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A LIFE WELL LIVED

Learning, Synthesizing and then a Savant

A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

A successful life ...
eagerly learns in youth,
studiously seeks understanding in middle years and
humbly returns its lessons in old age.

A SUCCESSFUL MAN

I would consider myself successful if,
after I die, my contribution was discovered
and
God received all the credit.

ADVICE

All give advice . . . young and old alike.
The distinction?
Those with age know the exceptions.

ATTITUDES

Ice melts off the roof of our home
either from the warmth of our fire or the rays of the sun.

So it is with our attitudes --- if we do not possess enough fire of our own,
then we must place ourselves in the light of another.

BAD SYSTEMS

Bad Systems can cause
Good People ...
...To do Bad Things

BE SOMETHIN'

I'd rather be Somethin' and embrace Humility
than be Nothin' and pretend to be Somethin'

BUSINESS FIRST

1st class people hire first class people.
2nd class people hire third class people.
What are the consequences?

CHALLENGE

While the brave may challenge the present,
only the visionary will challenge the future.

CHARACTER

Character is defined in private.

The most insightful test of Character
is found in old clothes and low station.

For it is easier to display the Appearance of Character
when the world smiles on us.

CHARACTER FLAWS

It is not that those close to us are devoid of character flaws,
but rather that those close to us have shared those flaws and we still love them.

CHOICES

Today we grasp, we hoard and subsequently suffocate.

Rather, shouldn't we refine every talent and gift we possess -
then choose to share, teach and bountifully breathe?

COMMUNICATION

Living beings communicate with those they care about,
but Communication suffers a waning interest as living beings cease to care.

CONFIDENCE

The difference between one who takes long purposeful strides and
one who takes short careful steps is
Confidence.

CONSOLIDATE AND DECENTRALIZE

Whenever possible,
consolidate function ... decentralize management.

CORRUPTION

A system is corrupt when one takes from another...
just because they can.

DEEDS OF KINDNESS

Every deed of kindness will be remembered
by the arrogant for repayment, while
the deed of kindness will be unremembered
by the humble...forever

DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

Developing a successful business is not complex ...
... just conquer the next obstacle.

ENGAGE vs. WAITING TO BE ENGAGED

Life is so much richer for those who fully engage,
than for those who wait to be engaged.

EXCEPTUALIZATION

Exceptualization in the corporate world nearly always is the result
of ideas originating or passing through Entrepreneurs.
Someone must accept “original risk”.

EXCESS

It is difficult to acquire excess in life,
but even more difficult to give one’s excess away.

However, it is most difficult, when in need,
to accept another’s excess.

EXHILARATING LIFE

Exhilarating life is the exquisite combination of
lusty interpersonal engagement latched to
deep mutual respect.

EXPLANATION

The difference between an Explanation and a Defense is
the number of times you must explain.

EXPLORATION

Exploration begins by trusting oneself
and
matures by trusting another.

EXULTATION

Passion plus Tenacity yields Exultation.

FAITH

Faith may express itself...
not so much in our belief in
“our performance” on God’s behalf, as in
“God’s performance” on our behalf.

FANTASIES

Fantasies rarely die if not perfected.
So, one must execute...either to completion or to extinction.

FEAR

They say, “Necessity is the Mother of Invention” ...
Well, so is Fear!

FIDELITY

If fidelity and morality are inextricably intertwined,
it would seem that to ensure fidelity after marriage
one should practice morality before marriage.

FITS AND MISFITS

Life is a series of Fits & Misfits.
Wisdom allows a quick recognition of each and
discipline supplies the power for action.

FOR RICH OR POOR

Mediocrity swarms, excellence struggles.
Mediocrity is comfortable, excellence stretches.
But, life in review exposes mediocrity as poor and excellence as rich.

FORGIVENESS

Easy to explain, but hard to perform.
However, once performed we are never the same.
Forgiveness bequeaths value to another.

FRIENDS

If you are my friend,
you will help me understand
my bias, prejudice and self-centeredness,
so that I might be an
effective friend for you.

