

WELKER'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORDS TO THE WISE

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In reality, we are our experiences. Our belief-system or basic philosophy of life is based on our day to day worldly encounters, especially those in which we experience an epiphany. The following are personal quotes regarding my lifetime lessons.

... on Facing your Fears

*“To succeed in life, you must first conquer the ultimate opponent – yourself.”*

*“If you listen to everyone who says you can't... you won't.”*

... on Human Nature

*“Of all the creatures on Earth, mankind is the best of the best... and the worst of the worst.”*

*“I have much more faith in a kind man than I do in mankind.”*

*“Revenge is easy; the tough one is forgiving.”*

*“Kindness to the unkind is a futile endeavor.”*

... on Pride

*“Always take your work serious, but never yourself...because that is the beginning of arrogance.”*

*“It is not arrogance if you can back up what you say.”*

**... on Humility**

*“Work hard, play hard...and sit in the last pew of the church.”*

**... on advice**

*“Always listen to the advice of the most experienced person...because he is the one who has made the most mistakes.”*

**... on Courage**

*“The true heroes in life are successful parents.”*

**... on Liberals**

*“No one is less liberal than a contemporary liberal.”*

**... on Endurance**

*“Success is the culmination of many failures.”*

*“Natural talent without discipline is no match for perseverance.”*

**... on Humor**

*“Laughter is the secret of sanity.”*

**...on Excuses**

*“We have become the United States of the offended and excuses.”*

*“Excuses are like sewers. Every street has one and they all stink.”*

**...on Learning**

*“Dear Lord, teach me to know what to say... and what not to say.”*

*“To truly make a difference in life does not involve acquiring great wealth...but possessing the ability to teach.”*

*“A great man possesses experience, knowledge and wisdom...especially wisdom.”*

**...on Politicians**

*“An honest man who enters politics is short-lived.”*

**...on Cheapness**

*“Money is no object to me. I won't use it.”*

**In closing, I want to share with you an introspective quote from my very good friend, Ken McWilliams. Knowing me for many, many years, he once stated:**

*“Welker...you're a character with character.”*

**Hmmm.**

**He's got a point.**

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