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SUPER SIXTIES

Conquest

As I go from day to day
Along life's rough and rugged way,
Let me look for simple things
That lift and lighten cares as laughter rings.

When deep, dark shadows of night descend
Shattering hope and dashing dreams,
Help me keep grudges from my mind
and leave those terrible thoughts behind.

Let me be a kind, forgiving friend.
Clean and calm from deep within.
And Satan's snares will flee from me
As I patiently wait for Thee.

~Erlene M. Smith



CAMPBELL COMMENTS



Wait for the Wind and Tide to Change

Most of us pray for patience—and demand it immediately! We're used to instant results. Photos are developed inside the camera in a matter of seconds. Food is cooked within minutes in microwave ovens, no waiting. Just press a button and presto out pops the finished product!

With all of its conveniences, somewhere in their hustle-bustle existence we seem to have lost the power and value of patience. By now surely we know that nothing can hurry the sunrise or alter the system of the tides.

If we'll slow down just a little, the truth of the Chinese proverb will sink in: "With time and patience the mulberry leaf becomes silk." The Africans say it this way— "With patience, even an egg will eventually get up and walk away."

The simple truth is: the beautiful and meaningful things in life take time. While Leonardo DaVinci was painting THE LAST SUPPER, he would patiently study it for hours. Often he would go for days and add only a few strokes, but each touch was the touch of genius.

Creative patience adds beauty and blessing to our lives, not the least of which is healing. As Shakespeare said, "How poor are they who have no patience! What wound did ever heal but by degrees." Often the pain of the present seems too much to bear. But time is the great healer. And as Bret Harte reminds us, "Never a tear bedims the eye, that time and patience will not dry."

Experience has taught us that barriers are temporary, if we will wait for time to accomplish what we cannot. In 1939—40 Rear Admiral Richard C. Byrd made an Antarctic expedition. He wanted to penetrate the ice of Sulzberger Bay further than any other vessel had been able to go before. But his small wooden ship, U.S.S. Bear, became helplessly locked in the ice. Her sails were useless. Her low-powered engine could not break her free.

"Patience, that's what you need in the Antarctic," Admiral Byrd said to George J. Dufek, his navigator. "Wait—give wind and tide a chance to change. It will loosen the ice and allow us to go on."

Turning to the navigator, the admiral said, "Remember that, George. It applies to life, too. When, you get stuck, don't give up. Be patient. Wait. Hold what you have.

Circumstance will change and let you go on again."

That's what the Old Testament prophet had in mind when he said, " But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

Praise Be to God

The poet David offered songs of praise
To his Creator for his bounteous days,
For guiding when Goliath challenged all,
Deliverance from the wrathful clutch of Saul.

He saw the beauty of the hills and trees
And gave his thanks for blessings such as these,
The rhythm of the earth, of day and night,
Of seasons showing God's all-powerful might.

So would I thank my Lord for daily care,
Protection from the dangers everywhere.
Please lead me, Master, that my steps be true
And help me give my constant praise to you.
~Vivian Hansbrough

Who Am I?

I am but a speck in the universe, a blip on the screen of eternity. Judged by those words, I would have to view my life as insignificant and meaningless. However, I am a child of God. The world is testimony to God's real presence. He is with me in bad times and good times. Because I am human, I don't always listen. I stumble and stagger on the path of life, but He is there to keep me from falling and to guide my footsteps. One day, I will shed my earthly body and walk effortlessly and joyfully with Jesus in heaven. Our life is like that of a caterpillar that spends its days crawling with great effort over bumpy paths and that emerges one day, beautiful and weightless, as a butterfly.

~Georgeann Pekarek

FATHER ABRAHAM'S FEBRUARY QUIZ

"THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD"

1. During the first Lord's Supper, who said, "Take eat; this is my body"?
2. True or false? At Jesus' trial the false witnesses against Jesus could not agree with each other.
3. Who was the first person to see Jesus alive?
4. In which of his letters did Paul say that he longs to know the power of Christ's resurrection?
5. Name two of the sons of the man who was forced to carry Jesus' cross.
6. Who said that he was certain that Jesus was a righteous man?
7. Who were the two disciples who followed at a distance after Jesus was arrested?
8. Who rolled back the stone at the entrance to the tomb and sat on it?
9. After Peter disowned Jesus three times, who turned and looked straight at him?
10. Who did the risen Jesus tell to feed His lambs?

