

# Wisdom

Your Approach

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is knowing not to use it in a fruit salad.

# Maxims for Daily Living

The Most Damaging Attitude?

# The Most Damaging Attitude: *Resentment*

Gen.31:1-5 Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth." <sup>2</sup> Jacob saw the attitude of Laban, and behold, it was not *friendly* toward him as formerly



# The Most Damaging Attitude: *Resentment*

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.” <sup>4</sup> So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to his flock in the field, <sup>5</sup> and said to them, “I see your father’s attitude, that it is not *friendly* toward me as formerly, but the God of my father has been with me.



Christ's Attitude?

## Christ's *Attitude*

Phil 2:4-6 ...do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,



The Most Destructive Habit?

## The Most Destructive Habit: *Worry*

Matt 6:25-34 “For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”



## The Most Destructive Habit: *Worry*

Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a *single* hour to his life? ...



The Deadliest Weapon?

## The Deadliest Weapon: *The Tongue*

Ps. 12:2-4 They speak falsehood to one another; With flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, The tongue that speaks great things;



# The Deadliest Weapon: *The Tongue*

Ps. 12:2-4

<sup>4</sup> Who have said, “With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”



## The Deadliest Weapon: *The Tongue*

James 3:5 So also the **tongue** is a small part of the body, and *yet* it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!



The Two Most Power-filled  
Words?

## The Two Most Power-Filled Words: ***"I CAN"***

Phil. 4:13 I can do all  
things through Him who  
strengthens me.



The Most Satisfying Work?

## The Most Satisfying Work: *Helping others*

Gal. 6 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ...



The Ugliest Personality Trait?

# The Ugliest Personality Trait: *Selfishness*

Phil. 2:3

Do nothing from  
**selfishness** or empty  
conceit, but with humility  
of mind regard one  
another as more  
important than  
yourselves;



The Greatest Shot in the Arm?

# The Greatest “Shot in the Arm: *Encouragement*

Josh. 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”



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# The Greatest “Shot in the Arm: Encouragement

Acts 15:30-32 So when they were sent away, they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter.



# The Greatest “Shot in the Arm: *Encouragement*

Acts 15:31-32 When they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. <sup>32</sup> Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves encouraged and strengthened the brethren with a lengthy message.



# The Greatest “Shot in the Arm: *Encouragement*

Rom 15:5 Now may the  
God who gives  
perseverance and  
**encouragement** grant  
you to be of the same  
mind with one another  
according to Christ Jesus,



# The Most Effective Sleeping Pill?

# The Most Effective Sleeping Pill: *Peace of Mind*

Phil. 4:7 And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your **minds** in Christ Jesus.



## The Most Effective Sleeping Pill: *Peace of Mind*

2 Cor. 13:11 Finally,  
brethren, rejoice, be  
made complete, be  
comforted, be like-  
**minded**, live in **peace**;  
and the God **of** love and  
**peace** will be with you.



The Most Crippling Failure  
Disease?

# The Most Crippling Failure Disease: *Excuses*

Luke 14:17-19 ...and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses.



# The Most Crippling Failure Disease: *Excuses*

Luke 14:18-19 The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.' <sup>19</sup> Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.'



The Worst Idle Thing You Can  
Do?

# The Worst Idle Thing You Can Do? *Gossip*

1 Tim. 3:11 Women *must* likewise *be* dignified, not malicious **gossips**, but temperate, faithful in all things.



The Most Incredible  
Computer?

## The Most Incredible computer: *The Brain*

Daniel 1:17 As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and **intelligence** in every *branch of* literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all *kinds of* visions and dreams.



## The Most Incredible computer: *The Brain*

**1 Kings 4:33-34** He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that grows on the wall; he spoke also of animals and birds and creeping things and fish.



# The Most Incredible computer: *The Brain*

**1 Kings 4:34** Men came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.



The Most Worthless Emotion?

## The Most Worthless Emotion: Self-Pity

Job 19:20-22 “My bone clings to my skin and my flesh, And I have escaped *only* by the skin of my teeth. <sup>21</sup> “Pity me, pity me, O you my friends, For the hand of God has struck me. <sup>22</sup> “Why do you persecute me as God *does*, And are not satisfied with my flesh?



The Most Beautiful Attire?

## The Most Beautiful Attire: A Smile

**Prov. 31 24-26** She makes linen garments and sells *them*, And supplies belts to the tradesmen.

<sup>25</sup> Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future.<sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.



The Most Prized Possession?

# The Most Prized Possession: *Integrity*

**Prov. 20:7** A righteous man who walks in his **integrity**— How blessed are his sons after him.



# The Most Prized Possession: *Integrity*

Prov. 28:6

Better is the poor who  
walks in his **integrity**  
Than he who is crooked  
though he be rich.



The Most Contagious Spirit?

## The Most Contagious Spirit: *Enthusiasm*

**Acts 17:11** Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great **eagerness**, examining the Scriptures daily *to see* whether these things were so.



The Worst Thing To Go  
Without?

# The Worst Thing To Go Without: *Hope*

**Rom. 15:12 – 14** “THERE  
SHALL COME THE ROOT OF  
JESSE,  
AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE  
OVER THE GENTILES,  
IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES  
HOPE.”



# The Worst Thing To Go Without: *Hope*

**Acts 24: 14-16** But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;



## The Worst Thing To Go Without: *Hope*

<sup>15</sup> having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

<sup>16</sup> In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience *both* before God and before men.



Do Something About Your  
Future!

# Do Something About Your Future

Acts 22:16

And now **what are you waiting for?** Get up, be baptized, and have **your** sins washed away, calling on his name.'

