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of
Inspiration

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"You are now at a crossroads.

*This is your opportunity to make the most important decision you
will ever make.*

Forget your past.

Who are you now?

Who have you decided you really are now?

Don't think about who you have been.

Who are you now?

Who have you decided to become?

Make this decision consciously.

Make it carefully.

Make it powerfully. "

— Anthony Robbins

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Welcome to this Inspiration Journal

This book is the result of a number of people asking me to compile a daily journal full of inspirational quotes and messages ~ a daily journal in which they could write their thoughts, feelings, hopes, desires...

While on the surface this book could be accused as little more than a compilation of other people's words and ideas, and it is, however it is also a carefully selected collection of words, ideas and inspiring stories that I hope will inspire you to be a better you, to do things you never dreamed you could do, and to live an inspired life full of gratitude, faith and abundance.

May this book inspire you to be the best 'you' that you can be...

Thank you...

With love and smiles,

Bella St. John

JANUARY

Doing the right thing...

It was during prohibition... 'Easy Eddie' was Al Capone's lawyer and business manager, and a good lawyer at that for having kept Capone out of jail for so long – and Easy Eddie was well-rewarded for his efforts, including a huge residence in Chicago, live in help...

Easy Eddie and his wife gave birth to a son, Edward, in 1914.

Easy Eddie was able to give his son everything money could buy, however the one thing he could not provide was a 'good name'.

It's unclear whether it was his conscience or 'seeing the writing on the wall' that lead Easy Eddie to turn state's evidence, however in 1930, Easy Eddie agreed to turn over key financial records that implicated Capone and eventually lead to Capone's downfall.

What does this have to do with his son, Edward?

Edward became a US naval aviator who, on February 20, 1942, became the U. S. Navy's first flying ace and Medal of Honor recipient in World War II.

'Butch' O'Hare's was leading the U. S. Navy's first-ever nighttime fighter attack launched from an aircraft carrier and during this encounter with a group of Japanese torpedo bombers, O'Hare's F6F Hellcat was shot down; his aircraft was never found.

In 1945, the U. S. Navy destroyer USS O'Hare was named in his honor, and in 1949, the Chicago, Illinois airport was renamed O'Hare International Airport in his honor.

...you never know the series of events that will unfold when you do the right thing...

January 1st

"There's no next time. It's now or never." – Celestine Chua ~ or in the words of Bon Jovi, "It's my life, it's now or never!"

God gives a hand to those down on their luck, gives a fresh start to those ready to quit. - - Psalm 145:14

Today, I am grateful for...

January 2ND

"Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others." — Plato

I have said these things to YOU that by means of me YOU may have peace. In the world YOU are having tribulation, but take courage! I have conquered the world." — John 16:33

Today, I will inspire others by...

January 3RD

"It doesn't matter where you are coming from. All that matters is where you are going." — Brian Tracy

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. — 1 Corinthians 8:16

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

January 4TH

"Everyone has a purpose in life... a unique gift or special talent to give to others. And when we blend this unique talent with service to others, we experience the ecstasy and exultation of our own spirit, which is the ultimate goal of all goals." — Deepak Chopra

God gives a hand to those down on their luck, gives a fresh start to those ready to quit. - - Psalm 145:14

Today, I will help another by...

January 5TH

"Never giving up and pushing forward will unlock all the potential we are capable of." — Christy Borgeld

Consider it all joy, my brothers, when YOU meet with various trials, knowing as YOU do that this tested quality of YOUR faith works out endurance. But let endurance have its work complete, that YOU may be complete and sound in all respects, not lacking in anything. — James 1:2-4

Today, I will show my thanks by...

January 6TH

"In life you need either inspiration or desperation." — Anthony Robbins

Matthew 6:33 "Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these [other] things will be added to YOU."

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

January 7TH

"Begin with the end in mind." — Stephen Covey

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. — Psalm 62:5

Today, I will show my love by...

January 8TH

"Dreams are renewable. No matter what our age or condition, there are still untapped possibilities within us and new beauty waiting to be born." — Dr. Dale Turner

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. — Acts 4:13

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

January 9TH

"Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it."
— Danny Kaye

Turn your burdens over to the Lord, and he will take care of you.

He will never let the righteous person stumble. - - Psalm 55:22

Today, I will smile because...

January 10TH

"Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sun-dial in the shade?" — Benjamin Franklin

Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall. — Psalm 55:22

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

January 11TH

"Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. — Philippians 4:8

Today, I will do something I've never done...

January 12TH

"Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success." — Swami Sivananda

For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope. — Romans 15:4

Today, I will reach out to someone...

January 13TH

"The starting point of all achievement is desire. Keep this constantly in mind. Weak desires bring weak results, just as a small amount of fire makes a small amount of heat." — Napoleon Hill

Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for and hope for and expect the Lord! — Psalm 31:24

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

January 14TH

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." - Milton Berle

For this is what the love of God means, that we observe his commandments; and yet his commandments are not burdensome. — 1 John 5:3

Today, I will show gratitude by...

January 15TH

"I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." - Thomas Edison

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. — Luke 17:6

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

January 16TH

"There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self." — Aldous Huxley

*So be careful how you live. Don't live like ignorant people, but like wise people.
Make good use of every opportunity you have. - Ephesians 5:15-16*

Today, I will do the following good deed...

January 17TH

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." — Tom Brokaw

*Hence brace up **YOUR** minds for activity, keep **YOUR** senses completely; set **YOUR** hope upon the undeserved kindness that is to be brought to **YOU** at the revelation of Jesus Christ. — 1 Peter 1:13*

Today, I will support someone by...

January 18TH

"It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark." - Howard Ruff

Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the LORD will do to all the enemies you are going to fight." — Joshua 10:25

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

January 19TH

*"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." -
Albert Einstein*

Beloved ones, let us continue loving one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born from God and gains the knowledge of God. He that does not love has not come to know God, because God is love. — 1 John 4:7, 8

Today, I am grateful for...

January 20TH

"Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today." - Benjamin Franklin

No temptation has taken YOU except what is common to men. But God is faithful, and he will not let YOU be tempted beyond what YOU can bear, but along with the temptation he will also make the way out in order for YOU to be able to endure it." — 1 Corinthians 10:13

Today, I will inspire others by...

January 21ST

"Don't compare yourself negatively with the giants or anyone else, rather, use them as models. Then get on with whatever it is you can accomplish with your life, and give it everything you have." — Dr. Irene Kassarla

Abraham didn't weaken. Through faith he regarded the facts: His body was already as good as dead now that he was about a hundred years old, and Sarah was unable to have children. He didn't doubt God's promise out of a lack of faith. Instead, giving honor to God for the promise, he became strong because of faith and was absolutely confident that God would do what he promised. — Romans 4:19-21

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

January 22ND

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." - Will Rogers

*And quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making **YOUR** mind over, that **YOU** may prove to yourselves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. — Romans 12:2*

Today, I will help another by...

January 23RD

"Absorb what is useful, Discard what is not, Add what is uniquely your own."
— Bruce Lee

May the God who gives hope fill YOU with all joy and peace by YOUR believing, that YOU may abound in hope with power of holy spirit. — Romans 15:13

Today, I will show my thanks by...

January 24TH

"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. — 1 Corinthians 16:13

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

January 25TH

*"The whole world steps aside for the man who knows where he is going." —
Unknown*

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied:

" 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' — Matthew 22:36-39

Today, I will show my love by...

January 26TH

"People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do." - Apple Computers

*Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let **YOUR** petitions be made known to God; and the peace of God that excels all thought will guard **YOUR** hearts and **YOUR** mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. — Philippians 4:6,7*

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

January 27TH

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times. I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." - Michael Jordan

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? — Matthew 6:30

Today, I will appreciate the following that I previously took for granted...

January 28TH

"To avoid criticism do nothing, say nothing, be nothing." - Elbert Hubbard

YOU should put away the old personality which conforms to YOUR former course of conduct and which is being corrupted according to his deceptive desires; but that YOU should be made new in the force actuating YOUR mind, and should put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty. — Ephesians 4:22-24

Today, I will finally...

January 29TH

"If you keep saying things are going to be bad, you have a chance of being a prophet." - Isaac B. Singer

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." — Romans 4:18

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

January 30TH

"Some make it happen, some watch it happen, and some say, 'What happened?'" – Anonymous

This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ. – John 17:3

Today, I will do something I've never done...

January 31ST

"Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success." — Napoleon Hill

By this the love of God was made manifest in our case, because God sent forth his only-begotten Son into the world that we might gain life through him. — 1 John 4:9

Today, I will reach out to someone...

FEBRUARY

Just keep going...

Unless you've been living under a rock, you would know of the success of J.K. Rowling and the 'Harry Potter' series.

When Rowling spoke to the graduating class of Harvard in 2008, she didn't talk about success. Instead, she spoke of her own personal 'failure'...

"You might never fail on the scale I did," Rowling commented. "But it is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all—in which case, you fail by default.

She should know. Rowling didn't magically become richer than the Queen of England overnight. Recently divorced, without any income and raising a child on her own, she wrote the first Harry Potter book in a small café near her humble home.

Twelve publishers rejected the manuscript!

