

## **“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.
- Where preparation and opportunity meet: Success. 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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