

WORDS OF WISDOM

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Gratitude is a rare commodity.

Playing a fool is different than being a fool.

Negotiations are just a prelude to war.

Partisan politics is the ultimate sellout.

Anything can happen, and usually does.

Living a lie is a way to survive.

Give people a chance to act out, and they will.

A strong police force is our only protection against anarchy.

Public demonstrations are a sign of political weakness.

Those with power remain silent.

Change is slow to come, but when it happens, it happens fast.

Law and order, more than just words.

Acting out is a form of honest communication.

Those who never argue are truly insane.

Insanity is a question of perspective.

Create something new, create new problems.

When a woman wants a man, she will literally do anything to please him.

Never try to buy a woman's friendship.

Trying to buy a woman's love is a waste of time and money.

If a woman wants a man, she'll make him dinner.

If a woman is interested in having sex with a man, she will let him know.

Circumstances change, people stay the same.

Nasty people are capable of acts of kindness.

The rich man owns a building; the poor man owns a bed. Who is happier?

People play games, what else is new?

The boss will always assign more work.

The worker always wants more money.

A capitalist never makes enough profit.

People will commit fraud even over a penny.

Relatives, we have no choice in the manner.

Singles' dances are a waste of money.

A socially desperate man is indeed pathetic.

Never accept blame for anything.

All workers are exploited.

No one is bigger than the system.

Lawyers, doctors and social workers are symptoms of a dysfunctional society.

New York City Board of Education is the most expensive babysitter in the world.

When a woman demurs from drinking on a date, she is sending the man a signal.

Men can be vicious, but women can be cruel.

A child always wants the mother.

A father can never be a mother.

One can ask who the father is, but never who is the mother.

We all came from a womb.

When a woman prepares dinner for a man, it's not because she is hungry.

Racism is rampant.

People are more divided now than ever before.

Partisan politics reflects the deep divisions in the United States.

People have rights, but the government has rights too.

Always show respect for the police.

Movies are the most influential form of mass entertainment.

People at times are impulsive.

People are angry.

Material wealth may guarantee comfort but not happiness.

Loneliness is a matter of choice.

Every woman wants to be a mother, even when they don't have children.

Hardheadedness is a common trait.

Some people just aren't that smart.

History is whatever you think it is.

Historical evidence is always open to interpretation.

All historical assertions, no matter how outrageous, should be subject to critical evaluation.

A service economy favors the female.

A manufacturing economy favors the male.

Unemployment essentially is a male problem.

Women are easier to manage than men at the workplace.

Never hire a man when there is woman available who can do the job.

The black man is always stigmatized.

Everything else being equal, a black man will always be blamed for a crime.

Put a white manic-depressive into a black man's body and he becomes a chronic schizophrenic.

Psychiatric diagnosis is more an art than a science.

Who can disprove a delusion?

People often accept an allegation as fact.

Justice does win out, but only occasionally.

The individual has rights, but they're not automatically enforced.

A terrorist for some are considered soldiers and heroes by others.

The Jews are the most oppressed people in history.

The Palestinians have a case, but the Jews have a case too.

All history is the story of conflict.

Rome was corrupt, decadent, depraved, hated and despised – and lasted a thousand years.

Never send troops when you can drop bombs.

Always try to get others to fight for you.

Workers are treated like pieces of furniture to be used and then discarded.

The Arabs and the West were once allies.

Do not underestimate Russia.

Always remind China of the Open Door policy.

Without NATO, war would again break out in Europe.

Be careful with Russia.

In a dispute, understand your opponent.

A telephone brush off can end a friendship.

When a person wants to talk, they will talk.

If a person wants to get together, let them visit you.

No woman will ever leave a man, for any reason, if she loves him.

Never criticize a woman's appearance.

Nobody knows what is going on in somebody's head.

Never shake hands with anybody unless they want to shake hands with you.

Women show off what they have to attract a man.

A woman who looks at her watch while on a date is sending a strong signal.

A woman who refuses to drink while on a date is sending a strong signal.

If a woman takes a liking to a man, don't ask why.

If a woman caters to a man, she is doing it for a reason.

9/11/01 – a day of tragedy.

When feeling sad, eat a sandwich.

Best way to end an argument – offer a sandwich.

Money corrupts, but having no money corrupts more.

If it isn't one thing, it's something else.

Having money brings big problems, having no money brings bigger problems.

He who has money may not be happy, but he who does not have money is indeed sad.

Happiness is a state of mind.

A modest woman is a beautiful woman.

Those who denigrate the value of money usually have full pockets.

A politician will do or say anything to get a vote.

