

122 Random Thoughts—For Those Who Wish to Think

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1. Success is getting up just one more time more than you fall down.
2. A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something which would make you mad if it happened to you.
3. An authority is a person who can tell you more about something than you really care to know.
4. The world seems to be changing so fast nowadays you could not stay wrong all the time even if you tried.
5. The best time to look for work is after you get the job.
6. Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing, but nobody else does.
7. Do not ever be afraid to admit you were wrong. It is like saying your wiser today than you were yesterday.
8. There is a big difference between advice and help.
9. No one ever listened himself out of a job.
10. Do not be afraid to go out on a limb. That is where the fruit is.
11. Some people do not want advice. They just see you as a wastebasket for their worries.
12. If you want long friendships, develop a short memory.
13. If a mans mind is stretched by a new idea, it never goes back to its original shape and size.
14. Three things never return: the past, the neglected opportunity, and the spoken word.
15. Some great people make other people fell small, but really great people make everyone feel great.
16. Love may not make the world go around, but it sure makes the trip worthwhile.
17. The young want to change the world. The old want to change the young.
18. What a lot of people are looking for these days is less to do, more time to do it, and higher pay for not getting it done in the first place.
19. You can do a little with faith; you can to nothing without it.
20. We too often love things and use people when we should be using things and loving people.
21. No one can make you feel more humble than the repairman who discovers you have been trying to fix it yourself.
22. Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem.
23. Few things make us feel better than having our judgment vindicated.
24. Do a few good turns today. You will not get dizzy.
25. The third day of a diet is not too bad. By then you are off of it.
26. The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.
27. The person who gets ahead is the one who does more than is necessary . . . and keeps doing it.
28. He who dares wins.
29. In order to appreciate excellence you must yourself have struggled for it.
30. Having a conscience does not prevent us from sinning. It merely prevents us from enjoying it.
31. If you do a favor for someone and expect a favor in return, it is a trade, not an act of kindness.
32. Weller's law: Nothing is impossible for the man who does not have to do it himself.
33. There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it does not matter who gets the credit.
34. School is known by the people it keeps.
35. The trouble with some people today is that they are educated beyond their intelligence.
36. You can hire people to work for you, but you must win their hearts to have them work with you.
37. Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists of not exceeding the time limit.

38. Chisholm's Law: Anytime things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something.
39. The tragedy of life is not that we die, but is rather, as Albert Schweitzer has said, ". . . what dies inside a man while he lives".
40. Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.
41. The obscure we see eventually, the completely apparent take a little longer.
42. People who wait to start until they feel like working rarely do.
43. The road to recovery starts with forgiveness
44. The people most preoccupied with titles and status are usually the least deserving of them.
45. Competition does not create character, it exposes it.
46. There are three kinds of teachers, the successful, the unsuccessful, and those who give seminars telling the second group how the first group did it.
47. The first essential of doing a job well is the wish to see the job done at all.
48. The difference between promising ideas and productive results is a good manager.
49. Few things make us feel better than having our judgment vindicated.
50. People, who tell you what kind of people they are, usually are not.
51. When you make out your income tax this year, we trust you remember that it's better to give than to deceive.
52. Anytime you want to demonstrate something, the number of faults is proportionate to the number to observers.
53. Poise is the ability to keep talking while the other guy picks up the check.
54. Eighty percent of success is showing up.
55. Nothing is more beautiful than cheerfulness in an old face.
56. The young make the mistake of thinking that education can take the place of experience. the old, that experience can take the place of education.
57. Have old memories but young hopes.
58. You can really never get away. You can only take yourself somewhere else.
59. Definition of a Genius: A person who aims at something no one else can see . . . and hits it!
60. Luxuries are what other people buy.
61. Tact is changing the subject without changing your mind.
62. The young and the old have all the answers. Those in between are stuck with the questions.
63. Carrying your cares to bed is like sleeping with a pack on your back.
64. A long dispute means that both parties are wrong.
65. It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.
66. You will not strain your eyes if you look at the bright side of things.
67. I will say this for adversity, people seem to be able to stand it and that is more than I can say for prosperity.
68. Discontent is the penalty we pay for being race horses instead of cows.
69. Joggers make dependable spouses; in those outfits they wear, home is the only place they can go.
70. Give your decision, never your reasons: your decisions may be right, your reasons are sure to be wrong.
71. You cannot build a reputation on what you are going to do.
72. Change never helps those who do not help themselves.
73. Fifty years ago people finished a days work and needed rest. Today they need exercise.
74. As scarce as truth is, the supply seems greater than the demand.
75. Truth is shorter than fiction.
76. Everyone is counting something: Dollars, Pounds, Accomplishments, Calories . . .
77. Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.
78. Short visits make long friends.
79. Aim for perfection! Half right is always half wrong.

