

Priorities

by Mother Teresa

(Engraved on a wall outside the children's home in Calcutta)

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of having selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you.

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend your life building, someone may destroy it overnight.

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.