Do not expect thanks for acts of kindness.

Kindness is often mistaken for weakness.

Listen well to those who profess to be your enemy.

Confusion is in the mind of the beholder.

A pretty lady may also be smart.

Every household has at least one TV, most two or more, yet few people admit to watching television.

Here today, soon after forgotten.

Paperwork is what makes the world go 'round.

To a bureaucrat, a chair is a throne, a desk is a mantel, and an office is a kingdom.

Take away the pen, and a bureaucrat is powerless.

Use black ink, not blue ink.

Making a precise psychiatric diagnosis is like trying to hit a moving target with a spear from 300 feet away.

Every project involves a degree of guesswork.

Luck of the draw.

When a woman hugs a man, she is being polite.

Politeness is just another social convention.

Criticize the politician, never the office.

Redeem your debts and make new friends.

The concept of a national debt is meaningless to the average person.

Never join the military because you need a job.

A true warrior is not a mercenary.

Never fight a war you cannot win.

Some do the work while others take the credit.

An angry outburst, followed by long periods of calmness, keeps people guessing.

Never respond to a request made through a third party.

Second-hand information is more reliable than third-hand information.

Don't expect people to do more than they can.

Constant Irritability is a symptom of deep emotional turmoil.

Never openly defy your boss.

Complaining is fine as long as it's done in a non-threatening manner.

Street entertainers are usually quite talented.

When money is your prime motivation, consider doing something else.

The moment you accept money to perform a service, you become an employee.

In the workplace, the employer will always dominate.

We are all replaceable.

Conservative attire is a sign of emotional stability.

Humility is a virtue for the rich.

The average person is forced to be humble.

Humility is a form of survival.

For the rich and powerful, humility is a sham.

A clever worker will never defy his supervisor.

A clever worker will always request permission.

Taking initiative is fine as long as it's done with your supervisor's approval.

Be thankful for having your own office.

A private office is a worker's kingdom.

A good bedside manner and a deferential attitude make for a good physician.

Do not confuse humility with deference.

One can be deferential without being humble.

For a woman sex is a means, for the man, it is an end.

Never be a line worker when one can be a supervisor.

A supervisor working on the line is still a supervisor.

Once you are a supervisor then always a supervisor.

When your supervisor smiles at you, you're doing something right.

When your supervisor frowns at you, trouble is on the way.

When your supervisor expresses displeasure with you, show up to work, keep silent, maintain a deferential attitude, and hope for the best.

Know your chain of command.

Always give credit to your supervisor.

Defer to your supervisor.

Know your place in an organization.

Never give up an office, except for a better office.

A man wants companionship; a woman wants security.

Never attract negative attention to yourself.

Say something nice – it cannot hurt.

Pornography is an industry.

The sex act is just that – an act.

The pornography actor is first and foremost a performer.

Sexual intercourse is more than just a physical act.

Loose fitting clothing is better than tight.

Just because you can't judge a book by its cover does not mean that you can't judge the cover.

A good politician will never deny having made a mistake.

Your vote counts only if you cast it.

Never put organization ahead of people.

Never turn away workers who are mobilized for action.

A good labor activist must never act like a bureaucrat.

The labor movement encompasses all labor organizations.

The struggle between capital and labor is permanent.

A good business person will never berate a customer.

Yelling and screaming attracts attention.

Never recommend visiting a place you have not visited yourself.

A touched-up photograph is a distortion of reality.

It never hurts to wear a tie at work.

Beware of the person who constantly smiles.

A good worker is a diligent worker.

Construction workers are heroes.

Don't just say it, do it.

If a woman declines to join the man for a drink, then the man may have to drink alone.

Never berate a person who offers to buy you food.

You don't know who your friends are until you need one.

Laugh at your own jokes even if nobody else does.

Whoever understands your sense of humor understands you.

Timing is everything until you run out of time.

Hard work is to be avoided if possible.

Every object in nature has a story.

Always bestow praise, when deserved.

Without a labor contract, the worker is truly a wage slave.

A free lunch may not really be free.

True gratitude is a rare commodity.

Creativity is like a waterfall – once it starts flowing it can never be stopped.

An artist creates first and foremost for self-satisfaction, not to satisfy others.

An artist must be true to thy self.

Creativity cannot be taught.

Regarding creativity, there are no rules.

Within every person there is the seed of creativity ready to germinate.

Any artist who cannot bear criticism has no business being an artist.

Any artist who craves praise is an artist without integrity.

A poem may be as short as a single letter or as long as the path to the stars.

The question of whether there is life after death implies that there is life before birth.