Answers:

1. Jesus 2. True (Mark 14:59) 3. Mary Magdalene
4. Letter to the Philippians 3:10 5. Alexander and
Rufus 6. A Centurion 7. Peter and John 8. An
Angel 9. Jesus 10. Peter

Leftovers

~Carolyn Ross Tomlin

In the refrigerator I find half a cup of potatoes, a scoop of tomatoes, a bowl of beans, and a container of pot roast.

I have a choice. By putting these leftovers together, I could make a nutritious meal, or I could discard them. The best pieces of meat are gone, and the vegetables don't look as appealing as the day they were first served. Yet together they could make a hot bowl of soup.

Leftovers—how much they are like the lives we offer to Christ. With years wasted and sins committed, we come to Him with the best part gone.

However, God in His mercy takes our lives, puts them together, and makes something good out of what could have been discarded.

The Super
60's



Cracker
Barrel

What can be more heartening,
When you're given up on spring,
Than to look out over the drifts of snow
And hear a robin sing?

Do you remember when a pie was set
On a windowsill by maw
To cool from the heat of baking
Rather than to thaw?



Mixed greens are good for you -
especially fives, tens, and twenties.

Modern-day drinking fountains
Are enough to confound me;
I either get just a trickle,
Or else, enough to drown me!



IT'S GOLD OUTSIDE

Now that winter's here,
Let's be full of cheer.
We know we only see our breath
At this time of the year.



PASSION for CHOCOLATE

I'm trying to conquer my craving,
But try and try as I might,
When it comes to chocolate,
I find it's love at first bite.

The path of unhappiness is one in which we see
the past as better than it was,
the present worse than it is,
and the future brighter than it's going to be.

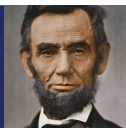
The only time a quarter will go as far as it once did
is when it falls under the bed.

The difference between, "He's good looking" and "He's
looking good " is usually about 20 years and 30 pounds.

Some go about doing good,
others just go about.



INSPIRING QUOTES for PRESIDENT'S DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15



"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal, nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."
~Thomas Jefferson

"The circulation of confidence is better than the circulation of money."
~James Madison

"Great lives never go out; they go on."
~Benjamin Harrison

"It is hard to fall, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."
~Theodore Roosevelt

"It is common to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something."
~Franklin Roosevelt

"Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."
~Ronald Reagan

Quotations by Author **Abraham Lincoln (1809 – 1865)** **16th president of U.S.**

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.
~ Abraham Lincoln

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.
~ Abraham Lincoln

Human action can be modified to some extent, but human nature cannot be changed.
~ Abraham Lincoln

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?
~ Abraham Lincoln

No man is good enough to govern another man without that others consent.
~ Abraham Lincoln

QUOTES WORTH REMEMBERING

It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country and his immediate posterity, but that its influence may be coextensive with the world and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn.
~George Washington

What is the use of being elected or re-elected unless you stand for something.
~Grover Cleveland

If you have no joy in your religion, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere.
~Billy Sunday

Every Christian has G.P.S. – God Provided Salvation! It may not guide you everywhere you want to go in the world, but It will ensure that you arrive safely in Heaven.

If I chose to follow God, He will lead me.

I am sometimes startled at the power of a feeble prayer to win a speedy answer.
~C. H. Spurgeon

Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on past misfortunes, of which all men have some.
~Charles Dickens

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether or not it exists, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedy.
~Ernest Benn

Forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note – torn in two and burned up - so that it never can be shown against the man.
~ Henry Ward Beecher

LIFE'S LOVE AFFAIR

Life is a proverbial love affair
for the many loves of mankind captivate us
at one stage or another.
...Love of work—artists and artisans.
... Love of knowledge—philosophers and
scholars.
... Love of country—patriots and statesmen.
... Love of nature—which enables us to read
the lessons of life in the universe about us.
...Love of things—which can glorify life while
reflecting the glory of God.
... Love of self—which is absolutely essential
for self—respect and self—confidence. "Thou
shalt love thy neighbour
as thyself" (Matthew 19:19b).
... Love of family—parent for child, children for
parents, brothers and sisters for each other.
...Love of man for mate—which becomes the
basis of home life.