A year later she was given the green light by Barry Cunningham from Bloomsbury, who agreed to publish the book but insisted she get a day job because there was 'no money in children's books'.

What if she had stopped after the first rejection, or the second rejection, or the third rejection, or the fourth rejection, or the fifth rejection, or the sixth...

You never know what amazing experiences are in store for you if you just keep going...

February 1ST

"When we recall the past, we usually find that it is the simplest things — not the great occasions — that in retrospect give off the greatest glow of happiness."
— Bob Hope

Come to me, all YOU who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh YOU. Take my yoke upon YOU and learn from me, for I am mild-tempered and lowly in heart, and YOU will find refreshment for YOUR souls. For my yoke is kindly and my load is light. — Matthew 11:28-30

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

February 2ND

*"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra." -
Jimmy Johnson*

*Above all things, take up the large shield of faith, with which YOU will be able
to quench all the wicked one's burning missiles. — Ephesians 6:16*

Today, I will show gratitude by...

February 3RD

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." — Henry David Thoreau

Let all malicious bitterness and anger and wrath and screaming and abusive speech be taken away from YOU along with all badness. But become kind to one another, tenderly compassionate, freely forgiving one another just as God also by Christ freely forgave YOU. — Ephesians 4:31,32

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

February 4TH

"The greatest dreams are always unrealistic." — Will Smith

*The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; —
Lamentations 3:25*

Today, I will do the following good deed...

February 5TH

"The best way to predict the future is to create it." - Abraham Lincoln

When wisdom enters into your heart and knowledge itself becomes pleasant to your very soul, thinking ability itself will keep guard over you, discernment itself will safeguard you, — Proverbs 2:10, 11

Today, I will support someone by...

February 6TH

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."
- Albert Einstein

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. -
1 Corinthians 13:8

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

February 7TH

"I know for sure that what we dwell on is who we become." - Oprah Winfrey

A young man I used to be, I have also grown old. And yet I have not seen anyone righteous left entirely. Nor his offspring looking for bread. - Psalms 37:25

Today, I am grateful for...

February 8TH

"I have learned that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." — Henry David Thoreau

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." — Mark 5:34

Today, I will inspire others by...

February 9TH

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

February 10TH

*"Surround yourself with people who are going to motivate and inspire you." —
Charles M. Marcus*

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. — Isaiah 40:31

Today, I will help another by...

February 11TH

"You can only become truly accomplished at something you love. Don't make money your goal. Instead pursue the things you love doing and then do them so well that people can't take their eyes off of you." — Maya Angelou

*Take my discipline and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold. —
Proverbs 8:10*

Today, I will show my thanks by...

February 12TH

"Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person." — Albert Einstein

Beloved ones, let us continue loving one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born from God and gains the knowledge of God. He that does not love has not come to know God, because God is love. — 1 John 4:7,8

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

February 13TH

"I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life." — Eleanor Roosevelt

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

Today, I will show my love by...

February 14TH

"Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it." — Rumi

Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, does not get puffed up, does not behave indecently, does not look for its own interests, does not become provoked. It does not keep account of the injury. It does not rejoice over unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. — 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

February 15TH

"If I have seen a little further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants."

— Isaac Newton

*Stay awake, stand firm in the faith, carry on as men, grow mighty. Let all
YOUR affairs take place with love. — 1 Corinthians 16:13,14*

Today, I will smile because...

February 16TH

"Keep on going and the chances are you will stumble on something, perhaps when you are least expecting it. I have never heard of anyone stumbling on something sitting down." - Charles F. Kettering

Therefore we do not give up, but even if the man we are outside is wasting away, certainly the man we are inside is being renewed from day to day. For though the tribulation is momentary and light, it works out for us a glory that is of more and more surpassing weight and is everlasting; while we keep our eyes, not on the things seen, but on the things unseen. For the things seen are temporary, but the things unseen are everlasting. - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

February 17TH

"A mind is like a parachute, it doesn't work if it isn't open." - Frank Zappa

The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. — Psalm 147:11

Today, I will do something I've never done...

February 18TH

"Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it." - Dennis P. Kimbro

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. — Proverbs 1:7

Today, I will reach out to someone...

February 19TH

"You can talk with someone for years, everyday, and still, it won't mean as much as what you can have when you sit in front of someone, not saying a word, yet you feel that person with your heart, you feel like you have known the person for forever.... connections are made with the heart, not the tongue." — C. JoyBell

There is no fear in love, but perfect love throws fear outside, because fear exercises a restraint. Indeed, he that is under fear has not been made perfect in love. — 1 John 4:18

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

February 20TH

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." - Helen Keller

For we are walking by faith, not by sight. — 2 Corinthians 5:7

Today, I will show gratitude by...

February 21ST

*"The real opportunity for success lies within the person and not in the job." -
Zig Ziglar*

*When wisdom enters into your heart and knowledge itself becomes pleasant to
your very soul, thinking ability itself will keep guard over you, discernment
itself will safeguard you. — Proverbs 2:10, 11*

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

February 22ND

*"If you only look at what is, you might never attain what could be". —
Anonymous*

*Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my
hopes be dashed. — Psalm 119:116*

Today, I will do the following good deed...

February 23RD

"To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he has already achieved, but at what he aspires to." — Kahlil Gibran

The wise are the ones that treasure up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish one is near to ruin itself. — Proverbs 10:14

Today, I will support someone by...

February 24TH

"Luck is a dividend of sweat. The more you sweat, the luckier you get." - Ray Kroc

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their hard work. For if one of them should fall, the other one can raise his partner up. But how will it be with just the one who falls when there is not another to raise him up? — Ecclesiastes 4:9,10

Today, I will give the following unexpected gift...

February 25TH

"Get a good idea and stay with it. Do it, and work at it until it's done right." — Walt Disney

*The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous. —
Proverbs 15:29*

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

February 26TH

"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing — that's why we recommend it daily." - Zig Ziglar

By faith Noah, after being given divine warning of things not yet beheld, showed godly fear and constructed an ark for the saving of his household. — Hebrews 11:7

Today, I will finally...

February 27TH

"If not us, who? If not now, when?" - John F. Kennedy

Do not hurry yourself in your spirit to become offended, for the taking of offense is what rests in the bosom of the stupid ones. — Ecclesiastes 7:9

Today, I will inspire others by...

February 28TH

"Acknowledge that you failed, draw your lessons from it, and use it to your advantage to make sure it never happens again." — Michael Johnson

Never take your word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws. — Psalm 119:43

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

February 29TH

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." — Napoleon Hill

For God is [a God], not of disorder, but of peace. — 1 Corinthians 14:33a

Today, I will help another by...

MARCH

If you can see it in your mind, you can make it happen...

Almost everyone in America has heard of Walt Disney, if only as the founder of Disneyland, yet few know of Disney's drive and determination to bring to life what he saw in his mind...

Disney's first animation company went bankrupt.

He was fired by a news editor because he lacked imagination.

He was also turned down countless times before he secured financing for Disneyland and later for Disney World.

On a business trip to Chicago in the late-1940s, Disney drew sketches of his ideas for an amusement park where he envisioned his employees spending time with their children.

It may have taken him 15 years to bring his vision to life, but on Sunday, July 17, 1955, Disneyland was officially opened with this heartfelt speech from Disney himself:

"To all who come to this happy place: welcome. Disneyland is your land. Here age relives fond memories of the past and here youth may savor the challenge and promise of the future. Disneyland is dedicated to the ideals, the dreams and the hard facts that have created America . . . with the hope that it will be a source of joy and inspiration to all the world."

Following the success of Disneyland, Walt Disney envisioned another park that would include an Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow (EPCOT).

Walt Disney died in 1966, five years before Disneyworld was opened to the public. A reporter commented to Walt's brother Roy at the opening of Disneyworld, "It's too bad that Walt isn't here to see this." Roy replied, "He saw it first. That's why you're seeing it today."

Walt Disney holds the record for both the most Academy Award nominations (59) and the number of Oscars awarded (22). He also earned four honorary Oscars.

March 1ST

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." — Mark Twain

For just as we have in one body many members, but the members do not all have the same function, so we, although many, are one body in union with Christ, but members belonging individually to one another. — Romans 12:4,5

Today, I will show my thanks by...

March 2ND

"The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs... one step at a time. " - Joe Girard

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. — Philippians 4:6

Today, I will send a card to...

March 3RD

"In one minute you can change your attitude and in that minute you can change your entire day." — Spencer Johnson

Ministerial servants should likewise be serious, not double-tongued, not giving themselves to a lot of wine, not greedy of dishonest gain, holding the sacred secret of the faith with a clean conscience. — 1 Timothy 3:8,9

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

March 4TH

"The golden opportunity you are seeking is in yourself. It is not in your environment; it is not in luck or chance, or the help of others; it is in yourself alone." — Orison Sweet Marden

Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man's friend deserts him. — Proverbs 19:4

Today, I will show my love by...

March 5TH

"Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential." — Liane Cordes

For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. — Psalm 37:9

Today, I will treat myself to...

