

# “MORE MILES MORE TRIALS”

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Thoughts of Wisdom collected by Dr. Ralph “Yankee” Arnold

1. If I am at war with myself, I can bring little peace to my fellow friend. (**Proverbs 25:19, 25-28**)
2. Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because you cannot quit and rest. (**Gen. 3:17-19**)
3. Rest not from labour, but rest in it. (**learning to rest while you work**)  
**Matthew 11:28-30 (KJV)**  
<sup>28</sup> Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
<sup>29</sup> Take **my yoke upon you**, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls**.  
<sup>30</sup> For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.
4. In witnessing don't hurry, don't worry, do your best, and leave the rest to the Lord.  
**1 Corinthians 3:5-8 (KJV)**  
<sup>5</sup> Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers **by whom ye believed**, even as the Lord gave to every man?  
<sup>6</sup> I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.  
<sup>7</sup> So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.  
<sup>8</sup> Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own **labour**. (*Whether you only planted the seed or watered the seed previously sown.*)
5. To carry worry to bed is to sleep with a pack on your back  
**1 Peter 5:6-7 (KJV)**  
<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: <sup>7</sup> **Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**
6. **This is maturity:** to be able to stick with a job until it is finished; to be able to bear an injustice without wanting to get even; and to do one's duty without being supervised. (**II Tim. 3:15-17**)
7. How men treat us will make little difference when we know we have God's approval.  
**John 8:29 (KJV)**  
<sup>29</sup> And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

8. Great victories come, not through ease but by fighting valiantly and meeting hardships bravely. (**II Tim. 2:3-4**)

9. A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor.

**Romans 5:3-5 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; <sup>4</sup> And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

<sup>5</sup> And hope maketh **not ashamed**; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (Remember: *Love and Patience are to be shed abroad in our hearts in the midst of our tribulation.*)

10. Making excuses doesn't change truth. **Don't lessen the lesson.** Sometimes a reason is an excuse stuffed with a lie.

11. God sometimes washes the eyes of his children with tears that we may read aright His providence and His commandment

**Psalms 56:8-11 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book? (**Remember when the Lord allowed you to be brought to tears?**) <sup>11</sup> In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. (*Or what God will allow to happen to me.*)

12. Anytime a man takes a stand, there will come a time when he'll be tested to see how firm his feet are planted.

13. Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.

14. Good timber does not grow in ease, the stronger wind, the stronger the trees,

15. The farther the sky the greater length, the more the storms the more the strength.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (KJV)**

<sup>9</sup> And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient** for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

<sup>10</sup> Therefore **I take pleasure** in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, **then am I strong.**

16. By the sun and cold, by rain and snow, in tree or man good timber grows.

17. It is easier to be critical than correct. You may even be right but correct it wrong.

18. The same furnace that liquefies gold hardens clay.

**1 Peter 1:6-7 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, **ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:**

<sup>7</sup> That the **trial** of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, **might be found unto praise and honour and glory** at the appearing of Jesus Christ: