**It Is Better**

**Better is a handful with quiet**

**than two handfuls with toil, and a chasing after wind.**

***(Ecclesiastes 4:6)***

**Sometimes it's better to ask one of the questions than to know all the answers. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Some people, alas, believe that kind of tortured logic. And while we may scorn, even see it as sacrilegious, still is it not better to believe something, rather than be completely faith-dead? At least there’s a starting point, a foundation system, however feeble, of faith upon which to build better belief. There are two ways to slide through life: believe everything, believe nothing. Of the two extremes, the latter could be the more dangerous and deadly. *(LectionAid)***

**I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate. *(George Burns)***

**It is better to be the child of God than king of the whole world. *(St. Aloysius Gonzaga)***

**Everything was better, before all the improvements. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**Though a humorist may bomb occasionally, it is still better to exchange humorists than bombs. And . . . you can't fight when you're laughing.*(Jim Boren)***

**Don’t bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself. *(William Faulkner)***

**It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not. *(Andre Gide, French writer)***

**Hagar says to his son: “Son, in our fast-paced society . . . stress is unavoidable! But when you grow up . . . it's better to be a giver of stress than a taker!” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

**A barking dog is often more useful than a sleeping lion. *(Washington Irving)***

**It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust. *(Samuel Johnson)***

**You’re better off knowing what the rules are before you try to break them. *(Stephen King)***

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**It's better to be known by six people for something you're proud of than by 60 million for something you're not. *(Albert Brooks)***

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**It's better to live as your own man than as a fool in someone else's dream. *(Martin Landau, actor)***

**Better to be busy than to be busy worrying. *(Angela Lansbury)***

**Be careful what you wish for, girls: Girls do not belong on boys’ sports teams, said Jose Rodriguez in The Calgary Sun. This became glaringly obvious in 1992, when Canadian Manon Rheaume became the first woman to play in the National Hockey League. In a single preseason game as goalie for the Tampa Bay Lightning, Rheaume gave up two goals on nine shots – “hardly a giant leap for womankind.” That was the end of gender integration in professional hockey. But “sadly, the sport-meets-gender debate has reared its ugly head” again, this time in high school sports. The Manitoba Human Rights Commission has ruled that a pair of twin girls who wanted to try out for the boys’ hockey team should be allowed to do so – even though their high school has a girls’ team. The girls daily tried out and failed to make the cut, but they still claimed that the court ruling was a win for women’s rights. They were wrong. Armed with that same ruling, boys in Manitoba are now petitioning for the right to try out for girls’ teams. And “simple biology would dictate many of the boys trying out for the girls’ teams won’t be cut. It’s not sexist to say so; it’s a fact.” By pushing for the right to play with the boys, the girls may end up killing their own sports leagues altogether. Wouldn’t it have been better to just “let boys be boys”? *(The Week magazine, October 13, 2006)***

**Wasn't life better when you had ten speeds and bikes didn't? *(Orben's Current Comedy)***

**It’s better to be a lion for a day than a sheep all your life. *(Sister Kenny, quoted by Victor Cohn, in Sister Kenny: The Woman Who Challenged the Doctors)***

**A little kindness from person to person is better than a vast love for all humankind. *(Richard Dehmel)***

**It is better to make friends with one small kitty cat than to sit and curse the loneliness. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*At a certain age, it's better to look up than look down. *(Penny Marshall)***

**Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned. *(Peter Marshall)***

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**It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation. *(Herman Melville)***

**The popularity of video cameras arises from a simple misunderstanding. Somehow people have the idea that they won’t mind being old if they can turn on the TV and see what they were like when they were young. This is not true. The best memories are ones that have been allowed to evolve unhindered by documentary proof. I often cheer myself up by thinking back on my days as a football star. These recollections would be less thrilling if they were accompanied by a video showing that I weighed 80 pounds and spent most of my time on the bench. Memory is better than a video, because it’s free and it doesn’t work very well. *(David Owen, in Atlantic Monthly)***

**It is better to live one day as a lion than 100 years as a sheep. *(Benito Mussolini)***

**Better to fight for something than live for nothing. *(George S. Patton)***

**A story of unknown authorship tells of a Persian family in which a pious son rose early to read the Koran each morning and to meditate and pray. One morning his father awoke while his son was performing his devotions. The son said, "Your other children are lost in irreligious slumber, while I alone am awake to praise God." The wise father answered, "Son of my soul! It is better to sleep than to awake to notice the faults of others." *(Eric Butterworth, in Discover the Power Within You, p. 139)***

**Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction. *(St. Romuald)***

**It’s better to be quotable than to be honest. *(Tom Stoppard)***

**The right food in the right amount at the right time can be better than any drug. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon. *(Franklin D. Roosevelt)***

**Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat. *(Teddy Roosevelt)***

**Better to trust the man who is frequently in error than the one who is never in doubt. *(Eric Sevareid, CBS)***

**To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive. *(Robert Louis Stevenson)***

**Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all. *(Hypatia (350 – 415 A.D.)***

**It is better to have loafed and lost than never to have loafed at all. *(James Thurber)***

**To try to be better is to be better. *(Charlotte Cushman, actress)***

**It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not to deserve them. *(Mark Twain)***

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