*...Supremely, love of God and love for
God -enjoined by the Biblical text, "And
thou shalt love the Lord thy God with
all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and
with all thy might" (Deuteronomy 6:5).*

MORE THAN NICE

A child prayed: "Dear God, please make the mean
people good, and the good people nice."

This simple petition reminds us that many
persons are not good and certainly some are not
nice. And even nice can only refer to being socially
accepted without dealing with the heart of the matter.

Christians are challenged to go beyond nice and
evidence happiness, kindness, and love. And unless
we possess these characteristics, our lives will be
joyless. Someone has said, "A Christian without joy
is like a clock without hands." It may tick away, but
there's no outward indication of its inner workings

Go beyond nice and practice the words of
Habakkuk 3:18: "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will
joy in the God of my salvation."

~Ruth Stallings

REACH OUT

Reach out if you can't find your way
In a world that is cloudy and gray,
If you feel all alone
And life's hard on your own
And there's never a bright sunny day.

Reach out if you're worried or blue
And there's nothing more you can do.
If you stumble and fall
And there's no hope at all,
Reach out and find God is reaching for you.
~Frances Benson

REMEMBERING VALENTINE'S DAY

*When she was a child at the age of nine,
He gave her a paper valentine.
Teenage years brought different treats-
A big chocolate heart, a boxful of sweets.
When newlywed, the gift that he chose
Was a golden locket adorned with a rose.
Now they both are gray with the passage of time,
But he still remembers his valentine
And shows his love in a special way.
He hung those new drapes
she wanted today!* ~Juliana Lewis

VALENTINES

*In 1840 a valentine was sent from England to
Worcester, Massachusetts. Inspired by this
traveling valentine sent to her stationer father,
Esther A. Howland, a young lady recently
graduated from Holyoke College became
America's first valentine publisher.*

*With her brother's help, she sold \$5,000
worth of valentines the first year, and the
business grew to become a highly profitable
industry. Ironically, this clever young lady, who
spent a lifetime creating sweet missives of love for
valentines, died at 78—a spinster.*

~

Evelyn Witter

Our Constant Companion

At the age of four, my grandson John returned from a foreign country where his father was attaché to an embassy. John had attended some religious services while overseas. His first Sunday back I took him to Sunday School. He kept glancing around the room, looking to the right and to the left, as though expecting someone.

"When does God get here?" he asked.

Then I understood. His parents had taught him that the church was God's house. And he thought God should be there—visibly.

I told him that God wasn't only in churches, but in every house, office, and store wherever people gathered. We are never without God's companionship.

In later years John told me he still remembers that experience. It has also helped me to remember that God is with me, all the time, wherever I go. I'm never alone.

~Walter Harter

Richly Blessed

For years our church ladies took baskets of food to the poor. But now, due to well-paying jobs and availability of government help, we had none on our list.

Then it struck me. My neighbor, a rich lady, living alone, was lonely. People were reluctant to visit her because of her wealth. I decided to chance it, and took four freshly baked cupcakes over.

Her response was terrific! I detected a tear in her eye, as she remarked, "What a wonderful thing. No one has been this nice to me in years. God bless you."

After we chatted for a while, I left realizing that I'd experienced more gratitude from my rich neighbor than I'd ever received from the poor.

Maybe my rich neighbor had greater needs after all.

~Edna Elsaser

The Palm Tree

*"The righteous shall flourish like
the palm tree" (Psalm 92:12).*

The palm tree, known in biblical times as the date palm, requires careful tending when it is young because it grows from within. Its living tissue is in the center of the trunk. Even if the bark is removed, scarred or cut, the palm tree continues to grow upward toward the sky. And the quantity and quality of its fruit are determined by the growth of its inner life.

