

As my Daddy always said...

My favorite gems quoted from Brown's *Life's Little Instruction Book*...

Living Life with Respect for Yourself and Others

- Say "please" and "thank you" a lot. #8, #9
- Look people in the eye. #7
- Have a firm handshake (or an acceptable greeting for pleasure and business.) #6
- Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated. #33
- Write "thank you" notes promptly. #42
- Let people pull in front of you when you're stopped in traffic. #65
- Learn to listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly. #123
- Have good posture. Enter a room with purpose and confidence. #190
- When complimented, a sincere "thank you" is the only response required. #214
- Have impeccable manners. #228
- Show respect for others' time. Call whenever you're going to be more than ten minutes late for an appointment. #248
- Never snap your fingers to get someone's attention. It's rude. #279
- Be courteous to everyone. #32
- Show respect for everyone who works for a living, regardless of how trivial their job. #454
- Don't interrupt. #470

Living Life with Compassion for Others

- Be forgiving of yourself and others. #20
- Buy whatever kids are selling on card tables in their front yards. #31
- Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen every day. #43
- Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you. #59
- Choose a charity in your community and support it generously with your time and money. #76
- Make it a habit to do nice things for people who'll never find out. #94
- Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all they have. #139
- Be kinder than necessary. #1
- Never waste an opportunity to tell good employees how much they mean to the company. #243
- Practice empathy. Try to see things from other people's points of view. #286
- Be there when people need you. #356
- Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed. #444
- Show respect for everyone who works for a living, regardless of how trivial their job. #454
- Look for opportunities to make people feel important. #460
- Don't rain on other people's parades. #468

Living Life with Preparedness for Clueless Calamities (or Planned Improvements)

- Keep fire extinguishers in your kitchen and car. #114
- Install dead bolt locks on outside doors. #117

- Know how to change a tire. #12
- Keep a flashlight and extra batteries under the bed and in the glove box of your car. #145
- Use seat belts. #160
- Learn how to fix a leaky faucet and toilet. #189
- Don't leave car keys in the ignition. #267
- Change air conditioner filters every three months. #272
- Fill your gas tank when it falls below one-quarter full. #277
- Lock your car door even if it is parked in your own driveway. #302
- Learn to handle a handsaw and a hammer. #305
- Carry jump cables in your car. #37
- Turn on your headlights when it begins to rain. #422
- Use club soda as an emergency spot remover. #431
- Don't drive on slick tires. #490
- Have a friend who owns a truck! #433

Living Life with Time for Fun and Personal Freedom

- **Watch a sunrise at least once a year. #3**
- Have a dog. #2
- Sing in the shower. #11
- Use the good silver. #12
- Learn to make good chili. #13
- Put a lot of little marshmallows in your hot chocolate. #119
- Lie on your back and look at the stars. #2
- Get your next pet from the animal shelter. #336
- Try everything offered by supermarket foot demonstrators. #345
- Begin each day with your favorite music. #402
- Laugh a lot. A good sense of humor cures almost all of life's ills. #443
- Don't miss the magic of the moment by focusing on what's to come. #464
- Take a kid to the zoo. #480
- After you have worked hard to get what you want, take the time to enjoy it. #503
- Don't postpone joy. #41

Living Life with Deep and Caring Love, Faith, and Devotion

- Remember other people's birthdays. #4
- Surprise loved ones with little unexpected gifts. #54
- Hug children after you discipline them. #70
- Tell your kids often how terrific they are and that you trust them. #102
- Stand at attention and put your hand over your heart when singing the national anthem. #153
- Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage. #158
- Measure people by the size of their hearts, not the size of their bank accounts. #187
- When someone hugs you, let them be the first to let go. #226
- Seek out the good in people. #237
- Take good care of those you love. #252
- Every day show your family how much you love them with your words, with your touch, and with your thoughtfulness. #260

- Never underestimate the power of love. Never underestimate the power of forgiveness. #313/314
- Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them. #347
- Understand that happiness is not based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on relationships with people you love and respect. #383
- Attend your child's athletic contests, plays, and recitals. #457
- Give thanks before every meal. #477
- Never underestimate the power of words to heal and reconcile relationships. #506
- Become someone's hero. #508
- Marry only for love. #509
- Count your blessings. #510
- Call your mother. #511