
The most interesting thing about any human being is the values by which he or she lives. Unfortunately, most of us never take the time to sit down and really think through the moral precepts that consciously or unconsciously guide our lives.

The following "daily dozen" constitute the personal creed of Robert Louis Stevenson.

1. Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the best of your circumstances. No one has everything, and everyone has something of sorrow intermingled with the gladness of life. The trick is to make the laughter outweigh the tears.
3. Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befall others.

4. You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism wrong you.
5. Don't let your neighbor set your standards. Be yourself.
6. Do the things you enjoy doing, but stay out of debt.
7. Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary things are harder to bear than actual ones.
8. Since haste poisons the soul, do not cherish enmities, grudges. Avoid people that make you unhappy.
9. Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about new places.
10. Don't hold postmortems. Don't spend your life brooding over sorrows and mistakes. Don't be one who never gets over things.
11. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself.
12. Keep busy at something. A very busy person never has time to be unhappy.

A decision goes through a life cycle, from infancy to maturity to old age. If you make the decision during its infancy, you don't have enough facts. If you wait until it is senile, you have no effect on the outcome. How do you know when a decision is ripe??? How can you tell when an apple is ripe??? You pick it, and learn; you have to practice decision making like any other activity.

Beaver Creek

Bert Yingling's meeting brought about one of the largest turnouts ever seen at our monthly meeting. We definitely had the largest turnout for golf—some 53 played; more than we ever had even for our annual golf tournament.

The educational session was different this month. Our president, Paul Barefoot, introduced an open discussion on "any matter related to turf management practices—and not related to politics."

Bert Yingling started off the discussion with describing his maintenance practices with chemicals. Interesting to find out, Bert has no crabgrass problem on his greens because he applies chlordane at about four times the recommended rate for insects and thoroughly washes the material into the soil. Bert does this every other year in the spring to greens only. Another interesting suggestion came from Bob Shields later on in the evening when he stated he was in the process of aerifying his greens while he still had summer help on hand. This gets the job done quickly and certainly well before the busy leaf removal season of the fall.

A discussion on disease control brought out the fact that many of us were hit hard with chemical resistant varieties of dollar spot this spring. In the past few years, this has not been a re-occurring problem. George Thompson noted that his combined use of Daconil and 1991 has kept dollar spot off his greens for the past five years.

Dr. Hall mentioned we are to have a GCSAA pesticide seminar in Baltimore this November. Keep a watch out for additional information from GCSAA.

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