

My Wisdom and Philosophy

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Abstract.

This document contains a short compilation of my 71 years of accumulated wisdom and philosophy.

My Philosophy in small sound bytes:

- 1) Compromise without being compromised.
- 2) Hold others up without holding them up.
- 3) To care and not to care.
- 4) There's nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come.
- 5) I never say "maybe" and I go for it all.
- 6) When things don't make sense.
 - a) relabel
 - b) reframe
 - c) refocus
 - d) reflect
 - e) respond.
- 7) When stressed ride the Siberian Railroad.
 - a) stop
 - b) breath
 - c) notice
 - d) reflect
 - e) respond

My wisdom:

Actions are more important than beliefs. You can have a relationship with God without any belief.

Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened.

You don't even have to know whom you are asking. Ask with patience, perception, and perseverance.

Keep asking until you get an answer. It won't always be exactly what you want, but you will recognize the answer.

God has a plan for your life.

There is only one you, but there are probably an infinite number of different "universes" in the Multi-Verse. God knows exactly which universe to place you in.

There is evil in this world and bad things happen to good people because that's the way this particular universe plays out. There probably are universes where evil and bad things are practically non-existent.

You have free will and have every opportunity to make the most of your life.

You are always "on plan" because no matter what you do or how bad things get God's ultimate plan is always coming to pass.

When you have your life review with Him, you will recognize how God's plan played out and the wisdom and justice of God's choice.

If you're harmed someone (including yourself) and there's no way to directly reconcile, ask God to put something into their/your heart before the harm occurs to help them/you deal with it.

God sees past, present, and future all at once and already knows you would ask this of Him and He has already done as you have asked.

NOTE. What you've asked for may not have occurred unless you ask God for it.

You can pray to God for any past situation and God will answer your prayers. You can't change God's plan or what has already happened,

but often you will get the sense that God wants you to ask Him to intervene and you can make a difference by asking God to heal others' hearts.

This can help you get a sense of what answered prayers feel like.

You can always make choices, which bring you a sense of purpose and fulfillment.

You can have as much or as little direction from God for your life as you want.

Each individual is unique in that regard. You can always set goals and work towards them. God honors that.

There are few absolutes in life. You have a lot of latitude in choosing what's right and what's wrong for you. Your conscience is your best guide and if you get off track God will guide you back if you let Him.

Remember the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Be generous, gracious towards others, and as positive minded as much as you can.

NOTE: If you want to develop a personal relationship with God let's talk.

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