March 6TH

"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one." — Elbert Hubbard

May the God who gives hope fill YOU with all joy and peace by YOUR believing, that YOU may abound in hope with power of holy spirit. — Romans 15:13

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

March 7TH

"If you're going through hell, keep going." — Winston Churchill

"If somebody could overpower one alone, two together could make a stand against him. And a threefold cord cannot quickly be torn in two." — Ecclesiastes 4:12

Today, I will smile because...

March 8TH

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him." - Sidney Greenberg

Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have faith. — Mark 11:24

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

March 9TH

"Success each day should be judged by the seeds sown, not the harvest reaped." — John C. Maxwell

And God went on to say to Abraham: "As for Sar'ai your wife, you must not call her name Sar'ai, because Sarah is her name. And I will bless her and also give you a son from her; and I will bless her and she shall become nations; kings of peoples will come from her." At this Abraham fell upon his face and began to laugh and to say in his heart: "Will a man a hundred years old have a child born, and will Sarah, yes, will a woman ninety years old give birth?" — Genesis 17:15-17

Today, I will do something I've never done...

March 10TH

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." - Bill Cosby

*The poor are shunned even by their neighbors, but the rich have many friends. -
Proverbs 14:20*

Today, I will reach out to someone...

March 11TH

*"The man who has confidence in himself gains the confidence of others." -
Hasidic Proverb*

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD. – Psalm 31:24

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

March 12TH

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things." - Peter F. Drucker

On the night that Jesus was born, angels sang God's praises: "Glory in the heights above to God, and upon earth peace among men of goodwill." - Luke 2:14

Today, I will show gratitude by...

March 13TH

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

We, though, who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those not strong, and not to be pleasing ourselves. Let each of us please [his] neighbor in what is good for [his] upbuilding. — Romans 15:1,2

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

March 14TH

"There is no strength without unity." — Irish Proverb

*Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless.
The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. —
Genesis 25:21*

Today, I will do the following good deed...

March 15TH

"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it." - Pablo Picasso

So, if any one of YOU is lacking in wisdom, let him keep on asking God, for he gives generously to all and without reproaching; and it will be given him. — James 1:5

Today, I will support someone by...

March 16TH

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

No one has love greater than this, that someone should surrender his soul in behalf of his friends. — John 15:13

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents by...

March 17TH

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." - Robert Brault

No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. — Psalm 25:3

Today, I am grateful for...

March 18TH

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." - Albert Einstein

At the end of his ministry, Jesus said to his disciples: "I leave you peace. I give you my peace. I do not give it to you the way that the world gives it. Do not let your hearts be troubled nor let them shrink for fear." — John 14:27.

Today, I will inspire others by...

March 19TH

"No matter what happens, it is within my power to turn it to my advantage."

— Epictetus

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. — Proverbs 27:17

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

March 20TH

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." - Benjamin Franklin

*"Hear my prayer, LORD, listen to my cry for help; do not be deaf to my weeping. I dwell with you as a foreigner, a stranger, as all my ancestors were.
— Psalms 39:12*

Today, I will help another by...

March 21ST

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

*Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? –
Job 12:12*

Today, I will show my thanks by...

March 22ND

"Many of life's failures are experienced by people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." - Thomas Edison

There exist companions disposed to break one another to pieces, but there exists a friend sticking closer than a brother. — Proverbs 18:24

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

March 23RD

"The results you achieve will be in direct proportion to the effort you apply."
— Denis Waitley

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." — Hebrews 13:5

Today, I will show my love by...

March 24TH

"The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." — Allan K. Chalmers

Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God; and the peace of God that excels all thought will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. — Philippians 4:6, 7.

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

March 25TH

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Now I exhort YOU, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that YOU should all speak in agreement, and that there should not be divisions among YOU, but that YOU may be fitly united in the same mind and in the same line of thought." — 1 Corinthians 1:10

Today, I will smile because...

March 26TH

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do." — Eleanor Roosevelt

"When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. — Jonah 2:7

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

March 27TH

*"Never tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon." —
Unknown*

*Wisdom is the prime thing. Acquire wisdom; and with all that you acquire,
acquire understanding. — Proverbs 4:7*

Today, I will do something I've never done...

March 28TH

"Success is achieved by developing our strengths, not by eliminating our weaknesses." — Marilyn vos Savant

YOU are my friends if YOU do what I am commanding YOU. — John 15:14

Today, I will finally...

March 29TH

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." - Winston Churchill

Bread is for the laughter of the workers, and wine itself makes life rejoice; but money is what meets a response in all things. — Ecclesiastes 10:19

Today, I will reach out to someone...

March 30TH

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

The meek ones themselves will possess the earth, and they will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace. The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it. — Psalm 37:11, 29.

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

March 31ST

*"You make a living by what you earn; you make a life by what you give." -
Winston Churchill*

*We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together
for the truth. — 3 John 1:8*

Today, I will show gratitude by...

APRIL

Sometimes friends know best...

Unless you are a fan of the 'Twilight' series, you may never have heard of Stephenie Meyer.

Meyer is the author of the author of the Twilight book series.

Reported to have written the original book in a record three months, Meyer never intended to publish at all. Only through the suggestion of a friend did she take the step of writing to 15 literary agencies.

Five didn't reply. Nine rejected. One gave her a chance...

Later... eight publishers auctioned for the right to publish Twilight.

Meyer was given a three book deal worth \$750,000. In 2010, Forbes reported she earned \$40 million.

April 1ST

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great makes you feel that you, too, can become great." - Mark Twain

Rejoice in the hope. Endure under tribulation. Persevere in prayer. - Romans 12:12

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

April 2ND

"The way our brain is wired up we only see what we believe is possible."

Candice Pert

The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. — Psalm 37:30

Today, I will finally...

April 3RD

"This moment, this day, is as good as any moment in all eternity. I shall make of this day, each moment of this day, a heaven on earth. This is my day of opportunity." — Dan Custer

Also, I say to YOU, Make friends for yourselves by means of the unrighteous riches, so that, when such fail, they may receive YOU into the everlasting dwelling places. — Luke 16:9

Today, I will do the following good deed...

April 4TH

*"The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me." —
Ayn Rand*

*Then he said to them: "Keep **YOUR** eyes open and guard against every sort of
covetousness, because even when a person has an abundance his life does not
result from the things he possesses." — Luke 12:15*

Today, I will support someone by...

April 5TH

"May you live all the days of your life." — Jonathan Swift

Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up. — Proverbs 12:25

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

April 6TH

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." - Albert Schweitzer

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." — Hebrews 13:16

Today, I am grateful for...

April 7TH

"Failure is a detour, not a dead-end street." — Zig Ziglar

On going out he went as customarily to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed him. Having come to the place he said to them: "Carry on prayer, that YOU do not enter into temptation." — Luke 22:39, 40

Today, I will inspire others by...

April 8TH

"The more I practice, the luckier I get." - Gary Player

When wisdom enters into your heart and knowledge itself becomes pleasant to your very soul, thinking ability itself will keep guard over you, discernment itself will safeguard you, — Proverbs 2:10, 11

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

April 9TH

*"By believing passionately in something that does not yet exist, we create it." —
Nikos Kazantzakis*

*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's
business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from
my Father I have made known to you. — John 15:15*

Today, I will help another by...

April 10TH

"When you are grateful fear disappears and abundance appears." - Anthony Robbins

Give orders to those who are rich in the present system of things not to be high-minded, and to rest their hope, not on uncertain riches, but on God, who furnishes us all things richly for our enjoyment; — 1 Timothy 6:7

Today, I will show my thanks by...

April 11TH

"This too will pass." — Attar

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. — 1 Peter 5:6,7

Today, I will finally...

April 12TH

"Someone's opinion of you does not have to become your reality." - Les Brown

Now may the God who supplies endurance and comfort grant YOU to have among yourselves the same mental attitude that Christ Jesus had, that with one accord YOU may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. — Romans 15:5

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

April 13TH

"Remember, no one can make you feel inferior without your consent." - Eleanor Roosevelt

And the prayer of faith will make the indisposed one well, and Jehovah will raise him up. Also, if he has committed sins, it will be forgiven him.

- James 5:15

Today, I will show my love by...

April 14TH

*"We all have two choices: We can make a living or we can design a life." -
Jim Rohn*

*The getting of wisdom is O how much better than gold! And the getting of
understanding is to be chosen more than silver. — Proverbs 16:16*

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

April 15TH

"One reason so few of us achieve what we truly want is that we never direct our focus; we never concentrate our power. Most people dabble their way through life, never deciding to master anything in particular." — Anthony Robbins

At this Peter opened his mouth and said: "For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial, but in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. — Acts 10:34,35

Today, I will smile because...

April 16TH

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

- Leo Tolstoy

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"

- Luke 14:28

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

April 17TH

"Great minds have purposes; others have wishes." — Washington Irving

Stop being anxious about YOUR souls as to what YOU will eat or what YOU will drink, or about YOUR bodies as to what YOU will wear. Does not the soul mean more than food and the body than clothing?; — Matthew 6:25

Today I will do something I've never done...

April 18TH

"There are no extra pieces in the universe. Everyone is here because he or she has a place to fill, and every piece must fit itself into the big jigsaw puzzle."

— *Deepak Chopra*

A calm heart is the life of the fleshly organism, but jealousy is rottenness to the bones. — Proverbs 14:30

Today, I will do something I've never done...