The palm has more than 360 uses—food, rope, timber, cloth, baskets, etc. Its roots extend deep into the earth, taking advantage of hidden moisture. It thrives even in dry, sandy soil.

And best of all, the palm bears its best fruit in old age. It is the sweetest when it is 80 years of age.

What a beautiful illustration of what our life should be in old age.

~Dorothy Lathrop

Reverie

I often wish to find some path
To childhood, back in time,
When half the cars were model T's
And coffee cost a dime.

The milkman came right to the door;
The iceman brought us ice.
Vanilla sodas were so good;
I sometimes had them twice!

And then on Sundays while at church,
Though fidgeting was done,
I heard the glory of the Lord
And learned to love His Son.

That far and long ago is gone,
Down paths I cannot find,
But still the love remains for me,
Fresh in my heart and mind!

~Joseph Gauzens

Alive in Him

I feel a joy down deep inside.
I feel a peace so deep within
That whatever comes my way-
I am ALIVE in Him!

The fountain of His love and grace
Springs up within my heart,
Because He gave His love to me-
I am ALIVE in Him!

Dreary days may come my way.
Sickness comes to slow my steps,
But joy and peace still reign inside.
I'm still ALIVE in Him!

Because He died on Calvary
To give to me His life anew,
Living or dying, I'll ever be
Always alive in Him!

~Phyllis Murray Carson

Repose

Let us, Lord, in peace remain,
And in all things to see the gain
That You impart to all who know
That You are God and love them so.

And let a faith and strength be born
To all Your children on that morn,
When hardships come and trials fall,
To keep Your people standing tall.

To show the world
that our God reigns –
We do not worship Him in vain...
Oh, let us, Lord, in peace remain.

~Sharon Lee Roberts

SUPER 60'S FEBRUARY CHUCKLES

TOO MANY FIGURINES

A young girl watched her grandmother move several duck figurines from the bottom shelf to the middle shelf of a cabinet. The grandmother picked up one of the ducks and then set it down on the middle shelf. She picked up another duck figurine from the bottom shelf and set it beside the first duck. She continued moving the ducks from one shelf to the next.

Finally, she stood back and looked at the cabinet.

"Hmm..." She moved back to the cabinet and began moving the ducks onto the top shelf.

"Grandma," the little girl finally spoke, "what are you doing?"

"I'm just trying to get my ducks in a row," the grandmother answered. ~Sally Painter

CELL PHONE AT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU

Fred found himself in a long line at the driver's license bureau and moved to stand in the shorter line. He turned around to see an elderly woman just standing in between the two lines and not moving to get in either one. He watched as she pulled out her cell phone and began reading the news. He was confused why she was just standing there reading between the lines. ~Sally Painter

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A man was dining with an elderly couple was very impressed by the man's terms of endearment to his wife. He said things like, "Thank you, my sweet," "Please, my dear," or "Okay, my beloved."

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When the wife went to the kitchen to get dessert, the man turned to his friend. "George, after all these years, it's very touching that you speak so lovingly to your wife.

The old man sighed and shook his head slowly. "It's not that Peter. I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I forgot her name years ago."

CHICKENS AND EGGS

The elderly grandma always talked to the hens whenever she fed them.

One day, her grandson asked, "Grandma, why do you talk to the chickens?"

"I'm just trying to egg them on." ~Sally Painter

JOYOUS HOMECOMING ~Garnet Quiett

A story has been told about the discovery of the skeleton of a gold rush miner. It was unearthed beside a desert road. Evidently, he had been on his way home after striking it rich. Clutched in his hand was a leather bag filled with gold.

The gold was assayed and found to be chalcopryite (fool's gold). What a disappointing homecoming the old miner would have had if he had lived!

What treasures do we set our affections on and put first in our lives? Is it success, money, or social standing? These are the fool's gold in our lives if we fail to put God first.

Let us lay up for ourselves the treasure of our salvation that we may have eternal life in heaven—then our homecoming will be a joyous occasion. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2).