

Pearls of Wisdom

A FEW WORDS FROM THE VISIONARY STEVEN WRIGHT

- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
- A fool and his money are soon parting.
- Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
- If you think nobody cares about you, try missing a couple of payments.
- Borrow money from pessimists—they don't expect it back.
- Half the people you know are below average.
- 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
- I intend to live forever - so far, so good.
- Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- Who is General Failure and why is he reading my hard disk?
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.
- I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you.
- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- The colder the X-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- The severity of the itch is proportional to the reach.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

Three engineers and three accountants were traveling by train to a conference. At the station, the three accountants each bought tickets and watched as the three engineers bought only one ticket. "How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asked an accountant. "Watch and you'll see," answered an engineer.

They all boarded the train. The accountants took their respective seats, but the three engineers all crammed into a rest room and closed the door behind them. Shortly after the train departed, the conductor came around collecting tickets. He knocked on the restroom door and said, "Ticket, please." The door opened just a crack and a single arm emerged with a ticket in hand. The conductor took it and moved on. The accountants saw this and agreed it was a quite clever idea.

So, after the conference, the accountants decide to copy the engineers on the return trip and save some money. When they got to the station, they bought a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the engineers didn't buy a ticket at all. "How are you going to ride without a ticket?" said one perplexed accountant. "Watch and you'll see," answered an engineer. When they boarded the train, the three accountants crammed into a restroom and the three engineers crammed into another one nearby. The train departed. Shortly afterward, one of the engineers left his restroom and walked over to the restroom where the accountants were hiding.

He knocked on the door and said, "Ticket, please."

What I've Learned As I've Matured:

- I've learned that it takes years to build up trust, and it only takes suspicion, not proof, to destroy it.
- I've learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to others – they are more screwed up than you think.
- I've learned that you can keep vomiting long after you think you're finished.
- I've learned that we are responsible for what we do, unless we are celebrities.
- I've learned that 99% of the time when something isn't working in your house, one of your kids did it!
- I've learned that the people you care most about in life are taken from you too soon and all the less important ones just never go away.
- I've learned to say "F%& 'em if they can't take a joke" in 6 languages.

Little Known Scientific Measurements:

- Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
- 2,000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won Ton
- 1 millionth mouthwash = 1 microscope
- Speed of a tortoise breaking the sound barrier = Mach Turtle
- Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = knot-furlong
- 365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer because it's less filling = 1 lite year
- 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Sterling
- large intestine = 1 semicolon
- 1000 aches = 1 megahertz
- Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
- Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
- Shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line
- Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
- Bath = 1 demijohn
- 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
- Given the old adage "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," the first step of a 1-mile journey = 1 Milwaukee
- 1 million microphones = 1 megaphone
- 1 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
- 365.25 days = 1 Unicycle
- 500 millionaires = 1 seminary
- 2000 mockingbirds = two kilomockingbirds
- 10 cards = 1 decacards
- 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
- 1000 grams of wet socks = 1 Liter Hosen
- 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
- 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
- 10 rations = 1 decoration
- 100 rations = 1 C-ration