April 19TH

"You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him." — Leo Aikman

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. — Matthew 6:9-15

Today, I will reach out to someone...

April 20TH

" "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. " — Albert Einstein

The Son of man did come eating and drinking, still people say, 'Look! A man gluttonous and given to drinking wine, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' All the same, wisdom is proved righteous by its works. " — Matthews 11:19

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

April 21ST

"You and I are essentially infinite choice-makers. In every moment of our existence, we are in that field of all possibilities where we have access to an infinity of choices." — Deepak Chopra

Let a rotten saying not proceed out of YOUR mouth, but whatever saying is good for building up as the need may be, that it may impart what is favorable to the hearers. — Ephesians 4:29

Today, I will show gratitude by...

April 22ND

"When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile." — Unknown

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; — 1 Peter 5:2

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

April 23RD

"Sometimes adversity is what you need to face in order to become successful."

— Zig Ziglar

*Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let **YOUR** petitions be made known to God; and the peace of God that excels all thought will guard **YOUR** hearts and **YOUR** mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. — Philippians 4:6,7*

Today, I will do the following good deed...

April 24TH

"All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think we become." – Buddha

My son, to my words do pay attention. To my sayings incline your ear. May they not get away from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those finding them and health to all their flesh.

- Proverbs 4:20-22

Today, I will support someone by...

April 25TH

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." Thomas Jefferson

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom did not get to know God, God saw good through the foolishness of what is preached to save those believing. — 1 Corinthians 1:21

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents by...

April 26TH

"Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Do not hurry yourself as regards your mouth; and as for your heart, let it not be hasty to bring forth a word before the [true] God. For the [true] God is in the heavens but you are on the earth. That is why your words should prove to be few. — Ecclesiastes 5:2

Today I will do something I've never done...

April 27TH

"Risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing."
— Leo Buscaglia

Valuable things will be of no benefit on the day of fury, but righteousness itself will deliver from death. — Proverbs 11:4

Today, I am grateful for...

April 28TH

"Whatever the mind can conceive and believe the mind can achieve." - Napoleon Hill

Who of YOU by being anxious can add one cubit to his life span? Also, on the matter of clothing, why are YOU anxious? Take a lesson from the lilies of the field, how they are growing; they do not toil, nor do they spin; — Matthew 6:27,28

Today, I will inspire others by...

April 29TH

"Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around." — Henry David Thoreau

My son, my law do not forget, and my commandments may your heart observe, because length of days and years of life and peace will be added to you. — Proverbs 3:1,2

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

April 30TH

"Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong." - Peter T. McIntyre

Go to the ant, you lazy one; see its ways and become wise. - Proverbs 6:6

Today, I will help another by...

MAY

Just because they said you couldn't, doesn't mean you can't...

He didn't speak till he was four...

He didn't read till seven...

His parents and teachers thought he was mentally handicapped...

With a start like that, you'd think this man would not go on to any intellectual pursuits, but rather have a life of physical labor, yes?

Not quite... Albert Einstein turned out to win a Nobel Prize and be the face of modern physics.

May 1ST

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one." — Mark Twain

All the kings of the earth sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart. — 2 Chronicles 9:23

Today, I will show my thanks by...

May 2ND

"The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes." — Benjamin Disraeli

Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. - Colossians 4:6

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

May 3RD

"You cannot tailor make your situation in life, but you can tailor make your attitudes to fit those situations." — Zig Ziglar

The one trusting in his riches—he himself will fall; but just like foliage the righteous ones will flourish. — Proverbs 11:28

Today, I will show my love by...

May 4TH

"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty." — Maya Angelou

29 "And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. 30 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. 31 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. — Luke 12:29-31

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

May 5TH

"You can have everything in life you want, if you will just help other people get what they want." — Zig Ziglar

Consequently I entreat YOU by the compassions of God, brothers, to present YOUR bodies a sacrifice living, holy, acceptable to God, a sacred service with YOUR power of reason. And quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making YOUR mind over, that YOU may prove to yourselves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. — Romans 12:1,2

Today, I will smile because...

May 6TH

"One of the most difficult things everyone has to learn is that for your entire life you must keep fighting and adjusting if you hope to survive. No matter who you are or what your position is you must keep fighting for whatever it is you desire to achieve." — George Allen

A wise person will listen and take in more instruction, and a man of understanding is the one who acquires skillful direction. — Proverbs 1:5

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

May 7TH

"To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom." - Bertrand Russell

There exists the one speaking thoughtlessly as with the stabs of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones is a healing. — Proverbs 12:18

Today, I will do something I've never done...

May 8TH

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." — Anatole France

A young man I used to be, I have also grown old, And yet I have not seen anyone righteous left entirely, Nor his offspring looking for bread. — Psalms 37:25

Today, I will reach out to someone...

May 9TH

"Pain is temporary. It may last a minute, or an hour, or a day, or a year, but eventually it will subside and something else will take its place. If I quit, however, it lasts forever." - Lance Armstrong

When wisdom enters into your heart and knowledge itself becomes pleasant to your very soul, thinking ability itself will keep guard over you, discernment itself will safeguard you. — Proverbs 2:10,11

Today I will do something I've never done...

May 10TH

"It is not what we get. But who we become, what we contribute... that gives meaning to our lives." — Anthony Robbins

For in the abundance of wisdom there is an abundance of vexation, so that he that increases knowledge increases pain. — Ecclesiastes 1:18

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

May 11TH

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are." - E. E. Cummings

But now really put them all away from YOU, wrath, anger, badness, abusive speech, and obscene talk out of YOUR mouth. — Colossians 3:8

Today, I will show gratitude by...

May 12TH

"Whatever you do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it." — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Then he said to his disciples: "On this account I say to YOU. Quit being anxious about YOUR souls as to what YOU will eat or about YOUR bodies as to what YOU will wear. For the soul is worth more than food and the body than clothing. Mark well that the ravens neither sow seed nor reap, and they have neither barn nor storehouse, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more worth are YOU than birds?" — Luke 12:22-24

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

May 13TH

"I realized early on that success was tied to not giving up. Most people in this business gave up and went on to other things. If you simply didn't give up, you would outlast the people who came in on the bus with you." - Harrison Ford

Happy is the man that has found wisdom, and the man that gets discernment, for having it as gain is better than having silver as gain and having it as produce than gold itself. — Proverbs 3:13,14

Today I will finally...

May 14TH

"The successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way." — Dale Carnegie

In the abundance of words there does not fail to be transgression, but the one keeping his lips in check is acting discreetly. — Proverbs 10:19

Today, I will do the following good deed...

May 15TH

"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort." - Jesse Owens

So, never be anxious about the next day, for the next day will have its own anxieties. Sufficient for each day is its own badness. — Matthew 6:34

Today, I will support someone by...

May 16TH

"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't." - Jerry Rice

*Take hold on discipline; do not let go. Safeguard it, for it itself is your life. —
Proverbs 4:14*

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

May 17TH

"Too many people are thinking the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, when they ought to just water the grass they are standing on." - Amar Dave

Expectation postponed is making the heart sick, but the thing desired is a tree of life when it does come. — Proverbs 13:12

Today, I am grateful for...

May 18TH

"To succeed... you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you." — Tony Dorsett

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. - Jeremiah 29:11

Today, I will inspire others by...

May 19TH

"The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become." – Heraclitus

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. - Psalm 27:4

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

May 20TH

"Losers live in the past. Winners learn from the past and enjoy working in the present toward the future." - Denis Waitley

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. - Psalm 34:8

Today, I will help another by...

May 21ST

"I fear not the man who has practiced 10,000 kicks once, but I fear the man who has practiced one kick 10,000 times." - Bruce Lee

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity - Proverbs 17:17

Today, I will show my thanks by...

May 22ND

"The secret to happiness is not in doing what one likes to do, but in liking what one has to do." — Anonymous

...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

May 23RD

"A goal is a dream with a deadline." — Napoleon Hill

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28*

Today, I will show my love by...

May 24TH

"Avoid problems, and you'll never be the one who overcame them." — Richard Bach

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? - Romans 8:31

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

May 25TH

"If you can DREAM it, you can DO it." Walt Disney

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor
anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39*

Today, I will smile because...

May 26TH

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish. A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle." — John Quincy Adams

*Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. - 1
Corinthians 13:12*

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

May 27TH

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." — Nelson Mandela (from Marianne Williamson)

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Today, I will do something I've never done...

May 28TH

"A man is not old until regrets start taking place of dreams." – Anonymous

*But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. -
Philippians 3:7-9*

Today, I will reach out to someone...

May 29TH

"Empty your mind, be formless. Shapeless, like water. If you put water into a cup, it becomes the cup. You put water into a bottle and it becomes the bottle. You put it in a teapot it becomes the teapot. Now, water can flow or it can crash. Be water my friend." — Bruce Lee

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians 3:17-21

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

May 30TH

"And in the end it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." — Abraham Lincoln

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. - Hebrews 10:19-23

Today, I will show gratitude by...

May 31ST

"Others believing in you is nice but worthless if not matched by your own thought." — Scott Moore

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. - James 1:2-4

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

JUNE

You only have to be right once...