80. Money is a wonderful thing, but it is possible to pay too high a price for it.
81. To figure the cost of living, just take your income and add 10 percent.
82. People who think they know it all are a pain in the neck to those of us who really do.
83. It is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice.
84. Leadership is the activity of influencing people to cooperate toward some goal they find desirable.
85. They call it take-home pay because there is no other place you can afford to go with it.
86. Ability: Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.
87. Attitude: Nothing will work unless you do.
88. Faith: There are many things that are essential to arriving at true peace of mind, and one of the most important is faith, which cannot be acquired without deep reflection.
89. Mind: You cannot attain and maintain physical condition unless you are morally and mentally conditioned. It is impossible to be in moral condition unless you are spiritually conditioned. I always told my players that our team condition depended on two factors: How hard they worked on the floor during practice, and How well they behaved between practices.
90. Perseverance: It is not so important who starts the game but who finishes it.
91. Sports: Sports do not build character, they reveal it.
92. Youth: Young people need models, not critics.—John Wooden
93. You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.—Michael Jordan
94. "One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 men preaching it.
One man practicing sportsmanship is better than 100 men teaching it.
Build up your weaknesses until they become your strong points."—Knut Rockne
95. The angry man will defeat himself in battle as well as in life.—Samurai Maxim
96. Most people live and die with their music still inside them. They let fear get in the way. They never dare to try.—Mary Kay Ash
97. One loss is good for the soul. Too many losses are not good for the coach.—Knut Rockne
98. Avoid fruits and nuts. You are what you eat.—Jim Davis (Garfield the Cat)
99. There are three kinds of people in the world: those that make things happen, those that watch things happen, and those that look around and wonder what happened.
100. Parkinson's Law: Whatever can go wrong, will.
101. Get rid of the stinkin' thinkin'. Give yourself major surgery—an attitudectomy—a check-up from the neck up: Zig Ziglar
102. Practice does not make perfect. Practice makes permanent. Only correct practice makes perfect.
103. New income tax form. Line one: how much did you make. Line two: send it.
104. The trouble with common sense is that it is not very common.—Will Rogers
105. One day I was sitting sad and lonely and a voice came to me out of the blue saying: "Cheer up, things could get worse!" So I did. And sure enough, things got worse.
106. Definition of insanity: Doing the same thing over and over, expecting different results.—Albert Einstein
107. To succeed: double your failure rate.
108. The challenging we can do immediately, the impossible just takes a little longer.
109. Always do more than is expected of you.
110. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.
111. The year that Babe Ruth was the home-run king, he was also the strike-out king.
112. The opposite of success is not failure, it is giving up!
113. Attitude, not Aptitude, determines Altitude.
114. The hurridier I go the behinder I get.
115. Parkinson's Law: Anything that can go wrong, will.
116. If you think that what has happened to you might make you laugh later, do not wait, laugh now!
117. Wait to join the procrastinators club!

118. Make a decision and then make it right!
119. You can fool some of the people some of the time; but, you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.
120. A fool and his money are soon parted.
121. A baseball player with a batting average of 350 is considered to be one of the best in the Major Leagues. He will earn millions of dollars in salary. Did you know that a batting average of 350 means that he will get a hit 350 times for every 1,000 times he is a bat? He is one of the best at hitting the ball but he is only successful 35% of the time!
121. It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.
122. **Remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.**