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship lives within negotiated Boundaries.

GAME CHANGER

A "Game Changer" is a person, group or organization that,
on purpose or by accident,
changes the trajectory of a standard or accepted process.

GARDEN OF PARADISE

If I may acknowledge my ignorance of life
with a simple request of help from another,

I will have turned the soil of my soul
in anticipation of a Garden of Paradise.

GENIUS

Me thinks Genius is more often discovered
through simplicity rather than complexity.

GOALS

Some complete their goals regardless of the impediments, while others never complete their goals regardless of the opportunities.

GREATNESS

Sometimes Greatness wrapped in Humility touches our souls only as it passes by.

I thank those
who have allowed me
to stand close

HAPPINESS

Happy is the man who finds meaning in what he has rather than discontent in that which he has not.

HATRED

Anger unmixed with forgiveness produces hatred...self-destructive hatred.

HELP

There is a subtle difference between giving help and enabling.

Our goal should be to assist another in aspiring to success and cheering their progress.

HONEST MISTAKES

Honest Mistakes are the primordia of later successes.

HOPE

Hope is inextinguishable, except at death.
So, how is it engaged in times of despair?

HOPE(LESS)

Some say they have done that which
they have not ...

So that they may be seen as
someone whom they are not.

HUMBLE

When a humble person falls, the damage is minor
compared to the fall of the proud.

HUMOR

Humor at the expense of propriety is not humor.

IMAGINATION

In business, Imagination is more important than Knowledge.

INSIGHT

Some hear much but understand little.

INTELLIGENCE

Intelligence is assumed
if one has an expansive vocabulary, but

Intelligence must be proven
if one has a limited vocabulary.

INTERESTING PEOPLE

Interesting people talk less and say more.

JUMP

There are times in life when one must jump into the water
even if one is not sure of their ability to swim.

LEARNING

Learn from Failure.
Beware of Success.

LIFE VALUE

The value of life is determined by the
richness of experience and complexity of interaction.

The task, therefore, is to
master increasing levels of experience and interaction.

LUCK

More often made than blindly received.

MEMORY

The bridge from one's world to one's mind.

MORALITY / INTEGRITY

Lofty Morality and Steady Integrity
are the foundation of Extended Joy and Deep Peace.

Optional Morality and Circumstantial Integrity
are the foundation of Short Term Excitement and Gnawing Emptiness.

MOTIVES

If you want to know what forces forge another's motives,
patiently await a person's point-of-pressure,
which will present sufficient insight.

MURDER

Murder behind the curtains of Religious belief is murder still.

MY RESPONSIBILITY

To all who interact with me ...
I hold myself responsible for an interaction of excellence.

MY STORY

Do I tell "My Story" to add interest to a conversation
or to add "me" to the conversation?

OLD

Old people are often defined by their rigid thoughts and loose skin.
So, if my thoughts are insightful and engaging
will people notice my skin?

OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity may be likened to a **River** ...
some opportunities are pure, refreshing and may be enjoyed with great delight.

However, most opportunities, like the **River** , must be purified
by tumbling over great boulders of resistance.

OTHERS

Be Aware ...
Be Willing ...
Be Fulfilled ...

PASSION

It is disturbing to observe some
living in petulance of the past,
rather than in passion of the present.

PERCEPTION

In the absence of facts,
humankind is compelled toward perception.
So, we must proffer truth and honesty
in hopes that perception is accurate and just.

POLITICS

The Art of unintended consequences.

PROBLEM SOLVING

When in the business of Problem Solving,
'tis better to solve **Before** rather than **After**.

PURPOSE

Boredom is not the absence of excitement or "toys",
but rather boredom is the absence of purpose,
the great engager of endowed gifts and ability.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Quality of Life depends not so much on good decisions
as it does on what we learned from our faulty decisions.

RAGE

Rage is to be distinguished from Anger in that one expressing
rage intends to do bodily and/or emotional harm to another.