Mark Cuban grew up in a Jewish working-class family in Pittsburg, PA. His last name was shortened from "Chabenisky" when his Russian grandparents landed on Ellis Island.

From the age of 12 when he sold garbage bags to pay for a pair of expensive basketball shoes, Cuban showed entrepreneurial talents, however his parents wanted him to have a normal job.

He tried carpentry but hated it.

He was a short order cook but a terrible one.

He waited tables but couldn't open a bottle of wine.

Cuban says of his failures.

"I've learned that it doesn't matter how many times you failed," Cuban says. "You only have to be right once... I was an idiot lots of times, and I learned from them all."

Cuban went on to start several successful companies and the billionaire owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks sold one such company to Yahoo for \$5.9 billion in stock.

June 1ST

"Better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness." — Chinese Proverb

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." - Romans 1:17

Today, I will do the following good deed...

June 2ND

"You change your life by changing your heart." — Max Lucado

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." - Deuteronomy 31:6

Today, I will support someone by...

June 3RD

"Change your thoughts and you change your world." — Norman Vincent Peale

*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. - 1
Corinthians 16:13*

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

June 4TH

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." — Joe Sabah

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. - Proverbs 3:5-6

Today I will do something I've never done...

June 5TH

"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song."
— *Maya Angelou*

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
- *Proverbs 18:10*

Today I will finally...

June 6TH

"Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance." — Samuel Johnson

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10

Today, I am grateful for...

June 7TH

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. - John 14:27

Today, I will inspire others by...

June 8TH

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." — Vincent Van Gogh

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

June 9TH

"Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today." — Benjamin Franklin

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. "Selah" - Psalm 46:1-3

Today, I will help another by...

June 10TH

"Improvement begins with I." — Arnold H. Glasgow

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. - 2 Timothy 1:7

Today, I will show my thanks by...

June 11TH

"Often the difference between a successful person and a failure is not one has better abilities or ideas, but the courage that one has to bet on one's ideas, to take a calculated risk — and to act." - Maxwell Maltz

I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. - Psalm 16:8

Today I will finally...

June 12TH

"People are not lazy. They simply have impotent goals – that is, goals that do not inspire them." – Anthony Robbins

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. - Psalm 55:22

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

June 13TH

"The starting point of all achievement is desire. Keep this constantly in mind. Weak desires bring weak results, just as a small fire makes a small amount of heat." - Napoleon Hill

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. - 1 Peter 5:7

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

June 14TH

"Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome." Samuel Johnson

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. - Isaiah 26:3

Today, I will show gratitude by...

June 15TH

"Don't wait for something big to occur. Start where you are, with what you have, and that will always lead you into something greater." - Mary Manin Morrissey

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!" - Psalm 118:14-16

Today, I will do the following good deed...

June 16TH

"Be not simply good; be good for something." — Henry David Thoreau

You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word. Away from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commands of my God! - Psalm 119:114-115

Today I will do something I've never done...

June 17TH

"I am grateful for all of my problems. After each one was overcome, I became stronger and more able to meet those that were still to come. I grew in all my difficulties." - James Cash Penney

I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word. - Psalm 119:25

Today, I will inspire others by...

June 18TH

"The price of discipline is always less than the pain of regret." — Nido Zubein

My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. - Psalm 119:50

Today, I will help another by...

June 19TH

"Get a good idea and stay with it. Dog it, and work at it until it's done right." Walt Disney

It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. - Psalm 119:71

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

June 20TH

"Give me a stock clerk with a goal and I'll give you a man who will make history. Give me a man with no goals and I'll give you a stock clerk." — J. C. Penney

I call on the LORD in my distress, and he answers me. - Psalm 120:1

Today, I will show my love by...

June 21ST

"Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow but a vision. But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day." — Indian Proverb

*But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.
- Genesis 8:1*

Today, I will smile because...

June 22ND

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." — T.S. Eliot

Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." "Selah" But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. "Selah" I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side. - Psalm 3:2-6

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

June 23RD

"Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy."
- Dale Carnegie

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.
- Mark 4:30-34

Today, I will do something I've never done...

June 24TH

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

— Mark Twain

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God. - Luke 18:35-43

Today, I will finally...

June 25TH

"Nothing great has ever been achieved except by those who dared to believe that something inside them was superior to circumstances." - Bruce Barton

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. - 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Today, I will reach out to someone...

June 26TH

"Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else." - Les Brown

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. - Revelation 22:18-21

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

June 27TH

"Success is steady progress toward one's personal goals." — Jim Rohn

" 'But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their fathers--their treachery against me and their hostility toward me, which made me hostile toward them so that I sent them into the land of their enemies--then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin, I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees. Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the LORD their God. But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the LORD.' " - Leviticus 26:40-45

Today, I will show gratitude by...

June 28TH

"Try not to become a man of success but a man of value." — Albert Einstein

Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the LORD will do to all the enemies you are going to fight." - Joshua 10:25

Today, I will do the following good deed...

June 29TH

"You can't just sit and wait for people to give you that golden dream. You've got to get out there and make it happen for yourself." - Diana Ross

...where then is my hope? Who can see any hope for me? - Job 17:15

Today, I will support someone by...

June 30TH

"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle." - Steve Jobs

When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" - John 5:6

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents by...

JULY

Connecting with others and setting huge challenges were his keys to success...

Richard Branson has dyslexia, had poor academic performance as a student, leaving school at 16, but later discovered that his ability to connect with others and his consistently challenging himself to do more and go further were his keys to success.

We all know about the success of the Virgin brand — from recording to airline, Branson seems to have had the magic touch...

Despite his string of well-known achievements, Branson has almost as many failures, with Virgin Cola and Virgin Vodka being just two.

Branson even had some 'forgettable' successes, such as producing "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep", a series of sheep baaing along to a drum machine produced track that even made the charts at number 42 in 1982.

Through each and every successful endeavor however, he stayed true to his core of connecting with others and setting huge challenges, later expanding that core on the humanitarian landscape.

Among his humanitarian achievements, Branson is one of the Founders and funders of "The Elders", chaired by Desmond Tutu; established the Branson School of Entrepreneurship in South Africa; and on 7 December 2007, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon presented Branson with the United Nations Correspondents Association Citizen of the World Award for his support for environmental and humanitarian causes.

"My interest in life comes from setting myself huge, apparently unachievable challenges and trying to rise above them..." - Richard Branson

July 1ST

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. - 1 Peter 1:3-6

Today I will finally...

July 2ND

"Do just once what others say you can't do, and you will never pay attention to their limitations again." - James R. Cook

We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. - 1 Chronicles 29:15

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

July 3RD

"Your only obligation in any lifetime is to be true to yourself." — Richard Bach

*"Oh, that I might have my request, that God would grant what I hope for, -
Job 6:8*

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

July 4TH

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear." — Ambrose Redmoon

the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. - Psalm 147:11

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

July 5TH

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." — Alexander Graham Bell

*Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life. -
Proverbs 13:12*

Today, I will reach out to someone...

July 6TH

"Knowledge is power." — Francis Bacon

through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. - Romans 5:2-7

Today, I will show gratitude by...

July 7TH

"A new idea is first condemned as ridiculous and then dismissed as trivial, until finally, it becomes what everybody knows." — William James

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13

Today, I will do the following good deed...

July 8TH

"Turn your wounds into wisdom." — Oprah Winfrey

*He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. - Isaiah
40:29*

Today I will do something I've never done...

July 9TH

*"Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit." —
Napoleon Hill*

*My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. - Psalm
119:28*

Today, I will inspire others by...

July 10TH

"One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses blooming outside our windows today." - Dale Carnegie

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. - Ephesians 6:10

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

July 11TH

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." — Confucius

...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31

Today, I am grateful for...

July 12TH

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style" — Maya Angelou

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' - Mark 12:30

Today, I will show my thanks by...

July 13TH

"Stay committed to your decisions, but stay flexible in your approach." — Anthony Robbins

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

July 14TH

"Never mistake activity for achievement." — John Wooden

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. - Psalm 46:1

Today, I will show my love by...

July 15TH

"Let him who would move the world, first move himself." – Socrates

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." - Nehemiah 8:10

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

July 16TH

"You must constantly ask yourself these questions: Who am I around? What are they doing to me? What have they got me reading? What have they got me saying? Where do they have me going? What do they have me thinking? And most important, what do they have me becoming? Then ask yourself the big question: Is that okay? Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change." - Jim Rohn

*But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.
- Psalm 22:19*

Today, I will smile because...

July 17TH

"You can't shrink your way to greatness!" Seth Godin

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.
- Psalm 28:7-8*

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

July 18TH

"We have no choice of what color we're born or who our parents are or whether we're rich or poor. What we do have is some choice over what we make of our lives once we're here. " - Mildred Taylor

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. - Psalm 118:14

Today, I will do something I've never done...

July 19TH

"Go ahead, do something impossible. " Seth Godin

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." - Isaiah 12:2

Today, I will reach out to someone...

July 20TH

"Instead of wondering when your next vacation is, you ought to set up a life you don't need to escape from." Seth Godin

O LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress. - Isaiah 33:2

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

July 21ST

"History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats." - Bertie Charles Forbes

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint... - Isaiah 40:29-31

Today, I will show gratitude by...

