

“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!

Live Courageously!

Create your own opportunities.

Push your limits.

Life is tough. Be tougher.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Keep the momentum.

Our disabilities lead to new abilities in the Lord.

Set goals and pursue them.

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?"

Your sufferings tether you to your true self.

The darkest hour is just before dawn.

Life is magnificent and significant.

Love is stronger than death.

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.

Don't make it harder than it is.

The difference between wishbone and backbone is determination.

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.

Distance through resistance.

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!

Difficulties can be our finest moments.

You show your belief by the person you become.

You can turn your scars into stars.

Have a dream for your life: and pursue it!

Keep the momentum.

God writes straight with crooked lines.

Make the most out of your life.

Challenges make Champions (or chumps)

God turns tragedies into triumphs.

Adversity can bring advancement.

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.

Give everything you've got!

Getting older is mandatory...growing older is optional.

Throw yourself into it!

Take Risks.

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.

What you can conceive, you can achieve.

Problems prove Professionals and produce prophets.

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.

Live today such that you will have no regrets tomorrow.

Wisdom dictates: Do today what you will be happy with tomorrow.

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.

In golf it's not how, but how many. In prayer it's not how many but how.

Prayer isn't a last resort, it is a first line of defense.

Out of your heart will flow rivers of living water.

Prayer is dangerous. It may just change you.

Prayer is the fuel of greatness.

Come apart so you don't come apart.

Listen with the ears of your heart.

Practice the classroom of silence.

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.

Leaves change and character can change.

Progression not perfection.

Are you standing on the promises or just sitting on the premises?

Are you focused on the problem or the promise?

Faith turns mountains into molehills.

Don't speak about your mountains, speak to your mountain.

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.

Be driven!

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.

The only chances we regret are those we did not take.

Do the possible and God will do the impossible.

Roar your determination out loud.

Are you driven or drifting?

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.

If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired, with enthusiasm!

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

Success:

Significance not success.

If you want the perks, do the works.

Pay now and play later, or play now and pay later.

Opportunity emerges as you apply yourself.

Sow the seed first, then comes the harvest.

Today matters!

Today's choices determines tomorrow's destiny.

Don't talk about the problem, talk about the promise.

Invest in today and rewards will come tomorrow.

Minimal work leads to maximum need.

Prepare or you will have to repair.

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

Create a plan and work it.

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

Keep doing what has led to your present prosperity.

Grace builds on nature. Focus on your talent and improve.

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

Favorite Quotes:

Who you are is God's gift to you, who you become is your gift to God. ~Eleanor Powell.

I'm OK and I'm on my way...~Joyce Meyer

A blind person once asked St. Anthony, "Is there anything worse than losing your eyesight?" "Yes," he replied, "losing your vision."

I'm not where I want to be, but thank God I'm not where I used to be. ~Joyce Meyer

Be who you were meant to be and you will set the world on fire. ~St. Catherine of Sienna

There are two very important days in your life. The day you were born and the day you discover why you were born.

Preach the Gospel and if necessary use words. ~St. Francis

My God and my all! ~St. Francis

We're not a death denying church. We're a death defying church!

The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak.

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries. ~Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Reach for the stars...and at least you'll get the moon.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less. ~C. S. Lewis

The poet only asks to get his head into the heavens. It is the logician who seeks to get the heavens into his head. ~G.K. Chesterton

God writes straight with crooked lines. ~The prophet Isaiah 40:4

You can't prevent the birds from flying overhead, but you can prevent them from nesting in your hair. ~Norman Vincent Peale

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. ~St. Francis

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her. ~ Pope Francis

Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. ~ The Christophers

Focus: The three areas to focus your life on should be:

- 1) Developing your personal relationship with God.
- 2) Growing in character and holiness
- 3) Developing your potential, realizing your dreams, living with Passion! (Fr. Cedric)

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