

## Hardwick's **WISDOMS** for **Success** & **Happiness**

1. **Just go do the next right thing.** ~ *per my Preacher John Dees.*
2. What You Sow, You Will Also Reap. There are long term consequences to everything you do.
3. **Never do anything that will hurt your Conscience.** ~ *per my Pappy.*
4. Be very careful who you associate with. If you sleep with dogs you will get fleas.
5. Don't be foolish enough to think you can associate with bad people & not get hurt.
6. Never do anything that will harm or disgrace your friends or family's Good Name.
7. Seldom Let Others **USE YOU** & More Importantly, **Never USE** or **Abuse Others.** ~ *my motto.*
8. You can best judge people by the kind of friends they keep & how friends view them.
9. Only by living a Respectable & Righteous Life can We hope to attract loyal & genuine Friends.
10. It's **Wise** to think of **LIFE** as one Gigantic **Self-Improvement** Course. ~ *the story of my Life.*
11. Burring your Head in the Sand & Hoping your problems disappear is the surest way to insure they won't.
12. The definition of Crazy is doing the same thing over & over again & expecting different results.
13. **Truth, Honesty, & Integrity** are absolutely the best **Long Range Policies.** ~ *Mother.*
14. Even Christians need to unburden themselves of all prior mental **baggage.** ~ *Charles Standley.*
15. Learn to take Your Medicine; a little pain now is infinitely less than the later Pain & Consequences.
16. Things are never as Good as they seem, when going Good, nor that **Bad** when going **Bad.** ~ *Woody Hays.*
17. We always have a **#1 WORRY.** Having solved it, we promote our next smaller Problem up to **Full Worry Status.**
18. Go Get and Enjoy Life. If Life Shuts the Door in your Face, Go through the Window. ~ *Gail.*
19. **I CAN'T - NEVER COULD.** *per the Little Choo-Choo Train that thought I CAN & DID.*
20. Most People desire **Fame.** However, few things are as Empty & as Fleeting as Fame.
21. Normally, it's better to be a Big fish in a Small pond than a Little fish in a Large ocean. ~ *Mother.*
22. Good **Judgment** comes from Experience. The **Wise** Learn from the Experiences of Others.
23. 20 yrs ago, I was Smarter. Because I'm **WISER** Now, I accomplish more. ~ *Don Spurling.*
24. Possessing true **WISDOM** is far Superior to merely being Smart & Intelligent. ~ *Mother.*
25. The Smartest person, who ever lived, never even knew 1% of 1% of 1% of what is Known.
26. **Walking** in the Right Direction is far Wiser than **Flying** in the Wrong Direction. ~ *Sarah Palin.*
27. To truly **Solve** any **Problem** (& *not just its Symptoms*), You must first Accurately Diagnose it.
28. A Journey of a thousand miles **is** started by just taking that all important **First Step.** ~ *Chinese Wisdom.*
29. Learn & Understand **the Material** & **the Grades** will take care of themselves. ~ *my Learned Mother.*
30. The **Real Winner** of a Debate is the one who **Learns** the Most. ~ *my Debate Winning Mother.*
31. Be Curious & become "a Life Long Learner." **Learn to enjoy Learning.** ~ *the first step in becoming Wise.*
32. Actively seek out older & wiser people, pick their brains, & learn to listen to their advice & wisdom.
33. The More a Wise-man Learns, the More he Realizes how Little he really Knows. ~ *my Mother.*
34. Because you never Fully Know anything, it is Wise to be Continuously Refining & Updating what you Know.
35. **Curiosity** has its own reason for existing. The important thing is Not to stop **Questioning.** ~ *Einstein.*
36. Dumb-Asses absolutely **know-It-All**, thus it's impossible to TEACH (*or even TELL*) them Anything.
37. **The Sky is a Falling.** *per Chicken Little* and **AI** "(the Globe is a Warming)" **Gore.**
38. Practically all Currently Believed Scientific Principles were Believed False in the past. ~ *my Studies.*
39. **Multi-Tasking is Overrated**, & often Unproductive & Stressful. Computers can be huge Time Wasters.