Laughter is a form of defiance.

The past is gone, the future has not yet happened, the present is but a moment.

A friend is someone you can talk with without formality.

A woman who berates a man is an unhappy woman indeed.

Accommodation is a form of survival.

An astute person is aware of one's mortality.

Eventually we all die.

Death is irreversible.

The newborn baby is humanity in its purest form.

The similarities between human and ape gives cause for thought.

An angry written word makes no noise.

The roasted chicken was once a living creature.

Expediency is a form of cop-out.

Politics is divisive.

Advice is a form of manipulation.

A woman will show off whatever she thinks will attract a man.

A woman with good looks has a distinct advantage.

For a woman, appearance is everything.

A child will always run to the mother.

Politeness is a form of deceit.

If armies were composed of women, there would be no more wars.

Contentment is a copout.

A hurricane is like an angry woman, beautiful to behold but impossible to control.

Never play the fool with a woman.

The man who jilts a woman does so at his own peril.

Let the pen be your guide.

Listen to your intuition, but never succumb to it.

If you push, expect to be pushed back.

Beware of the critic, they have a hidden agenda.

A fair-weather friend is worse than having no friend at all.

Never judge a person by their appearance, but rather by their actions.

Medical recommendations are like the weather, constantly changing with time.

The lecture is the worst way of imparting knowledge.

What's music to your ears is mere noise to mine.

People can be annoying.

The free-market economy is a fiction.

The politician who expresses candid views is a politician who is doomed to defeat.

A gaseous stomach means an unsettled mind.

The universe is infinite.

Speak for yourself, not for somebody else.

Never explain what somebody else has said, especially in their presence.

The capitalist system will displace human workers with machines to increase profits.

Historically the capitalist system utilizes the least expensive labor.

One day almost all doctors and lawyers could be females.

As long as labor is considered an expense, then the cost of labor will continue to be depressed.

All laborers are replaceable.

Don't do as I say, do as I do.

Speak your mind – silently.

Say the right thing, even if you don't mean it.

People lavish care on their pet animals while humans live on the street and suffer.

There are two sides to every conflict.

Before fighting a war, identify the enemy.

Buffoonery is a mask for anger.

Insecurity is a sign of weakness.

Hypocrisy is a condition of life.

All great empires eventually collapse.

Building walls is an act of supreme folly.

The immigrant of today is the citizen of tomorrow.

Second-guessing is supremely annoying.

Technology changes while people stay the same.

Never take by force what you can purchase for cash.

There is no such thing as a free lunch; somebody always pays.

A big meal can produce an upset stomach.

If you have the money, spend it.

Stone masons and steel workers are truly heroic.

Work is the source of all wealth.

Workers are never paid their full due.

Never go into a burning building unless properly equipped.

People can be really nasty, or sometimes very nice.

Water is better than soda.

Tea is better than coffee.

People come and go while organizations remain.

Change is inevitable and irreversible.

Practical work has therapeutic value.

Freedom is an illusion; options are never unlimited.

Think what you want but watch what you say.

Religious belief is a private matter.

Profanity undermines morale.

Think like an eagle but fly like a pigeon.

The Great Wall of China, Hadrian's Wall, the Maginot Line, the Siegfried Line – all relics of futility.

Never trifle with a court order.

Cigarettes – just say no.

When traveling in a vehicle, always use a seatbelt.

Historical events are open to different interpretations.

The Hittites, the Huns, the ancient Romans, the ancient Greeks, the Babylonians, the Philistines – where are they now?

Words once said can never be taken back.

A sincere apology deserves respect but cannot undo a wrong.

Once gone, soon forgotten.

Beautiful sunsets often go unnoticed.

Speak for yourself, never for others.

Life is unpredictable.

Innocence lost can never be recovered.

Irritability is not the same as anger.

Anger is a catalyst for change.

Beware of those who speak in slogans.

No love is as strong as your first love.

Health care is more than just a mere commodity.

Everyone deploras war, yet warfare is endemic.

One can be alone in the middle of a crowd.

Never take for granted what can easily be lost.

Never presume that you are understood.

Speak plainly.

Language can clarify or confuse.

Confusion can be frustrating.

Never forget that the elderly were once young.

Never forget that an old person was once a baby.

Age is more than just a number.

Health care workers are truly heroic.

Never take a labor contract for granted.

Every labor contract represents a victory for the worker.

Treat workers well and productivity will skyrocket.

Privatization is a sham.

Never drive away a customer.

Personal debt is to be avoided.

A beautiful woman can render a man speechless.

The word “no” is the most powerful word in the English language.