**Mastery - Ponderings**

**Choose you this day whom you shall serve;**

**as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**

***(Joshua 24:15)***

**Be comforted in the fact that the ache in your heart and the confusion in your soul means that you are still alive, still human, and still open to the beauty of the world. *(Paul Harding, author)***

**Unless you choose to do great things with it, it makes no difference how much you are rewarded, or how much power you have. *(Oprah Winfrey)***

**Many people have the ambition to succeed in their work; they may even have special aptitude for their job. And yet they do not move ahead. Why? Perhaps they think that since they can master the job, there is no need to master themselves. *(John Stevenson)***

**Don’t waste yourself in rejection, nor bark against the bad, but chant the beauty of the good. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death. *(Debbie Macomber, in Mrs. Miracle)***

**Every time you feel the need to blame someone for a painful experience, but you choose consciously not to act on that need, you take a step toward love. *(Gary Zukov, author)***

**Don’t find fault. Find a remedy. *(Henry Ford)***

**It ain’t enough to get the breaks. You gotta know how to use them. *(Huey P. Long, American politician)***

**The greatest moment that I can relive with joyous recall is that moment of greatest struggle in which I determined not to fail. I rose above the situation in splendid time and true, and to my utter fascination, I discovered the greater thing – that I could do! *(Evelyn L. Alexander)***

**While it is well enough to leave footprints on the sands of time, it is even more important to make sure they point in a commendable direction. *(James Branch Cabell)***

**We must not stay as we are, doing always what was done last time, or we shall stick in the mud. Yet neither must we undertake a new world as catastrophic Utopians, and wreck our civilization in our hurry to mend it. *(Bernard Shaw)***

**Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean. *(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)***

**Stop talking to God about how big your mountains are, and start talking to your mountains about how big your God is! *(Joel Osteen, in Your Best Life Now)***

**When I get up in the morning, I don't think about all the things that are going to happen, whether it's good or bad. I say to myself, "This is going to be the best day of my life." *(T ao Porchon-Lynch, 86, certified by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest yoga teacher)***

**I endeavor to be wise when I cannot be merry, easy when I cannot be glad, content with what cannot be mended and patient when there be no redress. *(Elizabeth Montagu)***

**When all else fails, love. *(Elizabeth Lesser, author)***

**Write the wrongs that are done to you in sand, but write the good things that happen to you on a piece of marble. Let go of all emotions such as resentment and retaliation, which diminish you, and hold onto the emotions, such as gratitude and joy, which increase you. *(Arabian proverb)***

**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can. *(John Wesley)***

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