**Easier Does It**

**Again I say to you,**

**it is easier for a rope to go through the eye of a needle,**

**than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.**

***(St. Matthew 19:24)***

**It is always easier to command than it is to convince. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Why is it so much easier to be angry when I’m hungry? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Go ahead and do it. It’s much easier to apologize after something’s been done than to get permission ahead of time. *(Grace Murray Hopper, mathematician)***

**Asking dumb questions is easier than correcting dumb mistakes. *(Bits & Pieces) 49014***

**It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend. *(William Blake)***

**It’s easier to build a child than to repair an adult. *(Phil Perington)***

**It’s always easier to dismiss a man than it is to train him. No great leader ever built a reputation on firing people. Many have built a reputation on developing them. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier. (*E. C. McKenzie)***

**Fears thrive on secrecy and a sense of being “very special.” In 1968, Professor Irving Janis, a psychologist at Yale University, studied a group of surgical patients. Some worried out loud before surgery; others expressed little apprehension, indeed seemed to exhibit confidence. Curiously, the first group experienced fewer post-operative complications and had an easier convalescence than those stoic patients who felt they had to bear their fears by themselves. (Daniel A. Sugarman, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Unfortunately, it’s usually much easier to do something about feeling cold or hungry than about feeling sad. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**It is easier to fight for one’s principles than to live up to them. *(Alfred Adler) 19928***

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**It's far easier to forgive an enemy after you've got even with him. *(Olin Miller)***

**It is easier for the generous to forgive than for the offender to ask for forgiveness. *(Bob Phillips, in Heavenly Humor, p. 86)***

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**To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded. *(Harry Emerson Fosdick)***

**It's always easy the night before to get up early the next morning. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**It is much easier to recognize error than to find truth; for error lies on the surface and may be overcome; but truth lies in the depths, and to search for it is not given to every one. *(Goethe) 199224***

**Halloween is a lot easier since I installed a drive-thru! *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**To keep your character intact, you cannot stoop to filthy acts. It makes it easier to stoop the next time. *(Katharine Hepburn)***

**Although the inner journey is a solo one, through encouragement, motivation, inspiration, and prayer, the support of caring friends can make it easier for you to achieve your transformation. (Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest , p. 30)**

**It is easier to know (and understand) men in general than one man in particular. *(La Rochefoucauld)***

**A synagogue or church that admitted only saints would be like a hospital that admitted only healthy people. It would be a lot easier to run, and a more pleasant place to be, but I'm not sure it would be doing the job it is here to do. *(Harold Kushner, in Who Needs God)***

**In the mid-1800s, famous French trapeze artist Jules Leotard began wearing skintight bodysuits, which made it easier to perform his stunts. The bodysuits became so associated with Leotard that the name stuck. *(Harry Bright & Harlan Briscoe, in So, Now You Know, p. 25)***

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**Life becomes much easier, once you make the ridiculous assumption that everything will ultimately be O.K. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**In moods of doubt and frustration in the face of injustice and wretchedness, I think of the counsel of the most sagacious man I have ever known, Justice Brandeis. “My dear,” he once advised his impatient daughter, “if you would only recognize that life is hard, things would be so much easier for you.” *(Paul A. Freund)***

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**It's been a long time since I wrote Roxanne a love letter. This was a lot easier before she knew so much about me. *(Ted Dawson, in Spooner comic strip)***

**In creating, the only hard thing’s to begin; a grass-blade’s no easier to make than an oak. *(James Russell Lowell)***

**It’s easier to learn from other people’s mistakes than from your own – and usually faster. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Money can’t buy happiness. But it sure makes misery easier to live with. *(Bumper sticker)***

**With the kids up and crying all night, the husband says to his wife: “Parenting would be easier -- if we didn't need sleep.” *(Lynn Johnson, in For Better Or For* Worse *comic strip)***

**Pencils aren’t hexagonal because it makes them easier to grip. They were originally cut that shape to keep them from rolling off desks and tables. (David Hoffman, in Little-Known Facts about Well-Known Stuff, p. 12)**

**It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father. *(Pope John XXIII)***

**It is easier to pray for four million people than to pray for one, because I stand the thought of leaving anyone out. *(Walter Fiscus)***

**New thinking about new products is often easier than new thinking about old products. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**There is a much easier way to handle relationships and that is not to “handle” them at all. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 307)***

**It was easier to say I couldn’t do something than to try it and fail. I’d created boundaries based on fear of failure. We do it all the time. Sometimes those boundaries are broken down by ourselves, sometimes they are broken down by a force greater than ourselves. *(Martin Short, whose acting career was in a rut until he had the revelation he could channel the way he was funny at parties into his onstage roles)***

**In the mid-1800s, an Anglican priest, Dr. John Mason Neale, translated more than 400 hymns into English and changed the music to make them easier to sing. Many of these hymns are sung as Christmas carols today. His carol translations include “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” “Good King Wenceslas” and “Good Christmas Men, Rejoice.” *(Betty Debnam, in Rocky Mountain News)***

**After he got out of the Marines in 1946, Glen W. Bell sold his refrigerator for $500 and used the money to start Bell’s Drive-In in San Bernardino, California. San Bernardino is also the birthplace of McDonald’s, and when Bell realized how well the McDonald brothers were doing, he decided it would be easier to switch to Mexican food than it would be to compete against them directly. His first restaurants were called Taco Tia. But after a while he renamed them Taco Bell, after himself. *(Uncle John’s All-Purpose Bathroom Reader, p. 125)***

**It is easier to pay taxes on the money you have, than to pay no taxes on the money you don't have! *(Larry Winget, in Money Stuff , p. 88)***

**Most things get easier the longer you do them -- Why doesn't that apply to living? (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**It is easier to be wise for others than for ourselves. *(La Rochefoucauld)***

**Mincing your words makes it easier if you have to eat them later. *(Franklin P. Jones, in The Wall Street Journal)***

**The Wrigley Company initially sold soap, then branched out into baking powder. In 1892, Wrigley ordered some chewing gum from the Zeno Manufacturing Company to offer jobbers as an inducement to buy his baking powder. Wrigley's salesmen dispensed two packs of gum with each 10-cent package of baking powder, and the jobbers soon reported that they found it much easier to sell the gum than peddle the powder. It didn't take Wrigley long to see the possibilities. (Richard B. Manchester)**

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