40. Remember - Most People are "Normal" Until You really get to know them. ~ *the voice of Experience.*
41. No grouping of plants, animals, or even people are all exactly alike, equal, or homogeneous.
42. If all men are Really created equal, then Why are people so Different? ~ *inquiring minds.*
43. It's Not WISE to Encourage a Verbal **Bully** by letting him Get to You. ~ **just laugh it off.**
44. The Price of Freedom & Independence is NOT FREE. ~ *per the Blood of the American Solder.*
45. Power Corrupts, & Absolute Power **Corrupts Absolutely.** ~ *our Founding Fathers.*
46. An **Armed** person is a **Citizen**, an UnArmed person is a **Subject.** ~ *Thomas Jefferson.*
47. Gun Control is Not about GUNS, but about **CONTROL.** ~ *Hitler, Stalin, Mao, & All Dictators.*

48. **In InVesting** – When the Whole Herd Gets In, **Get Out**, because the Bubble is about to Burst.
49. Get Rich Quick Seldom Works. Compound Interest **does** as it is a Tremendous Force. ~ *Einstein*.
50. Look before you leap & always look a gift horse in its mouth. If it seems too good to be true then it usually is.
51. Becoming proficient in a few investments is far wiser than dabbling in many things you know little about.
52. Knowing when to get out of an investment is every bit as important as knowing to get in. ~ *Quincy Love*.
53. Those who go "Double or Nothing" sooner or later end up with Nothing. ~ Gambling is not Investing.
54. Big Gambling Casinos were built to sucker in those "too dumb to pass math" & with more \$ than brains.
55. Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Diversification is one of the fundamental principles of investing.
56. The greater the Risk the greater the Rate required to attract investors. Thus "the **Rate** tells the **Risk**".
57. Take chances **only** with excess funds, & **only** if the potential reward is far greater than the risks involved.
58. The root of all Evil is not Money but Irresponsible Debt. Mortgaging our Children's Future is Irresponsible & Evil. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.
59. Your First Loss is Usually Your Least Loss. & If You find Yourself in a hole, First Stop Digging.
60. Don't be "Penney Wise & Dollar Foolish" & "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff" until You dealt with the BIG.
