

WORDS OF WISDOM

Discuss these 'Pearls of Wisdom' in your group or class. Write a piece of prose or poetry around one of these wise sayings.

Don't just know things; any fool can do that. The point is to understand them.

Don't tell me how hard you work; tell me how much you get done.

Put yourself in other people's shoes.

Value your friends more than your possessions.

Don't blame your past for what you do in the present.

Attempt easy tasks as if they were difficult, and difficult tasks as if they were easy.

Don't give up.

Don't compare yourself to the best that others can do, but to the best that you can do.

When you have nothing good to say, say nothing.

It's good to be original, but beyond being original is just being an idiot.

Always talk to people as if you were being watched by someone you want to impress.

Mind your own business. If you value your privacy, then you should value other people's privacy.

Don't try to please everyone, just someone.

Try to conceal how much you think of yourself and how little you think of others.

Ask yourself, 'What am I doing for others?'

You can't keep blaming yourself. Blame yourself once and then move on.

Praise in public, criticise in private.

Look for the good in people.

Read like you can't get enough learning.

Spend your life lifting people up, not putting people down.

Learn to listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.

Never expect anyone to do anything you wouldn't do yourself.

Become a person who brightens up a room just by entering it.

Never put off apologising.

Say nice things about people.

When you are not having a good day, try to help create one for someone else.

Don't talk unless you can improve the silence.

Give everything you've got.

You can accept failure; everyone fails at something. Just don't accept not trying.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

When you give a lesson in meanness to an animal or person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.

Always be well-mannered, if you want people to be well-mannered to you.

Win without boasting, lose without excuses.

Leave everything a little better than you found it.

One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it is worth watching.

Choose a job you love, and you'll never have to work a day in your life.

Never confuse your career with your life.

Commit yourself to constant self-improvement.

Remember: 89% of statistics are made up and the other 63% are wrong.

Live a good and honourable life. Then, when you are older and think back, you will enjoy it a second time.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time because you won't have a leg to stand on.