July 22ND

"The attitude you have as a parent is what your kids will learn from more than what you tell them. They don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are." - Jim Henson

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments. - Habakkuk 3:19

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

July 23RD

"It isn't what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about." - Dale Carnegie

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, - Ephesians 3:16

Today, I will do the following good deed...

July 24TH

"When you find your vision, everything will suddenly become crystal clear. You will look around and say, "So THAT'S what the world is supposed to look like!" That is when you will begin to attract the people, the opportunities and the wealth you desire." Roger Hamilton

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." - Mark 12:31

Today, I will support someone by...

July 25TH

*"First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do." —
Epictetus*

Do to others as you would have them do to you. - Luke 6:31

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

July 26TH

"Every morning is a fresh beginning. Every day is the world made new. Today is a new day." — Dan Custer

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. - Luke 6:35

Today I will do something I've never done...

July 27TH

"The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work." — Richard Bach

The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." — John 8:13

Today I will finally...

July 28TH

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." - Harriet Tubman

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. - John 8:34

Today, I am grateful for...

July 29TH

"All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim, have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible." - Orison Swett Marden

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. - Romans 12:9

Today, I will inspire others by...

July 30TH

"Each day is a new life. Seize it. Live it." - David Guy Powers

*Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. -
Romans 13:10*

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

July 31ST

"Happiness comes when you believe in what you are doing, know what you are doing, and love what you are doing." — Brian Tracy

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Today, I will help another by...

AUGUST

Sometimes simple is the best...

Although he had no children of his own (he regularly quipped, "You have 'em; I'll entertain 'em."), Dr Seuss has become part of our modern culture.

Despite being rejected 27 times for his first work, "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street", Theodor Seuss Geisel became a well-known author of children's books.

In May 1954, 'Life' magazine published a report on illiteracy among school children, which concluded that children were not learning to read because their books were boring.

Then director of education at a prominent text-book publishing house, William Ellsworth Spaulding compiled a list of 348 words he felt were important for first-graders to recognize and asked Geisel to cut the list to 250 words (although some reference say it was as little as 225) and write a book using only those words.

Spaulding challenged Geisel to "bring back a book children can't put down."

The result was "The Cat in the Hat" a story 1629 words in length that uses a vocabulary of only 236 distinct words, of which 54 occur once and 33 twice - and while I don't have recent sales figures, in 2009 alone it sold 452,258 copies.

Not bad for a simple little book with only 236 different words...

August 1ST

"A really great talent finds its happiness in execution." — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. - Psalm 27:4

Today, I will show my thanks by...

August 2ND

"The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we hit it." — Michelangelo

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. - Psalm 34:8

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

August 3RD

"Every artist was first an amateur." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

*The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe. -
Proverbs 18:10*

Today, I will show my love by...

August 4TH

"Rule your mind or it will rule you." – Horace

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

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

August 5TH

"It's not what you start in life, it's what you finish." — Katharine Hepburn

If God is for us, who can ever be against us? - Romans 8:31

Today, I will smile because...

August 6TH

"Every time you are tempted to react in the same old way, ask if you want to be a prisoner of the past or a pioneer of the future." — Deepak Chopra

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

August 7TH

"Your big opportunity may be right where you are now." — Napoleon Hill

Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. - 1 Corinthians 13:12

Today, I will do something I've never done...

August 8TH

"It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome." — William James

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Today, I will reach out to someone...

August 9TH

"If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it." — Lucy Larcom

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith ... - Philippians 3:7-9

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

August 10TH

"Winners compare their achievements with their goals, while losers compare their achievements with those of other people." — Nido Zubein

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. - Ephesians 3:17-19

Today, I will show gratitude by...

August 11TH

*"There are no mistakes, save one: the failure to learn from a mistake." —
Robert Fripp*

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us,
to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the
church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. -
Ephesians 3:20-21*

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

August 12TH

"If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time." — Unknown

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. - Hebrews 10:19-23

Today, I will do the following good deed...

August 13TH

"For of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these 'It might have been' " — John Greenleaf Whittie

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. - James 1:2-4

Today, I will support someone by...

August 14TH

"One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks."

— Jack Penn

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:6-7

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

August 15TH

"Fall seven times. Stand up eight." —Japanese Proverb

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. - Psalm 34:18

Today I will do something I've never done...

August 16TH

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." — John Quincy Adams

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. - Proverbs 24:16

Today I will finally...

August 17TH

"Never let the fear of striking out get in your way." George Herman "Babe" Ruth

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. - 2 Timothy 1:7

Today, I am grateful for...

August 18TH

"Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be." - Grandma Moses

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. - Psalm 23:4

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

August 19TH

"Few people take objectives really seriously. They put average effort into too many things, rather than superior thought and effort into a few important things. People who achieve the most are selective as well as determined." - Richard Koch

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. - Matthew 4:4

Today, I will show my thanks by...

August 20TH

"You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself." - Jim Rohn

*Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. -
Psalm 27:14*

Today, I will show my love by...

August 21ST

*"Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out." -
John Wooden*

*Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." - Luke
18:27*

Today, I will smile because...

August 22ND

"It is not what they take away from you that counts. It's what you do with what you have left." - Hubert Humphrey

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. - 2 Corinthians 9:8

Today, I will do something I've never done...

August 23RD

"You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result." — Gandhi

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

August 24TH

"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them." — Denis Waitley

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. - Proverbs 3:5-6

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

August 25TH

"Motivation is the fuel necessary to keep the human engine running." — Zig Ziglar

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. - James 1:5

Today, I will do the following good deed...

August 26TH

"If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is a compromise." - Robert Fritz

*... the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.
- Deuteronomy 31:6*

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

August 27TH

"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart." — John Heywood

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:19

Today I will do something I've never done...

August 28TH

"It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others." - Dalai Lama

No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:39

Today, I am grateful for...

August 29TH

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight — it's the size of the fight in the dog." — Dwight D. Eisenhower

I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow. - Jeremiah 31:13

Today, I will finally...

August 30TH

"In the end, what we regret most are the chances we never took." - Frasier Krane

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13

Today, I will inspire others by...

August 31ST

"You were not born a winner, and you were not born a loser. You are what you make yourself to be." - Lou Holtz

... but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

SEPTEMBER

You're just the right age...

On 9 September 1890 in a thin-walled, four room shack on a country road three miles east of Henryville, Indiana, Harland David Sanders was born.

He was the oldest of three children whose father died when he was only 5 years of age. His mother took work in a tomato-canning factory, and the young Harland was required to cook for his family.

At age 12, Sanders dropped out of school and due to cruel beatings at the hand of his stepfather, Sanders left home to live with his uncle in Albany.

At age 15, Sanders falsified his date of birth and enlisted in the United States Army.

At age 65, after failing in business and losing almost everything, Colonel Sanders as he was now known, took \$105 from his social security check and despite initial rejections, created what is now known as KFC.

In 1964, less than ten years after he started again with basically nothing but an idea, Sanders sold the Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation for \$2 million to a partnership of Kentucky businessmen headed by John W. Brown, Jr.

September 1ST

"We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

*So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. -
Romans 8:1*

Today, I will help another by...

September 2ND

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." — Theodore Roosevelt

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9

Today, I will show my thanks by...

September 3RD

"Faith is not belief. Belief is passive. Faith is active." – Edith Hamilton

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! - 1 John 3:1

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

September 4TH

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain." — Maya Angelou

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. - 2 Corinthians 12:9

Today, I will show my love by...

September 5TH

"That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well." — Abraham Lincoln

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. - Matthew 11:28-30

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

September 6TH

"Things don't go wrong and break your heart so you can become bitter and give up. They happen to break you down and build you up so you can be all that you were intended to be." - Charlie Jones

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. - 1 Peter 5:7

Today, I will smile because...

September 7TH

"If you want to reach a state of bliss, then go beyond your ego and the internal dialogue. Make a decision to relinquish the need to control, the need to be approved, and the need to judge." — Deepak Chopra

"I am leaving you with a gift - - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." - John 14:27

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

September 8TH

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."

— Unknown

"I will lie down in peace and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe." - Psalm 4:8

Today, I will do something I've never done...

September 9TH

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.' " - Mary Anne Radmacher

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

Today, I will reach out to someone...

September 10TH

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit." – Aristotle

LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them. - Psalm 10:17

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

September 11TH

"The world breaks everyone and afterwards many are strong at the broken places." — Ernest Hemingway

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love ... - Psalm 33:18

Today, I will show gratitude by...

September 12TH

"You cannot plough a field by turning it over in your mind." - Author Unknown

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. - Psalm 34:18

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

September 13TH

"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." — Lao Tzu

*For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. -
Psalm 71:5*

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

September 14TH

"Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." — David Lloyd George

*When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer. -
Psalm 94:19*

Today, I will support someone by...

September 15TH

"He who is not everyday conquering some fear has not learned the secret of life." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

*The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.
- Proverbs 18:10*

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

September 16TH

"It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves." — Edmund Hillary

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

Today I will do something I've never done...