61. If a **Honest Person Beats You**, It's hard to Recover. But if a **Crook Beats You**, it's nearly impossible.
62. Sometimes you have to keep **honest people** honest to prevent them from succumbing to temptations.
63. Only a Shooter & his Ammo are more Easily Separated than a **Fool & His Money**. ~ *me*.
64. Figures don't Lie, but **Liars** do Figure. --- "**THEY SAY**" is the biggest Liar of them all.
65. You can eliminate the Middle Man, but You can't eliminate his Functions. ~ *my Marketing Prof.*
66. If I had given them what they wanted, I would have built them a faster horse. ~ *Henry Ford*.
67. Few Companies are able to earn even a **4% net profit** on Sales. But Sales Tax usually takes about **8%**.
68. Don't Let the Law of Unintended Consequences Bite You. per Wise Investors & per Wise Law Makers.
69. There is one Law you cannot break: "**THE LAW OF AVERAGES.**" ~ *per my Pappy*.
70. Anytime someone tries to quote a Law to you, remember Law is all about the Exceptions to the Exceptions.
71. There are 2 Americas: a **Poor Am.** on Socialism & a **Wealthy Am.** on Capitalism. ~ *Star Parker*.
72. The trouble with Socialism is that you eventually run out of **Other People's Money**. ~ *Star Parker*.
73. Do Today what others Don't, so Tomorrow you can have what others Won't. ~ *Einstein*.
74. Redistribute the World's **Wealth** & within a few decades it will be back in the same hands. ~ *Mother*.
75. Give a man a fish – feed him for a DAY. Teach a man to fish – feed him for a Lifetime. ~ *the Bible*.
76. It is more Blessed to Give than Receive. ~ **Jesus** - Giving can take many Self-Fulfilling forms. ~ *me*.
77. What does it profit a Man if he gains the whole World & Loses his own Soul. ~ **Jesus**.
78. A Godless Life is like an unsharpened pencil, without GOD, what is the point of it. ~ *the Wise*.
79. Sin gives short term pleasure or fun, but yields long term bad results, unhappiness, & regrets.
80. While You are Looking Up at GOD, It is hard to be Looking Down on People. ~ *John Dees*.
81. **Earthly** Rich or Poor, Healthy or Sick, Smart or Dumb, etc. are all trivial to **GOD**. ~ *my Bible Studies*.
82. It is just as Wrong to **Add** to the Words of God as it is to Subtract from. ~ *Church of Christ doctrine*.
83. God uses the Bible more as a two way Communications tool, than mere tablets set in stone. ~ *my View*.
84. Because BAD People can't TRUST each other, Evil WILL NOT Succeed in the Long Run. ~ *Pastor Tom Medders*.
85. Please GOD, protect me from the **Do-Gooders**, the **Bad-Guys** I can handle Myself. ~ *Steve Garland*.
86. I don't need to Drink or do Drugs. I can act FOOLISH all by myself. ~ *Teetotaler me*.
87. Never do anything Permanently Stupid just because you are Temporarily Upset. ~ *Rick Warren*.
88. If you **really really** want it, You really need it. However, beyond a point, additional material things are more Trouble than Benefit. Do you own your things, or **Do Your things own You?**
89. Thou Will Fill Up the SPACE AVAILABLE, whether it be one Box or ten Warehouses. ~ *Brother Joel*.
90. Blood is Thicker than Water. & Apples don't Fall Far from Their Tree. ~ *per the Family*.
91. A **GOOD Spouse** is absolutely Fantastic, But there is little Worse than a BAD ONE. ~ *Wisdom*.
92. After You've been Married for a while, They Will All LOOK Like their PERSONALITY. ~ *Experience*.
93. To God - the most **Beautiful** thing on earth is a **Good Person living a Godly Life**. That's true Beauty.
94. Marry a person you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.
95. Marriage is a two way (50/50) Street that requires constant Maintenance & Hard Work. ~ *Mother*.

96. A **GOOD Friend** is like the Stars. You don't always see them, but You **Always** know they are there.
97. It is amazing how quickly people will Like You, if you will just show them Sincere Attention. ~ *Linda*.
98. Don't be afraid to be yourself or to march to the beat of your own drum. Be Genuine & Sincere.
99. A Friend in Need is a Friend in Deed. A **TRUE Friend** is one that will stick with you through thick & thin.
100. A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart.
101. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling. Don't let a little dispute injure a great Friendship.
102. It's mentally unhealthy to hide & suffer in silence, the healthy mind builds a support group & uses them.
103. It's absurd to try to make Friends with a Rattlesnake, it just ain't going to happen, & you will get bitten.
104. Good & Honest **Communications** is the key to building **Trust** and Good Honest **Relationships**.
105. Often it's Not what you Say, But How You Say It. Smiling works, Grumpy & Pushy doesn't.
106. **Smile** when picking up the phone, because the caller will be able to hear it in your voice.
107. **Words** have different Meanings to different people (we come from such different backgrounds).
108. Every decade, ten thousand **Words** are added to the Dictionary & another ten thousand are deleted.
109. Accurate Communication is extremely **Difficult** & **Rare**. To check for Accuracy, use **Feedback**.
110. To be **RIGHT** more often, continuously look for ways you are **WRONG**, & fix them immediately.
111. It is Not Who You Know. It's Who knows You & How You are Known & What You Know.
112. No matter how **Big** & **Mighty** they may be; they put their pants on one leg at a time, **just like me**.
113. Fools & Social Climbers play-up-to the Popular, the Famous, or the Rich, etc. The astute do not.
114. Given there are Billions of Galaxies, each with Billions of Stars, the World just doesn't revolve around us.
115. **Procrastinators** are the Hardest Workers of All, because they end up having to do twice the Work.
