**Progress - Ponderings**

**Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them,**

**so that all may see your progress.**

***(1 Timothy 4:15)***

**There is this to be said: The fundamental principle of true living is eternal progression. There is no final attainment in progressive achieving. *(Nona L. Brooks, in Mysteries, p. 147)***

**The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order. *(Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician)***

**We should so live and labor in our time that what came to us as seed may go to the next generation as blossom, and that what came to us as blossom may go to them as fruit. This is what we mean by progress. *(Henry Ward Beecher)***

**Progress is man’s ability to complicate simplicity. *(Thor Heyerdahl, adventurer)***

**Human progress in large measure consists in the acquisition of mastery. *(The Old Farmer’s Almanac, 1912)***

**Place before your mind a great and definite purpose, a plan or course you wish your life to take. The purpose or ideal is but the heart’s desire of the sleeping prince or princess that lies within you, waiting for its dream to become a reality so it can begin to awaken. You do not need new circumstances or enhanced powers. These will come when your heart’s desire becomes the most important thing in your life. Nothing can bring so much pleasure and peace as the daily progress that occurs when the sleeping giant within begins to awaken. *(Jack Bolen, in Commitment to a Higher Self)***

**It is the darling delusion of mankind that the world is progressive in religion, toleration, freedom, as it is progressive in machinery. *(Moncure D. Conway, American clergyman and author)***

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**Failure is success in progress. *(Albert Einstein)***

**Technological progress is like an ax in the hands of a pathological criminal. *(Albert Einstein)***

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**We trained hard -- but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form into teams, we would be reorganized, I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing. And what a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralization. *(Gaius Petronius Arbiter, first century)***

**We're all in favor of progress, providing we can have it without changing. (Morrie Brinkman, King Features)**

**A certain social commentator observes that progress isn't always for the best. "For example," he explains, "smoke signals never got an Indian out of bed at 3 a.m. to answer a wrong number." (Mack McGinnis, in Reader's Digest)**

**Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. (John F. Kennedy)**

**My Favorite Saying: “Live your life to improve yourself, not to prove yourself.” *(Ann Hyatt, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Beavers build houses; but they build them in no wise differently or better now than they did five thousand years ago. Ants and honeybees provide food for winter; but just in the same way they did when Solomon referred to them as patterns and prudence. Man is not the only animal who labors; but he is the only one who improves his workmanship. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**Progress is a line through a list. *(L. D. McClanahan, in Reader's Digest)***

**No matter how little progress we sometimes seem to make, we’re all steadily advancing towards the future. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Progress isn’t made by early risers. It’s made by lazy men trying to find easier ways to do something. *(Robert Heinlein, author)***

**If you want to make progress, the first step is to get out of your own way. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**No man is able to make progress when he is wavering between opposite things. *(Epictetus)***

**I've never been satisfied with anything we've ever built. I've felt that dissatisfaction is the basis of progress. When we become satisfied in business we become obsolete. *(J. Willard Marriott, Sr.)***

**Progress means noise. Indeed, we could pinpoint the date when modern civilization was born if we could discover when man first said, "Turn that thing down!" *(Bill Vaughan, in Kansas City Star)***

**Progress is not created by contented people. (*Frank Tyger, cartoonist)***

**Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow. (Plato)**

**We shall not fear the process, when we understand that it is all progress. (Nona L. Brooks)**

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**The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Progress is impossible without change; and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

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**In all honesty, I don't feel like a legend; I feel like a work in progress. *(Barbra Streisand)***

**Technology keeps making things and people harder to lose and easier to find – is this really progress? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**By the late 1960s, almost no one was viewing nature as the servant of man, a resource to be done with as he wishes. When we recognized that it was within our power to eliminate any ecosystem that stood in the way of “progress,” we altered our old definition of progress. When we recognized our capacity to exterminate the large predators our ancestors once feared, we decided to protect, by force of law, at least a few of the animals and their habitats. *(Dallas Murphy, in To Follow the Water, p. 212)***

**Human beings are works in progress that mistakenly think they're finished. *(Daniel Gilbert, psychologist)***

**"The world hates change," a famous inventor once said, adding, "yet it is the only thing that has brought progress." (Bits & Pieces)**

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