REAL MEN

Some say a Real Man has
a steely eye and a harsh hand,

But surely a Real Man also has
a ready tear and a helping hand.

REASON

While some applaud the appearance of material gain
others wince at the debt incurred.

Does not the comfort of reason lie
somewhere between need & want?

REMODELING

Show me a family that remodeled their home
without personal incident,
and I will show you a family with one member
holding no opinion.

RESPECT

One cannot **demand** respect, but
one must not **allow** disrespect.

ROAD TO EXCELLENCE

The Road to Excellence is paved with
fewer commitments done Well.

Do less, Think more.

RULES AND PRINCIPLES

The immature need rules for discipline and safety,
while the mature need principles for growth and exploration.

SELF-EXPLORATION

Helping another grow has little to do with telling one “How to Live” and much to do with encouraging another’s “Self-Exploration”.

SEMANTICS

If those in disagreement
would submit to the rigor of semantics,
most disagreements would disappear
like sandcastles facing a rising tide.

SIMPLE

It takes more intellect to reduce
the complex to the simple,
than to expand the simple to the complex.

SIMPLICITY

Do fewer things well
rather than many things in mediocrity.

SOME

Some want to accomplish a task and will,
regardless of the impediments;

Some do not want to accomplish a task and will not,
regardless of the opportunities.

SUBTLE DEATH

A life devoid of accomplishments ...
... is a life of subtle death.

SUCCESS

Success is a formula that represents:
one part Opportunity and
two parts Response to Opportunity.

SYNCHRONICITY

Group Synchronicity is difficult
given asynchronous individuals.

THE AGING PROCESS

The aging process is observed
when your Levis go
from size 32/34...to size 34/32.

THE BORE

What is more obnoxious
than a man with nothing to say
saying it loudly?

THE BULLY

How to stop the bully...
hit them in the nose.

THE HARVEST

A great harvest comes after
the soil has been nurtured and the sun is in its place.
So also, a great idea
awaits the hand of man and the direction of God.

THE HEALTHY CHILD

The healthy child develops boundaries,
assisted by parents (and others) rather than
demanded by parents (and others).

THE MEDIATOR

A mediator can only be as successful as
the desire of those mediated to seek a
successful conclusion.

THE OVERACHIEVER

The overachiever is to be **admired**
upon achievement;

but **feared** when ---
Seeking control.

THE WHEEL

It is said that one should take care not to re-invent the wheel.

However, on occasion, one should re-invent the wheel
to rediscover the freshness, the vigor and the joy of life.

THINK

Think on the Important
Dismiss the Trivial
Learn to separate the two.

THOUGHTS

My perception of life is that I am an Observer
rather than an Intellectual or an Academic.

TO DO LIST

Never fear,
that TO DO list will be conquered . . .
at death.

TRUTH

Truth is better understood
as Action, rather than Speech.

UNDERSTANDING SUCCESS

To understand those who are successful
versus those who are not,
one must understand those who fought through fear
versus those who did not.

VALUE

In most corporations,
one's value will only be measured
by those willing to listen.

VIBRANT HEALTH

Vibrant health is more easily maintained than regained.

VISION

A Vision is a Dream wrapped in action.

or

The insightful way to see the Present
is to understand its relationship to the Past and
it's expectation of the future.

WISDOM AND SELF-ESTEEM

Wisdom and Self-Esteem are partners indeed ...

In the absence of one ... the other will flee.

WISDOM'S SWEET AROMA

Wisdom is the sweet aroma of Acquired Knowledge,
Understood Experience and Continued Observation.

WISE

Being Smart is secondary to being Knowledgeable and
being Knowledgeable is secondary to being Wise.

WORK

Work is an unfortunate accident of life...or is it?

WORDS

Rich is the person who searches the various intentions of words
rather than carelessly using words to simply complete a sentence.

WORRY

When I was young and ambitious the phrase:

“Don’t sweat the small stuff ...”

seemed ridiculously out of touch.

Now that I am older the phrase seems born of wisdom!