116. It is best to tackle your problems head on now, rather than let them fester and grow into big ones later.
117. A Committee's Intelligence is usually equal to half the intelligence of the Dumbest Person on it.
118. Always Seek out the best Advice possible, Analyze it, & then **make your own Wise Decision**.
119. **Success** is as much a function of your ability to Deal with People as it is with how Smart you are.
120. An Egotist enters a room saying "**Here I Am**." The Successful enters saying "**There You Are**."
121. You can Accomplish Much when You don't care Who Gets the Credit. ~ *the Successful*.
122. In Sports, those with merely Natural Talent soon reach a Plateau, but Analyzers can become Champions.
123. Everybody has a **Niche** where they can Succeed, but not everybody is able to find their particular Niche.
124. There is more than one **WAY** to skin a Cat, & where there is a **WILL**, the Successful will find a **WAY**.
125. Beware of letting the absolute **PERFECT** becoming the enemy of the **GOOD**. ~ *mistakes of a Perfectionist*.
126. If you wish to accomplish much, You must learn To Look & **Think Outside of the Box**.
127. **Pick Your Battles Wisely**, because All Battles require a great deal of energy & Nobody can Win them All.
128. Nothing Succeeds Like Success! & When the Going Gets Tough, The Successful Get Going!
129. The 3 Keys to Success are: **Persistence, Determination, & Perseverance**. ~ *Steve Jobs*.
130. 5 other Keys to Success: be **Positive**, take a **Chances**, be **Committed**, have **Integrity**, & Take Care of Yourself (physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially, & mentally). ~ *cousin Sandra deGrafinried*.
131. **Attitude** is generally **Caught** from others as opposed to being **Taught** or learned from a book.
132. **Life** is 10% what happens to You & 90% how you respond to it. Attitude is Everything. ~ *Allen Brinkley*.
133. If you are forever seeing yourself as a Victim, then **You Are Your Own Victim**. It's nobody else's Fault.
134. It's **Your choice** whether to be **Happy** or **Sad** – Do You see the glass as **Half-Full** or **Half-Empty**.
135. I may be twice the "Average Bear", but I am only half what I could be & only a forth what I wish to be.
136. The ability to **Memorize** isn't nearly as Important as the ability to **Understand**, but it's still important.
137. Eat slow, take small bites, & drink plenty of Water to Feel Full & Not Eat so much. ~ *Harriet Dunn*.
138. The 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries belonged to the Europeans. The 20<sup>th</sup> was the American Century. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century is becoming the Asian. China will first conquer us Financially, then Technologically, & then after having done both, they will conquer us Militarily. It may take them thirty years, but they may even do it without firing a shot.
139. **History** is Not Trivial Pursuit, but about Understanding the **Forces, People, & Causes** of "How Things Came To Be"
140. **Propagandists** Distort **History**, thus we must learn to read between the lines & ferret out **The TRUTH**.
141. Governments have **Murdered** far more of their own people than they have ever Killed enemies in War.
142. The 1918 Spanish Flu **VIRUS** killed more than either World Wars & a 100 times more than Atomic Weapons.

143. There probably never would have been a "9-11", if Carter had threaten the Ayatollah with Nukes.
144. In WWII, Russia killed 8 times more Germans than US & the Britons, but they lost 8 times more doing it.
145. Those Who Win the Wars get to Write its HISTORY as if they were the **GOOD**, even if they **Weren't**.
146. The **Industrial** Revolution (Not War) put an end to Slavery, not just in the USA, but World Wide.
147. The Africans themselves captured & sold thirty million Slaves, half of which were sold to the Arabs & to the Middle East in the 500 years prior to Columbus. Less than a million were ever sold to the Am South.
148. If more people knew & understood complete & unbridled History, there wouldn't be as many problems.
149. For Decades after the War, the total Wealth of the **South** was reduced to less than **1/8** that of the **North**.
