

THANKFULNESS

Thankfulness is being thankful to God for all of His blessings – those we see and those we do not see.

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever.

- Psalm 107:1

Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse be,
Thy praise.

- George Herbert

Pride slays thanksgiving, but a humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grow. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.

- Henry Ward Beecher

ATTENTION

Attention is turning the whole force of the mind to the subject in hand; regarding someone or something as interesting or important.

Til I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

- 1 Timothy 4:13

My son, give attention to my words, incline your ears to my sayings.

- Proverbs 4:20

The difference between something good and something great is attention to detail.

- Charles R. Swindoll

Our inventions are wont to be pretty toys, which distract our attention from serious things. They are but improved means to an unimproved end.

- Henry David Thoreau

O B E D I E N C E

Obedience is submitting to the restraint or command of authority. Prompt, cheerful, and lasting.

Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.

– Ephesians 6:1

For just as through the obedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the One Man the many will be made righteous.

– Romans 5:19

Obedience to lawful authority is the foundation of manly character.

– Robert E. Lee

You can only learn what obedience is by obeying.

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

T R U T H F U L N E S S

Truthfulness is aligning words and actions in accordance with facts. To state without omission or exaggeration.

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

– Proverbs 12:19

You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from Him who calls you.

– Galatians 5:7&8

Truth has no special time of its own. Its hour is now - always.

– Albert Schweitzer

Fallacies do not cease to be fallacies because they become fashions.

- G.K. Chesterton

SELF-CONTROL

Self-control is the ability to control the expression of our passions and emotions.

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

- Proverbs 25:28

Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

- 1 Corinthians 9:25

I cannot trust a man to control others who cannot control himself.

— Robert E. Lee

Distinguish between real needs and artificial wants and control the latter.

— Mahatma Gandhi

Patience and care are better teachers than a bad temper.

– The Door in the Wall

NEATNESS

Neatness is the quality or condition of being suitable and orderly.

Have nothing in your home that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful.

– William Morris

Exactness and neatness in moderation is a virtue, but carried to extremes narrows the mind.

-Francois Fenelon

Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.

- Lou Holtz

USEFULNESS

Usefulness is being of practical use; offering valuable or productive service.

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.

-2 Timothy 2:22-25

There is no excellence without labor. One cannot dream oneself into either usefulness or happiness.

- Liberty Hyde Bailey

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

- John Wesley

Wherever you are - be all there.

- Jim Elliot

OBSERVATION

Observation is to carefully see fully and in detail.

Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

- Matthew 28:20

Too often I would hear men boast of the miles covered that day, rarely of what they had seen.

- Louis L'Amour

Each morning sees some task begun, each evening sees it close; Something attempted, something done, has earned a night's repose.

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

There are books of which the backs and covers are by far the best parts.

- Charles Dickens

CLEANLINESS

Cleanliness is being careful to keep or make clean.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- Psalm 51:10

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

- 2 Corinthians 7:1

Life is denied by lack of attention, whether it be to cleaning windows or trying to write a masterpiece.

- Nadia Boulanger

Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.

- George Bernard Shaw

PERSONAL INITIATIVE

Personal initiative is self-starting and proactive, works independently of outside influence or control.

Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.

- Proverbs 20:13

A single conversation across the table with a wise man is better than ten years mere study of books.

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or to keep one.

- Robert E. Lee

Success depends in a very large measure upon individual initiative and exertion, and cannot be achieved except by a dint of hard work.

- Anna Pavlova

PERFECT EXECUTION

Perfect Execution is working carefully with one's hands with an aim at 'perfect'.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

– Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men. - Colossians 3:23

I tremble for my country when I hear of confidence expressed in me. I know too well my weakness, that our only hope is in God.

- Robert E. Lee

High expectations are the key to everything.

- Sam Walton

Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable. However, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable.

- Lord Chesterfield

MENTAL EFFORT

Mental effort is exerting oneself to apply the mind, something done with hard work.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

- Colossians 3:15

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

- 1 Timothy 6:11

I like whiskey. I always did, and that is why I never drink it.

- Robert E. Lee

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

- Jim Elliot

No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking.

- Voltaire