

# Some Life Observations

(Bruce Farquhar)

- Look up and around now and then to make sure you see the bigger picture and are doing the right things.
- Remember to "empty the cup" once in a while, so you can refill it.
- "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler" (Albert Einstein)
- Be careful of what you "know to be true"; sometimes it really isn't true.
- Try to anticipate the future - look for signs, position yourself and you'll be "in the right place at the right time."
- Future outcomes are rarely as bad as your worst fears.
- Never miss an opportunity to be kind, especially if it is a minor effort.
- If you have time to react, think and be deliberate; don't rush.
- "Worry" is unproductive. Strive to replace "worry" with "prepare", and be at peace when you are "prepared."
- Trust what you see over what you hear.
- Given options, sometimes it's most important to just avoid the bad ones.
- You can never have too many good friends; not every friend is a good friend.
- Very few people really care what you think.
- No one has the right to make you miserable.
- Stupid behavior by someone else shouldn't provoke stupid behavior on your part.
- People generally act in their nature. If you can understand their nature, you can predict what they'll do and how they'll act.
- Be careful what you write; it can always be taken out of context. Be cautious of what you say; once stated, it's hard to retract. Think all you want; people can't read your mind.
- Don't get between a dog and a fire hydrant; avoid issues that don't concern you.
- Each day is a gift to be enjoyed, so decide carefully how you spend your gift.