September 17TH

All our talents increase in the using, and the every faculty, both good and bad, strengthen by exercise. " — Anne Bronte

*When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. -
Isaiah 43:2*

Today, I will inspire others by...

September 18TH

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." — Buckminster Fuller

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!" - Lamentations 3:22-24

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

September 19TH

"Enthusiasm is the mother of effort, and without it nothing great was ever achieved." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. - Romans 5:2-5

Today, I will help another by...

September 20TH

"He who has a 'why' to live can bear almost any 'how'." — Friedrich Nietzsche

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. - Romans 8:24-25

Today, I will show my love by...

September 21ST

"We do not remember days; we remember moments." — Cesare Pavese

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. - Romans 8:28

Today, I will do something I've never done...

September 22ND

*"We are still masters of our fate. We are still captains of our souls." —
Winston Churchill*

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that
through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might
have hope. - Romans 15:4*

Today, I will reach out to someone...

September 23RD

"Many people die at twenty five and aren't buried until they are seventy five."
—Benjamin Franklin

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. - Romans 15:13

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

September 24TH

"Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes." — Zig Ziglar

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Today, I will show gratitude by...

September 25TH

"I dream, I test my dreams against my beliefs, I dare to take risks, and I execute my vision to make those dreams come true." — Walt Disney

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

September 26TH

"What we see depends mainly on what we look for." — John Lubbock

No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. - Philippians 3:13-14

Today, I will do the following good deed...

September 27TH

"The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." — Steven Covey

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. - 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Today, I will support someone by...

September 28TH

"I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it."
— *Maya Angelou*

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say. - 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

September 29TH

"Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings." — C.D. Jackson

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. - 1 Peter 1:3

Today I will finally...

September 30TH

*"Believe with all of your heart that you will do what you were made to do." -
Orison Swett Marden*

... so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain ... - Hebrews 6:18-19

Today, I am grateful for...

OCTOBER

You can become the greatest ever...

George Washington is renowned as the Father of the United States, yet few know that Washington overcame failure after failure...

In his personal life, Washington suffered heartbreak when Miss Betsy Fauntleroy rejected him twice. Later in life, he fell in love with Sally Fairfax, the wife of his friend, and he was again heart-broken because she could only be a good friend to him.

Washington's military career began in embarrassment.

Washington was put in charge of a force of British Colonials and built a fort to defend his troops. The site he chose for the fort? In a creek bottom surrounded on three sides by higher ground. It was a stupid mistake. Soon the French had him surrounded. He surrendered after a short siege, and then allowed himself to be tricked into signing a confession that his forces had "assassinated" a French officer who had been killed in an earlier skirmish. When this became known, he was demoted and lost his command.

In politics, Washington started out as a very poor public speaker.

He could not persuade nor influence the people. Some reports of the time even say that his first election to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1758 came only after he treated voters to rum, wine, brandy and beer.

...yet George Washington went on to become one of the greatest ever American Presidents.

"99% percent of failures are the ones who make excuses."

— George Washington

October 1ST

"A problem is a chance for you to do your best." — Duke Ellington

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- Hebrews 11:1*

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

October 2ND

"Men's best successes come after their disappointments." — Henry Ward Beecher

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever. - Revelation 21:4

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

October 3RD

"Here is a test to find out whether your mission in life is complete. If you're alive, it isn't." - Richard Bach

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:7–8

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

October 4TH

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? - Luke 9:24-25

Today, I will support someone by...

October 5TH

*"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." -
Aristotle Onassis*

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy
and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in
and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -
Matthew 6:19-21*

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

October 6TH

"It's not what you've got, it's what you use that makes a difference." — Zig Ziglar

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:19-21

Today I will finally...

October 7TH

"An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

*He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. -
Isaiah 40:11*

Today, I will inspire others by...

October 8TH

"Most great people have attained their greatest success just one step beyond their greatest failure." — Napoleon Hill

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. - Psalm 19:14

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

October 9TH

"You must have long-range goals to keep you from being frustrated by short-range failures." — Charles C. Noble

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. - 1 John 4:18

Today, I will help another by...

October 10TH

*"Do not look for approval except for the consciousness of doing your best." —
Andrew Carnegie*

*As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be
satisfied with your likeness. - Psalm 17:15*

Today, I will show my thanks by...

October 11TH

*"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with." —
Mark Twain*

*The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. -
Psalm 34:18*

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

October 12TH

*"The question should be, is it worth trying to do, not can it be done." —
Allard Lowenstein*

But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " - Matthew 4:4

Today, I will show my love by...

October 13TH

"It is never too late to be who you might have been." — George Eliot

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. - Proverbs 3:5-6

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

October 14TH

"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore." — Andre Gide

You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? - Psalm 56:8

Today, I will smile because...

October 15TH

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. - 1 Peter 4:8

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

October 16TH

"In order to achieve your ultimate destiny, you need to go through the doorway of ultimate service." – Scott Sullivan

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
– Hebrews 11:1*

Today, I will do something I've never done...

October 17TH

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which has the potential to turn a life around." — Leo Buscaglia

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 3:18

Today, I will reach out to someone...

October 18TH

"Don't wait. The time will never be just right." — Napoleon Hill

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. - 2 Corinthians 12:9

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

October 19TH

*"Live life fully while you're here. Experience everything. Take care of yourself and your friends. Have fun, be crazy, be weird. Go out and screw up! You're going to anyway, so you might as well enjoy the process. Take the opportunity to learn from your mistakes: find the cause of your problem and eliminate it. Don't try to be perfect: just be an excellent example of being human." —
Anthony Robbins*

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

Today, I will show gratitude by...

October 20TH

"You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it, however." — Richard Bach

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. - Jeremiah 29:11

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

October 21ST

*"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." —
Walt Disney*

*... but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall
walk and not faint. - Isaiah 40:31*

Today, I will do the following good deed...

October 22ND

"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream." — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. - 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

Today, I will support someone by...

October 23RD

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — Maya Angelou

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? - Psalm 27:1

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

October 24TH

*"Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things." —
Henry Ward Beecher*

*In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been
grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more
precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to
result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter
1:6-7*

Today I will finally...

October 25TH

"If you'll not settle for anything less than your best, you will be amazed at what you can accomplish in your lives." — Vince Lombardi

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28

Today, I am grateful for...

October 26TH

*"Let us live so that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry." —
Mark Twain*

*For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part;
then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. - 1 Corinthians 13:12*

Today, I will inspire others by...

October 27TH

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!" - Audrey Hepburn

The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous man runs into it and is safe. - Proverbs 18:10

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

October 28TH

"Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success." - Swami Sivananda

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Today, I will help another by...

October 29TH

"A dream becomes a goal when action is taken toward its achievement." — Bo Bennett

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith - Philippians 3:7-9

Today, I will show my thanks by...

October 30TH

"Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power." — Lao-Tzu

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- James 1:2-4

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

October 31ST

"Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity." — Louis Pasteur

And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today." - Exodus 14:13

Today, I will show my love by...

NOVEMBER

Just because they rejected you...

In his early teens, Steven Spielberg made amateur 8 mm "adventure" films with his friends and charged admission (25 cents) while his sister sold popcorn.

By the time he was ready to attend college, Spielberg passionately wanted to go to the prestigious University of Southern California film school.

He applied once, they turned him down.

He applied a second time, they turned him down...

Instead he went to Cal State University in Long Beach, but still followed his passion for movies.

Spielberg went on to direct some of the biggest movie blockbusters in history and is considered one of the most popular and influential filmmakers in the history of cinema.

In an interesting twist of fate, in 1994 Spielberg was awarded an honorary degree from the school that rejected him twice and in 1996 he became a trustee of the university.

In 2002, thirty-five years after starting college, Spielberg finished his degree via independent projects at CSULB (California State University, Long Beach), and was awarded a B.A. in Film Production and Electronic Arts with an option in Film/Video Production.

November 1ST

"Success isn't a result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire." — Arnold H. Glasow

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. - Colossians 3:12-13

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

November 2ND

"Chance favors the prepared mind." — Louis Pasteur

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. - Romans 5:1

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

November 3RD

"Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true." – Leon J. Suenes

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Today, I will reach out to someone...

November 4TH

"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." — Seneca

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. - Hebrews 4:15-16

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

November 5TH

"There are no traffic jams along the extra mile." - Roger Staubach

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." - Lamentations 3:22-24

Today, I will show gratitude by...

November 6TH

"It's amazing what ordinary people can do if they set out without preconceived notions." — Charles F. Kettering

Is anything too hard for the Lord? - Genesis 18:14

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

November 7TH

"The difference between try and triumph is a little umph. " – Anonymous

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39

Today, I will do the following good deed...

November 8TH

"How long should you try? Until." - Jim Rohn

"There is none like the Lord; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God." - 1 Samuel 2:2

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

November 9TH

*"What do we live for; if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" -
Mary Ann Evans*

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them. - Genesis 1:27*

Today I will finally...

November 10TH

*"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." — Ralph
Waldo Emerson*

*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge
in him! - Psalm 34:8*

Today, I am grateful for...

November 11TH

"We're here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people through the dark." - Whoopi Goldberg

"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

November 12TH

"Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him." - Booker T. Washington

But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." - John 6:20

Today, I will smile because...

