and then move on.



NOVEMBER 11

Make an effort to be warm, courteous, and tender in all your interactions with others.



NOVEMBER 12

Whenever something seems to go wrong, it is always possible to tip the scales in your favor through prayer and a positive response.



NOVEMBER 13

If you find that you don't have it in you to fight the next battle, perhaps it's because you're not *in* that battle yet.



NOVEMBER 14

Today's children are tomorrow's leaders. How today's parents train their children determines the future of the world.



NOVEMBER 15

Rome wasn't built in a day. Anything that is worth something takes time to assemble.



NOVEMBER 16

If sensitivity and pride are hindering interactions within your team, get the problem out in the open as tactfully as possible. Discuss it, identify the issues, agree together to change your attitudes, and start anew.



NOVEMBER 17

It is far better to cut loose from one of your ideas if you see that it doesn't float than it is to stubbornly hold on to it and possibly go down with it.



NOVEMBER 18

Draw out the quiet people. Often they have tremendous ideas and talents just waiting to be discovered.



NOVEMBER 19

If you prove yourself to be a good listener, it's more likely that others will return the favor when you need a listening ear.



NOVEMBER 20

When someone else has a good idea and you're the one explaining or implementing it, you should be sure to let people know who had the idea. Doing so builds unity and appreciation, gives credit where it is due, and lets people know that they are valuable.



NOVEMBER 21

It is not the easy successes that prove your mettle, but how you pick yourself up after a fall and try again. By going on in spite of your setbacks, you will also inspire others to not give up.



NOVEMBER 22

No one really deserves forgiveness. If people have done wrong, they deserve justice. But forgiveness is greater than justice. Justice is human; forgiveness is divine. You can share a bit of the divine by forgiving.



NOVEMBER 23

God can help you see each “problem person” as He does, through the eyes of love and understanding. Change *will* come, and it will begin with a change of heart—*your* heart. If you ask Him, God can give you a genuine appreciation for that person, which will change your whole relationship with them.



NOVEMBER 24

Those who are forthright and don't hold things in get better results than those who are afraid to speak up. Things go smoother and more gets done when there is open exchange and everyone knows the score.



NOVEMBER 25

Everyone wants and needs to be understood, accepted, and loved for who he or she is.



NOVEMBER 26

There is more than one side to every story or situation, but God can show you where the truth lies if you ask Him.



NOVEMBER 27

When an attitude of mutual acceptance and appreciation exists between generations, while there may be differences or minor struggles, there isn't a generation gap to divide and keep people from working in harmony.



NOVEMBER 28

If your idea is good, it will stand on its own. It doesn't need you to prop it up.



NOVEMBER 29

Stop to smell and admire the flowers. God sends you a fresh bouquet every day.



NOVEMBER 30

Everyone is different and has different ways of solving problems. It takes patience to see things as others see them, find common ground, and come to an agreement.



DECEMBER 1

It takes a big man to let go of his ego.



DECEMBER 2

When people feel a part of something, they will generally work harder and be happier and more productive.



DECEMBER 3

Prayer is connecting with God, uploading your love, requests, and thanks, and downloading His love and answers.



DECEMBER 4

Do something new or special for your spouse as often as you can; it reaffirms your love and says, “You’re important to me!”



DECEMBER 5

God will bless every unselfish act and reward every step you take to reach out to another.



DECEMBER 6

When you praise God, it draws you closer to Him, and when you praise and appreciate those around you, it draws you closer to each other.



DECEMBER 7

Giving is the most fulfilling of all pleasures.



DECEMBER 8

Love the unlovely. Let love overlook others' faults and shortcomings, always believe the best about them, and never lose hope for them.



DECEMBER 9

If your contentment is dependent on circumstances, things, or the people around you, you will never be completely happy. True and lasting happiness and fulfillment are gifts from God and grow day by day through loving interaction with Him.



DECEMBER 10

If only once a year every person would do one unselfish, giving deed—something with no return other than knowing that it improved things for someone else—the world would be a far better place. How much more if we all made it a habit?



DECEMBER 11

Chances are, what you say about others will get back to them, so make this your gauge: Don't say anything about others in their absence that you wouldn't say to their face.



DECEMBER 12

If you make a mistake, say so. People will admire you a lot more for your willingness to admit your faults and failures than they will for your supposed perfection.



DECEMBER 13

When you show love and consideration to people you don't feel particularly drawn to or think deserving, you are giving them *God's* love, which goes beyond human love.



DECEMBER 14

Want to be winsome? Try putting the happiness of others before your own.



DECEMBER 15

You can never lose by giving.



DECEMBER 16

If you set the right example for your children during their formative years, those bonds of love and respect will be unbreakable. And your children will grow into adults whom you can be proud of.



DECEMBER 17

Make prayer your prelude, and you'll stay on key all day.

Make prayer your finale, and you'll end your day on the right note.



DECEMBER 18

If you automatically assume that you understand someone, chances are you *won't* understand them fully. But if you really listen, try to put yourself in that person's place, and ask the right questions, chances are that you will understand them much better.



DECEMBER 19

Giving blesses the giver as well as the receiver.



DECEMBER 20

It's good to be consistent, but watch out that you don't get stuck in a rut. Regularly reevaluate your routines and be open to change where needed. Keep moving forward!



DECEMBER 21

Give of yourself every day—a smile, a compliment, a moment of your time, a listening ear, or a kind word. There is always *something* you can give others.



DECEMBER 22

Courtesy and manners are very important because they are expressions of love, and love is the *most* important thing.



DECEMBER 23

Give God a gift by giving of yourself to help someone else.



DECEMBER 24

Make every day Christmas Day for someone by giving them that sure-to-please, one-size-fits-all gift of appreciation.



DECEMBER 25

Christmas is most of all a celebration of God's love for each of us.



DECEMBER 26

Let us keep the Christmas candles burning beyond this short season—the candle of faith in our Creator's loving care and the candle of concern and compassion for our fellow man.



DECEMBER 27

Everyone has good qualities and everyone has weak points. Everyone has things they excel in, and everyone has areas that they need to work on and improve in.



DECEMBER 28

The time to start making sure that every moment counts is now!



DECEMBER 29

Don't look at the rough road, but at the bright rainbow up ahead; not at the mud at your feet, but at the next milestone; not at the rocks in the way, but at the flowers by the wayside. Don't dwell on the sores and calluses, but on the strength you've gained through toil; not at the pain, but at the joy that springs up afterward.



DECEMBER 30

Where are your choices taking you? Are your priorities today helping you become the person you want to be years from now?



DECEMBER 31

It's good to look back every once in a while and see how far you have come, but it's even better to keep looking forward to the mountains yet to scale and the views yet to thrill to if you will keep climbing and not quit.