



Thoughts for the Long Haul

"I would rather fail in a cause which I know must some day triumph than triumph in a cause that I know must some day fail." - Sir Winston Churchill

"The seed never sees the flower." - Unknown

"If I knew that the world would end tomorrow, I would plant an apple tree today." - Unknown

"Speak only when asked, and then speak little, but live your life so that it becomes a question." - Unknown

"Christian witness means living your life in such a way that if God did not exist, your life would make no sense." - Dorothy Day

"Everyone wants to be part of the revolution, but nobody wants to do the dishes" - Dorothy Day

"We must never allow the destructiveness of the present to de-feat our commitment to achieve the ideal." - Sr. Joan Chittister, OBM

"There are some divine cravings that are worth striving for, finished or unfinished, for as long as it takes to achieve them." - Sr. Joan Chittister, OBM

"If you expect to see the final results of your works you have simply not asked a big enough question." - Arab proverb

"A spirituality without a prayer life is not spirituality at all and it will not last beyond the first defeat." - Sr. Joan Chittister, OBM

"It is not your obligation to complete your work, but you are not at liberty to quit it." - The Talmud

"An asceticism of the present demands a lover's heart." - Sr. Joan Chittister, OBM

"People who see the world as God sees the world, whose prayer life is more converting than comforting, who walk in the footsteps of those who loved the church, whose sense of personal integrity is deeper than the need for social approval, are in for the long haul. They are willing to fail in things that must some day succeed; they are willing to be seed scattered and sown; they plant apple trees in wintertime. " - Sr. Joan Chittister, OBM

“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they seem invincible but in the end, they always fail – think of it...ALWAYS.” - Gandhi

“There are a great many stories of suffering in the world, there are just as many stories of overcoming it.” - Helen Keller

“Lend your voices only to sounds of freedom; no longer lend your strength to that which you wish to be free from ; fill your lives with love and bravery ; and you shall lead a life uncommon”
- Jewel

“Never let what you don’t have spoil what you do.” - Unknown

“No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars of sailed to an uncharted land or opened a new heaven to the human spirit?” -Helen Keller

“The World is not as it should be...Then there’s us. We live as though the world is as it should be. That way, we can show the world what it can be.” - Angel, *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*

“Whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer him with love. - Gandhi.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one. - Unknown

The mission of parenthood is to prepare the child for the path not the path for the child. - Dick O'Brien

You don't have to attend every argument you're invited to. - Unknown

All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure. - Mark Twain

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us. - Anonymous

and just for fun...

"Heck is where people go who don't believe in Gosh."

Anyway

Words on a Wall in Mother Teresa's Hospital in Calcutta

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred.

Love them anyway!

If you do good, people will accuse you
of selfish, ulterior motives.

Do good anyway!

If you are successful, you will win
false friends and enemies.

Succeed anyway!

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway!

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway!

What you spend years building may be
destroyed overnight.

Build anyway!

People really need help
but may attack you if you help them.

Help them anyway!

Give the world the best you have
and you risk get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you've got anyway!