Advice – Funnies

**Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn’t. *(Erica Jong, in How to Save Your Own Life)***

**When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice. *(Marquis de La Grange, 18th-century statesman)***

**Advice is like castor oil, easy enough to give but dreadfully uneasy to take. *(Josh Billings, humorist)***

**When your mother asks, “Do you want a piece of advice?” it is a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it anyway. *(Erma Bombeck)***

**There are three kinds of businessmen – successful, unsuccessful, and those who give lectures telling the second group how the first group did. *(Los Angeles Times Syndicate)***

**I think they should have a hotline that never answers, for people who don’t follow advice in the first place. *(George Carlin, in When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?, p. 262)***

**A businessman taking an efficiency seminar presented a case study on his wife's routine for cooking breakfast: "After a few days of observation, I determined what was slowing her down and suggested ways to speed up the process." "Did it work?" the teacher asked. "It sure did. Instead of taking her 20 minutes to cook my breakfast, it takes me only seven." *(Reader's Digest)***

**A word to the wise ain’t necessary. It’s the stupid ones who need the advice. *(Bill Cosby)***

**Dolly says to her Dad as he leaves for work: "Goodbye, Daddy! Have a good day at work and be sure to look both ways before crossing the street!" *(Bil and Jeff Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**First man: "When you stop and think about it, the only thing you and I really have to offer the world is our advice. It would be nice to be able to share it, but unfortunately, no one wants to pay us for it." Second man: "I can show you how to get paid for advice." First man: "How?" Second man: "Give me ten bucks and I'll show you." *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**I was sorting through treasured stuff my three daughters had accumulated over the years and came across a questionnaire my middle daughter, Julia, had filled out while completing her master’s degree. In response to the query “What was the most important advice you received from your mother?” she wrote, “Always rely on your own good judgment.” And to “What was the most important advice you received from your father?” Julia answered, “Ask your mother.” *(Pauline S. Bentley)***

**Frank: "Did your lawyer give you some bad advice?" Ernest: "No. He sold it to me." *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**After being examined by the doctor, an old mountaineer was given instructions as to what he should do. Just as he was about to leave, the doctor said, “Look here, you forgot to pay me.” “What fer?” asked the old fellow. “For my professional advice,” replied the doctor. “Don’t owe you nothing,” said the mountaineer on his way out, “cause I ain’t going to take it.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Billy says to his Mom in regards to his brother, Jeffy: “But I’m not telling him what to do. I’m just givin’ him my advice.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Old people like to give good advice, as consolation for the fact that they can no longer set bad examples. *(Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 17th-century writer)***

**Husband turns on a hair dryer and says to his wife: “Well, I’m taking the Pastor’s advice. I’m here to help you with the dishes!” *(The Lutheran Witness cartoon)***

**When people get too old to set bad examples, they start giving advice. *(California Highway Patrolman)***

**My wife was pregnant and overdue with our third child. As the days beyond her due-date began to stack up, so did the phone calls inquiring if the baby had come yet. Finally, I suggested we go out to dinner. At the restaurant, we ran into a sympathetic friend who gave us some good advice. "You'll know it's time to go to the hospital," she said, "when the phone calls are five minutes apart." *(Jeff Sullivan, in Reader's Digest)***

**Maybe you recall the old comic routine: “With all my troubles, I went to see my priest. He said, ‘Cheer up, my son, things could be worse.’ So I cheered up and sure enough, things got worse.” (Joe Griffith, in Speaker's Library of Business, p. 253)**

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**Lucy: “Those kids over at the playground think they’re so tough. Well, I’m not out to start any trouble, but I’m also not afraid of them! I’m taking the advice of Theodore Roosevelt, speak softly, and carry a beagle!” (Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)**

**Linus: “If you can get this last man out, Charlie Brown, we’ll win the ball game. Therefore, I would suggest you throw him a curve!” Lucy: “No, don’t do that! Throw him a drop!” Charlie Brown: “This world is filled with people who are anxious to function in an advisory capacity!” *(Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

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**Grandfather: One time I asked my grandfather the secret of his long life. He told me, ‘Always be faster than your fastest friend.’” Grandson: “Was that good advice?” Grandfather: “Yeh, if you’re a gazelle.” (Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)**

**If stock market experts were so expert, they would be buying stock, not selling advice. (Norman Augustine, in Augustine’s Laws)**

**I was a bit nervous the day before I was scheduled to have knee surgery. I asked my boss, the veterinarian at the clinic where I worked, if he had any advice for me. Without hesitation he replied, “Turn your worries into prayers, get plenty of rest and don’t lick your incision.” (Lisa C. Owens, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Shortly after their arrival in East Africa, two British nurses were given the job of taking a Jeep up-country with medical supplies for a "bush" clinic. Uncertain of their ability to handle either the vehicle or the country ahead, they set off in some trepidation. When they had gone a short distance, smoke began to pour from the front of the Jeep and it soon ground to a halt. To add to their dismay, they saw two savage-looking tribesmen, armed with spears, squatting by the track. Their hearts sand as one of the natives approached the Jeep and peered inside. After a fearful pause, he said, "I think you ladies would do better with the hand brake off." (J. R. Goatland, in Reader's Digest)**

**Nightclub comic Henny Youngman tells of a man who heeded his doctor's advice to run ten miles a day to improve his love life. After two weeks he phoned the doctor to say he'd been following instructions. "Has it helped you?" asked the doctor. "I don't know," replied the runner. "I'm 140 miles from home." (Earl Wilson, Publishers-Hall Syndicate)**

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