





"Blessed are the single-hearted; for they shall enjoy much peace"

-Thomas a' Kempis

"Integrity [in our work] makes for gaiety, because the person who is honest about his work has time to play, and is not secretly vexed by the remembrance of things left undone or ill done."

-Charlotte Mason, "Ourselves"

"It is helpful to remember that we don't have to do everything or have everything...Today we have so overcomplicated and stressed our lives, minds, and bodies with the 'too much' that we've lost a 'pearl of great price': the basics of wholesome everyday life at home. A balanced life."

> -Susan Schaeffer Macaulay, "For the Family's Sake"

"The parent who would educate his children, in any large sense of the word, must lay himself out for high thinking and lowly living; the highest thinking indeed possible to the human mind and the simplest, directest living."

-Charlotte Mason, "Parents and Children"

"The simple person can do anything with a little child; the unsimple loses the key and cannot force an entrance into a child's heart."

-Charlotte Mason, "Scale How Meditations" "We say of some people that they are perfectly transparent, a good and beautiful thing...we all value these people 'open as the day'. They are shining like a clear, clean lamp, letting forth light. Do we ask ourselves- have we this single eye?...

...The answer is to be found, not in anxious enquiries into our motives and feelings, but in the shining of the light in simple, humble, pleasant doing of that duty which comes next. By turning the lights upon ourselves we produce dark lanterns."

-Charlotte Mason, "Scale How Meditations"

"We accumulate furnishings and pictures and appurtenance (equipment, paraphernalia) and belongings without end, and we say in vain, 'Soul take thine ease and enjoy that which thou hast got,' because it is the very nature of this fever of covetousness...

...this desire for the accumulation of things that it grows on that upon which it is fed, and each new possession turns on, as it were, a dozen new desires. There is no middle way; only the one counsel will save us,- that we beware of all covetousness."

-Charlotte Mason, "Scale How Meditations"

"It is possible to sing my all is on the alter, and yet be unprepared to sacrifice a ring from one's finger, or a picture from one's wall, or a child from one's family for the salvation of the heathen"

-Hudson Taylor, Quoted by Amy Carmichael in "Gold Cord"

"His thoughts said, 'If only things continued in a regular order I would find it much easier to maintain a restful spirit, but as it is, there is no continuance in anything, ever.' His Father said, 'Don't think this is strange, You have here no continuing city; you are seeking one to come. These changes are merely the changeful landscape of your life as you travel to...

...the City which has foundations. But your journey may be restful; if you are inwardly at rest, nothing outward can disturb you. Peace always under all conditions-that is my word for you. Do not let it slip. Do not drift away from it. Hold it fast, for it is not a vain thing for you, because it is your life."

> -Amy Carmichael, "His Thoughts Said...His Father Said"





"We produce an environment other people have to live in. We should be conscious of the fact that this environment which we produce by our very 'being' can affect the people who live with us...the effect on them is something they cannot avoid."

-Edith Schaeffer, "The Hidden Art of Homemaking"

"...it is one of those fussy, busy days which we women rather delight in. We do more than we can ourselves, our nerves are 'on end', what with the fatigue and what with the little excitement and everybody in the house or the school is uncomfortable."

-Charlotte Mason, "School Education"

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"Somebody has to get up early, stay up late, do more than the others, if the human garden is to be a thing of beauty."

-Edith Schaeffer, "What is a Family?"

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"There are no perfect families, only families who try."

-Edith Schaeffer, "What is a Family"







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"That children should be trained to endure hardness, was a principle of the old regime. 'I shall never make a sailor if I can't face the wind and rain,' said a little fellow of five who was taken out on a bitter night to see a torchlight...

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...procession; and, though shaking with cold, he declined the shelter of a shed. Nowadays, the shed is everything; the children must not be permitted to suffer from fatigue or exposure."

-Charlotte Mason, "Home Education"