150. The Government can't Give Anything to Anyone that It doesn't First **take away** from Someone.
151. As long as the Government "**Robs Peter to pay Paul**," it can Always count on the Support of **Paul**.
152. Ever \$ you give the Government means you have **less control over your life** & they have **more**.
153. A Government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.
154. Our Government now Takes Twice as big a slice of Our Income as it did when our parents were born.
155. **Without Work, We have Nothing**. Socialism sounds great, but it removes the **Incentive** to Work.
156. Only **Capitalism** empowers the masses to know what is best for themselves. The other forms of Government & Economics are run by the "all knowing" Dictator who always knows what is best for us.
157. Whether the Cover Story is **Socialism, Fascism, or Communism**, in the end it all leads to **Dictatorship**.
158. **More** Government leads to **Socialism** which leads to **more & more** Government which leads to **Dictatorship**.
159. Capitalism's vice is its unequal sharing of its Blessings. Socialism's vice is the Equal sharing of its Misery.
160. Governments believe: If it moves, **Tax** It. If it keeps moving, **Regulate** It & if it stops moving, **Subsidize** It. *Reagan*.
161. History convinces me that most bad government results from too much government. ~ *Thomas Jefferson*
162. To few people see the **Big Picture** & often don't even see the Forest for focusing on the Trees. Heck, Liberals often don't even see either the Forest or the Trees, as they seem to focus Solely on a Single Leaf.
163. Liberals use **Political Correctness** & Propaganda to Indoctrinate those they wish to Change & Control.
164. Capitalism & Christian Values built this Country. Socialism & anti-God Liberalism wish to Change this.
165. Liberalism is about being **Emotional & Idealistic**. Conservatism is being **Realistic & Responsible**.
166. If You weren't Liberal when Young – No Heart. If You aren't Conservative when Older – No Brains. ~ *Churchill*
167. Lord, give me the Courage to change What I need to change & Help me Adapt to What I can't change & Please give me the Wisdom to know: What I can & What I can't Change.
168. Study Hard & get a Good Education in a Good Field. The best Occupations & Opportunities can change.
169. If you do something you Love, it will never be Work & You should always be able to make a good living.
170. The Agricultural Revolution, The Industrial Revolution, & The Information Revolution, will be overshadowed by the coming **GENOMIC** Revolution. ~ *Andrew Hessel at Hudson Alpha*.
171. To be WISE, You must learn the difference Between **What is Important** & **What is merely Trivial**.
172. Isolated Facts are Useless & often lead people to Wrong Conclusions. Learn to see the "**BIG PICTURE**".
173. True Wisdom comes from developing the ability to step back from the minor details & look at the **Big Picture** & Frame it in the **Proper Prospective** & in **Historical Context**.
174. Few things are 1-dimensional, thus to be Understood, they must be observed from many different angles.
175. To truly **Understand** things, View them as if they were a **3D Movie**, instead of like a **2D Snap Shot**.
176. **The Elephant Principle**: My favorite poem is about "6 Blind Men & an Elephant" each observing a different part of its body & each coming up with an entirely Different & Incomplete picture of what an Elephant must be like.
177. **We need to Look & Think Outside of the Box**. Our Views & Concepts of Reality are seriously hampered by our lack of Understanding of what Time is and farther hampered by our very limited Auditory & Visual Senses.
178. Don't overlook the famous Wisdoms like: "Hind-Sight is 20/20" & "A stitch in time save nine" & "You can catch more flies with Honey than Vinegar" & "Only a Fool would argue with a Fool" etc.
179. To become truly WISE, do not overlook the BIBLE, for all Wisdom eventually comes from Him.
180. Anytime **U** get to Believing **U** are **THE WISEST**, then Your Waterloo is just around the corner. ~ *Napoleon*.  
Go back & study **ALL** these **Wisdoms** (One at a Time). Then **Develop Your own** to help Yourself & Others.  
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