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Quotes with Character was originally designed for our own children. Always liking to “kill two birds with one stone,” we wanted a handwriting exercise that fills a child’s mind with good things. I scoured a wide variety of sources for quotes that are suitable for children and that best reflect biblical values. The result is *Quotes with Character*, featuring a quote for every school day (180), plus a few extra for good measure. Find an index of topics and character issues in the back of the book.

Why use quotes?

1. To Gain Wisdom: A child has had little opportunity to gather his own wisdom. In fact, many exposures to popular culture and other children do the opposite. Nurture your child’s mind with history’s wise thoughts. The book of Proverbs distills kernels of great truth into a few words, and it is readily available to most. *Quotes with Character* expands that concept by drawing also from the wisdom of great men and women through the ages, who wrote short, pithy sayings consistent with Biblical truth. These sayings are easily remembered and will, I pray, play on our children’s “mind tapes” all through their lives.

I did include a few Bible verses, for I couldn’t resist, but the majority of quotes are from other sources.

2. To Practice Penmanship: Writing a quote by hand reinforces the words on the mind and helps the child internalize the concept—making it a part of who they are. How better to practice?

3. To Daily Bless Others: The ability to access wise sayings from one’s “mental bank” is an aid to good conversation and a blessing to others.

- *Derri Smith*



How to Use this Book

Select a quote for today – This book is designed to last through an entire school year. Choose the quote you feel is most beneficial for your child this day. There is no need to go in the order shown here. You can keep track of which quotes you have used by placing a check mark in the box to the left of the quote. Required school attendance in many U.S. states is 180 days per year. This book provides you with 201 quotes, so you can choose the ones that best reflect your family values and which suit the particular training needs of your child(ren).

Copy the quote – Have your child copy the quote into a notebook or into a section of a notebook set aside for that purpose.

Discuss the meaning – Discuss the meaning of the quote before your child copies it, and/or make it a topic of discussion at the family dinner table.

Memorize the quote – You may wish to require your child to memorize some or all of the quotes assigned and to recite them for the family. Learning is enhanced if parents use some of the quotes at appropriate times. For example, when a child comes to you unable to find the hairbrush or scissors, you might respond, “I always put my things away, that I may find them another day.” After hearing that saying enough times, the “tape” plays in the child’s head, so you need not say it.

Please note: In most cases, non-Bible proverbs (or sayings) are a part of our culture, and the originator is unknown. Where the source is known, credit is given, including brief biographical information.

60. Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of its filling a vacuum, it makes one. *Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) American statesman, inventor, scientist, printer, musician and philosopher*
61. Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow. *Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) third President of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence*
62. He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose. *Jim Elliot (1927-1956) Christian martyred at the hands of the Auca tribe in South America*
63. It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't. *Martin Van Buren (1782-1862) eighth President of the United States*

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