November 13TH

"You haven't failed until you quit trying." — Anonymous

*Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. -
Philippians 3:13-14*

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

November 14TH

"One hundred percent of the shots you don't take don't go in." — Wayne Gretzky

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. - Nahum 1:7

Today, I will show my love by...

November 15TH

*"Man is so made that when anything fires his soul, impossibilities vanish." -
Jean de La Fontaine*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to
everyone who believes... - Romans 1:16*

Today, I will engage my creativity by...

November 16TH

*"Courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm." —
Winston Churchill*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you
with my eye upon you. - Psalm 32:8*

Today, I will show my thanks by...

November 17TH

"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito." — Unknown

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. - Ecclesiastes 3:11

Today, I will help another by...

November 18TH

"Some of the world's greatest feats were accomplished by people not smart enough to know they were impossible." — Doug Larson

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. - 1 Corinthians 10:13

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

November 19TH

"Just go out there and do what you've got to do." - Martina Navrátilová

When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. - Proverbs 10:19

Today, I will inspire others by...

November 20TH

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." - Charles Swindoll

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. - 2 Corinthians 5:9

Today, I am grateful for...

November 21ST

*"Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others." —
Plato*

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to
become children of God .. - John 1:12*

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

November 22ND

*"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up." —
Mark Twain*

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who
promised is faithful. - Hebrews 10:23*

Today, I will do something I've never done...

November 23RD

"That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

*He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.
- Isaiah 40:29*

Today, I will reach out to someone...

November 24TH

"There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure." — Paulo Coelho

*I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. -
Psalm 119:11*

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

November 25TH

"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there's love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." - Ella Jane Fitzgerald

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. - Galatians 1:10

Today, I will show gratitude by...

November 26TH

*"Still round the corner there may wait, A new road or a secret gate." -
J. R. R. Tolkien*

*... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
for you. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

November 27TH

"We either make ourselves miserable or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same." - Carlos Casteneda

"If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all." - Isaiah 7:9

Today, I will do the following good deed...

November 28TH

"It was character that got us out of bed, commitment that moved us into action, and discipline that enabled us to follow through." — Zig Ziglar

"... and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - John 8:32

Today, I will support someone by...

November 29TH

"Open your heart - open it wide; someone is standing outside." - Mary Engelbreit

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. - 2 Corinthians 4:7

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents by...

November 30TH

"More than anything else, people will always remember you for how you made them feel." — Shadonna Richards

... for we walk by faith, not by sight. - 2 Corinthians 5:7

Today I will finally...

DECEMBER

Born in 1809, Abraham Lincoln is arguably the most revered President the United States has ever had, and perhaps ever will have ~ yet his road to the Presidency was anything but easy...

1816 – Lincoln and his family were homeless and he was forced to support them.

1818 – his mother died

1831 – failed in business

1832 – ran for State Legislature and lost

1833 – borrowed money from a friend to start a business, but went bankrupt – he spent the next 17 years repaying the debt

1834 – again ran for State Legislature and this time he won

1835 – his fiancée died and left Lincoln heart-broken and inconsolable

1836 – had a complete nervous breakdown and was bedridden for 6 months

1838 – sought to become Speaker of the State Legislature and lost

1843 – ran for Congress and lost

1846 – ran for Congress again and won

1848 – ran for re-election to Congress and lost

1849 – sought the position of Land Officer and lost

1854 – ran for the Senate and lost

1856 – sought Vice-Presidential nomination and received less than 100 votes

1858 – again ran for US Senate and again he lost...

1860 – Abraham Lincoln was elected as President of the United States of America

December 1ST

*"Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude. I like fun." -
Colleen C. Barrett*

*... but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct ... -
1 Peter 1:15*

Today, I will show my thanks by...

December 2ND

"You alone are the judge of your worth and your goal is to discover infinite worth in yourself, no matter what anyone else thinks." — Deepak Chopra

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. -
Romans 8:1*

Today, I will help another by...

December 3RD

"Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement." — Henry Ford

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you." - John 15:16

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

December 4TH

"All the so-called 'secrets of success' will not work unless you do." — Unknown

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. - Ephesians 5:2

Today, I will inspire others by...

December 5TH

"To sit patiently with a yearning that has not yet been fulfilled, and to trust that, that fulfillment will come, is quite possibly one of the most powerful "magic skills" that human beings are capable of. It has been noted by almost every ancient wisdom tradition." - Elizabeth Gilbert

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. - Psalm 103:11-12

Today, I am grateful for...

December 6TH

"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another." — Unknown

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. - Isaiah 55:2

Today, I will show my love by...

December 7TH

"Few people know so clearly what they want. Most people can't even think what to hope for when they throw a penny in a fountain." Barbara Kingsolver, Animal Dreams

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. - Psalm 147:3

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

December 8TH

"When you begin to touch your heart or let your heart be touched, you begin to discover that it's bottomless, that it doesn't have any resolution, that this heart is huge, vast, and limitless. You begin to discover how much warmth and gentleness is there, as well as how much space." - Pema Chodron

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." - John 10:27-28

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

December 9TH

"No one's head aches when he is comforting another." - Indian Proverb

*Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- Psalm 37:4*

Today, I will do something I've never done...

December 10TH

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." -
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi*

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit
again to a yoke of slavery. - Galatians 5:1*

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

December 11TH

"The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them." - Ralph Nichols

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.
- Isaiah 26:3-4

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

December 12TH

"Dreams come in a size too big so that we may grow into them." - Josie Bisset

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:9

Today, I will do the following good deed...

December 13TH

"If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces, never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again." - Flavia Weedn

*...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
- 2 Timothy 1:7*

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents
by...

December 14TH

"Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart." — Unknown

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10

Today I will finally...

December 15TH

"When you have a sense of your own identity and a vision of where you want to go in your life, you then have the basis for reaching out to the world and going after your dreams for a better life." - Stedman Graham

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. - Psalm 46:1

Today, I am grateful for...

December 16TH

"Life means to have something definite to do—a mission to fulfilled—and in the measure in which we avoid setting our life to something, we make it empty. Human life, by its very nature, has to be dedicated to something." - Jose Ortega y Gasset

... bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. - Colossians 3:13

Today, I will inspire others by...

December 17TH

"Energy and persistence conquer all things." — Benjamin Franklin

... you are precious in my eyes ... and I love you. - Isaiah 43:4

Today, I will take the following step toward my dream...

December 18TH

"With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity." - Keshavan Nair

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! - Psalm 96:9

Today, I will show my thanks by...

December 19TH

"Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe." - Gail Devers

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. - Philippians 1:6

Today, I will be a better 'me' by...

December 20TH

"Whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do it well; whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself completely; in great aims and in small I have always thoroughly been in earnest." - Charles Dickens

Do all things without grumbling or questioning ... - Philippians 2:14

Today, I will demonstrate my faith by...

December 21ST

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." — George Bernard Shaw

YOU, therefore, beloved ones, having this advance knowledge, be on YOUR guard that YOU may not be led away with them by the error of the law-defying people and fall from YOUR own steadfastness. 18 No, but go on growing in the undeserved kindness and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him [be] the glory both now and to the day of eternity. — 2 Peter 3:17,18

Today, I will demonstrate forgiveness by...

December 22ND

"My belief is that personal freedom cannot grow beyond personal responsibility. The more people that learn to be fully accountable for their lives, the more freedom each of us can enjoy and the more fulfilling all of our lives will be." - Ross Parmenter

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. - Psalm 32:8

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

December 23RD

*"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." —
Wayne Dyer*

*Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the
body. - Proverbs 16:24*

Today, I will do the following good deed...

December 24TH

"Once you choose hope, anything's possible." - Christopher Reeve

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). - Matthew 1:23

Today, I will do something I've never done...

December 25TH

"Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness. Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Appreciate your friends. Continue to learn. Do what you love. Live as if this is all there is." - Mary Anne Radmacher

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life." — John 3:16

Today, I will finally...

December 26TH

"The average person puts only 25% of his energy into his work. The world takes off its hat to those who put in more than 50% of their capacity, and stands on its head for those few and far between souls who devote 100%." - Andrew Carnegie

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. - Psalm 51:6

Today, I will show gratitude by...

December 27TH

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go." - Theodor Seuss Geisel

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. -
Philippians 4:8*

Today, I will make someone else smile by...

December 28TH

"Take control of your destiny. Believe in yourself. Ignore those who try to discourage you. Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits. Don't give up and don't give in." - Wanda Hope Carter

... yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. - Habakkuk 3:18-19

Today, I will do the following good deed...

December 29TH

"Love and desire are the spirit's wings to great deeds." — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:16

Today, I will support someone by...

December 30TH

"One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged." — Lucille Ball

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." - Isaiah 43:18-19

Today, I will volunteer my time, treasure or talents by...

December 31ST

*"Where you end up isn't the most important thing. It's the road you take to get there. The road you take is what you'll look back on and call your life." —
Tim Wile*

When you make a promise to God, don't delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools. Keep all the promises you make to him. It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it. — Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Today I will finally...

...and the day after that and the day
after that...

Commit thy way unto the Lord,

Trust in Him,

And He shall bring it to pass...

Psalm 37:5

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