

# Lessons on Life

By Dick Reeves

Each year, we spend millions on books on life and living and other examples of wit and wisdom. I can save you a great deal of time and money by distilling all of them to their essence. As follows:

## Life and living

Do good. Avoid evil. Treat thy neighbor as thyself

## Diet

Eat less. Exercise more

## Sunday Services

If you pray for your neighbor, don't run him over in the parking lot on the way out.

## Competence

We license everything from dog catchers to hairdressers, yet for the most important job in the world, raising children, there are no requirements, no standards and no checks and balances.

## Education

Nobody teaches anything. The good "teachers" make us want to learn. The bad ones bore us to indifference.

## God

Our planet has been spinning for 2-3 billion years. In the last "instant" man arrived. Did God create him or did he create God? And what was God doing for a few billion years?

## Children

Wonderful from birth to 3 years. Forget everything else until they produce grandchildren.

## War

Men have been killing each other since Cain slew Abel. Wars will never end until there are no more men to kill.

## Politics

"Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac." I think Churchill said that.

## Persuasion

You can persuade anybody to do anything. A gun speeds the process. Al Capone said that.

## Judging

Don't judge any man until you have spent a day in his moccasins. American Indians said that.

## Greed

Give a man a million and he'll want two. Give him a billion and he'll want three.

## Democracy

We elect extensions of ourselves. "The fault, dear Brutus..."

## Intelligence

You can measure a man's intelligence and a lot more by the television he watches.

## The United States

If you want to know where we will be in a decade, look at Europe today. Or read "The Decline and fall of the Roman Empire."


## Hypocrisy

I don't trust anyone who says "God bless America." Does not God bless and love all men? Especially the most unloved?

## And the best one of all...

God grant me the wisdom to change those things I can change, to accept what I cannot, and the serenity to know the difference. (Author unknown)

These are just a few random thoughts. If you have others, send them to the Shoreline. If you have complaints, I don't want to hear them



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