

## **“Pearls” of Wisdom collected by Fr. Cedric**

### **Attitude/Suffering:**

Fortune favors the brave.

Don't be sore, rather soar!

You can cope through hope.

Don't give up, get up!

Don't focus on what you can't do, focus on what you can do.

There are two people who are absolutely right in life: Those who say, “I can” and those who say, “I can't.”

Learn from the past, long for the future and live in the moment.

Instead of asking, “Why Me?” ask, “What now?”

A person with a why can handle any what.

A ship in a harbor is safe, but ships were made for the wide open ocean.

Encourage and inspire others, don't moralize.

God loves you just the way you are but loves you too much to leave you that way.

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

Your net worth isn't the measure of your self worth.

Ask for a mountain, not a meadow.

You can see more through a teardrop than you can a telescope.

Reach for the stars and you will at least get the moon

There's got to be a morning after!

You can turn your scars into stars.

Have a dream for your life: and pursue it!

God writes straight with crooked lines.

Make the most out of your life.

Challenges make Champions (and chumps)

God turns tragedies into triumphs.

Tribulation produces patience.

Make your mess your message.

Some say roses have thorns. I say thorns have roses.

You can either be bitter or better.

You can turn your hurts into halos.

No pain, no gain.

Obstacles are opportunities in disguise.

Irritations are invitations to new life.

We are like the polarities on a battery: Positive or Negative. Your choice.

Suffering can be a tombstone or a stepping stone.

Suffering can be a prison or a prism; you can have a breakdown or a breakthrough.

Feelings are fickle; faith is forever.

Trust begs unanswered questions.

The Holy Spirit is ferocious, fierce and indomitable.

You can know who you are by knowing whose you are.

A good attitude leads to a high altitude.

If you want the perks, you must do the works.

Discipline is your friend, not your enemy.

You are an eagle, not a chicken.

The glory of God is a person fully alive.

Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.

On your Mark, Get set, Go!

Don't just survive, thrive!

Don't just live, live with *Passion!*

### **Prayer:**

Don't be scandalized by silence; silence is God's language of love.

The secret of life is the indentation on your upper lip: Shhh!

Look within. The Kingdom is within you.

Out of your heart will flow rivers of living water.

Prayer is dangerous. It may just change you.

Prayer is the fuel of greatness.

Listen with the ears of your heart.

Just five minutes!

### **Change:**

Change may not happen immediately, but it will happen eventually if you don't give up.

Don't be afraid of change. Be afraid of staying stuck.

There are no drive thru breakthroughs.

There is no microwave maturity.

Discipleship is about going from selfishness to selflessness.

Wisdom is doing today what you will be happy with tomorrow.

The secret to change is a lifestyle of surrender to God.

Go from selfishness to selflessness.

Freedom isn't cheap, but it is worth every penny.

God isn't looking for perfection but does want progression.

Don't look at how far you have to go, look at how far you've come.

You can be reborn!

Don't let your mistakes define you; let them refine you.

Move!

You are loved!

You are anointed!

Face your fears.

Be creative.

Be ambitious.

Take the initiative.

Seize the day.

Make something.

Realize your potential.

Energy: Use it or lose it.

Achieve!

The efficacy lies in the intimacy.

Self-development over self-fulfillment

Change is a process

Know yourself to grow yourself.

You Can Change!

## **Passion:**

The difference between mediocrity and excellence is commitment.

The difference between regret and realized potential is obedience.

The difference between passivity and passion is determination.

You are never too young to have a vision and never too old to dream a dream.

Who you are is God's gift to you; who you become is your gift to God.

Don't just live, *Live with Passion!*

## **Success:**

Significance not success

If you want the perks, do the works

Opportunity emerges as you apply yourself

Sow the seed first, then comes the harvest

Today matters

Today's choices determines tomorrow's destiny

Invest in today and rewards will come tomorrow

Prepare or you will have to repair

Don't go with the flow, create your own momentum

Keep doing what has led to your present prosperity

## **Scripture:**

The sufferings of the present aren't worth comparing with the Glory to be revealed to us.

We are more than conquerors through him who loves us!

Come to me all you who labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

We inherit the promises through faith and patience.

Promotion doesn't come from the East or West, but from the Lord.

By patient endurance you will win your soul.

God makes all things work to good for those who love God.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Don't let your heart be troubled.

God who began a good work in you will bring it to completion

Do the work of an evangelist

Make the most of the present opportunity