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CHEROKEE WISDOM

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside all of us.

One is evil. It is anger, jealousy, sorrow, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Never engage in a battle of wits with an unarmed person.

Dad's Opinion

4 years: My daddy can do anything.

7 years: My dad knows a lot, a whole lot.

8 years: My father doesn't know quite everything.

12 years: Oh well, naturally father doesn't know that, either.

14 years: Father? Terribly old-fashioned.

21 years: Oh, that man is out-of-date. What did you expect?

25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.

30 years: Maybe we ought to find out what Dad thinks.

35 years: A little patience. Let's get Dad's opinion before we do anything.

50 years: I wonder what Dad would have thought about that. He was pretty smart.

65 years: I'd give anything if Dad were here so I could talk this over with him. I really miss that man.

"Never let the bad in your past jeopardize the good in your future."



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From The President

Almost 250 years ago our country (although not technically a country at that time) was under assault from outside forces seeking to continue a reign of tyranny and oppression. Today, our nation is again facing attack from those who would attempt to oppress our liberties and freedoms, only now the hostile actions are emanating from within our own borders.

The enemy was easy to spot 250 years ago because they were shooting at us, going house-to-house arresting people and hanging dissenters in public. Also, bright red and white tunics tended to stand out in a crowd. Today, however, the enemy to our Constitution, the foundation and cornerstone of our liberties, is far more difficult to identify. Today, in full disguise, our enemies present themselves as defenders of the public trust dedicated to social justice, good samaritans willing to forfeit their personal lives for the enhancement of society, and champions of democracy.

In reality, they are dedicated to hidden, selfish ambitions and agendas - not selfless loyalty to God and country as they would have us believe. They trample our rights, ignore the sanctity of our Constitution, violate our liberties, and enact laws to dilute our freedoms thereby, tarnishing the sacrifice our forefathers made 250 years ago. Contrary to opinion, the enemy is not at the gate; the enemy is in the house because we let them in. The enemy within is the government and it is represented by politicians we put in office.

Here is the real danger. The "Government" is a faceless enemy. It has no form or shape. It holds no accountability for its actions. To defeat an enemy you must know who/what it looks like. To hold "Government" accountable we must identify it just as the founders of our nation identified members of the King's army as "Redcoats." We must give "Government" a face. No longer will the "Government" be stealing our rights. From now on it will be Bob from Massachusetts, Jane from Nevada, Ken from Florida...you get the point.

If we want to recapture our Constitutional rights, we must put a new face on government. We must vote out every member of government who would tread on the Constitution as they would an old doormat. We must stand up and stand out as we vocalize our dissent to the oppression of our civil liberties and the systematic dissolution of Constitutional values. Like our forefathers, we must act to preserve our way of life and the freedoms we have enjoyed since the first shot rang out for independence.

Our freedoms separate us from the majority of the world's nations. Those before us thought these freedoms were important enough to die for hundreds of years ago. Our country's men and women have died and continue to die today all over the world in support of freedom. I hope that our modern generation does not let die what others have thought precious enough to lay down their lives for. I hope that there are still those among us willing to commit a life of public service in support of our Constitution and what it means to our nation. I hope that until those noble people can be found that we stand up and show our disapproval, through our voice - and our vote.

Sincerely,

Sam Miller, President

"Thinking Of You"

It's three words I have used throughout most of my life without really giving it much thought. These are words we are all familiar with, and most of us use them at least on a daily basis. I'm talking about "thanks." We know how to use it and we know the good that comes from it, but what does it mean?

So, I looked it up. "Thanks" comes from the same root word as "think," so when we say, "I thank you," what we are really saying is, "I will think of you." Presumably, because the person has done a good thing, the thoughts will be warm ones.

It's a nice feeling to be thanked. And now we know why - there is very little nicer in this world than to be well thought of.

Donald McLaughlan
Ayrshire, Scotland

Long after all of us are gone, after fortunes are won and lost, after nations rise and fall, history will write the verdict of our work based not on what we have done for ourselves, but on what we have done for children yet unborn.

THOUGHTS ON WORK

It is an immutable law in business that words are words, explanations are explanations, promises are promises - but only performance is reality.

Harold S Geneen

When you're a self-starter, others don't have to be a crank.

Author Unknown

Let each man pass his days in that wherein his skill is greatest.

Sextus Propertius

For most of us still standing on planet Earth, every day produces a variety of challenges. It's not how you look at it or what your attitude is; it's actually more about accepting that work, like life, is never going to be perfect.

Barton Goldsmith

There's lots of self-help tapes out there. Got one called 'How to Handle Disappointment.' I got home and the box was empty.

Johnathan Droll