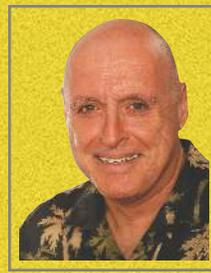


THE EXTRA POINT

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All it took was one quote from today's source, and I was digging for more from possibly the richest treasure chest of quotations there has ever been. That's next, on The Extra Point.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, known by his pen name Mark Twain, was an American writer, humorist, entrepreneur, publisher, and lecturer. He has long been called the greatest American humorist ever. Twain's pen was lethal and he saved his best and sharpest commentary for politicians. Here we go.

1. *"No amount of evidence will ever persuade an idiot."* Can you imagine what Twain would do with the Internet?

2. *"I was educated once — it took me years to get over it."*

3. He said, *"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."*

4. Parents and adult children can both agree with Twain, when he said: *"When I was 17, my father was so stupid, I didn't want to be seen with him in public. When I was 24, I was amazed at how much the old man had learned in just 7 years."*

5. People who feel they are in the right place in their life understand why Twain said, *"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why."*

6. On productivity, he wrote, *"Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection."*

7. He understood leadership. He said, *"Good decisions come from experience. Experience comes from making bad decisions."*

8. He understood politics. One of all-time favorites is, *"If voting made any difference, they wouldn't let us do it."* What would Twain have said about the 2020 election?

9. More on politics and also life in general. *"If you have no will to change it, you have no right to criticize it."* Think about that the next time you have the chance to vote.

10. *"Some people bring joy wherever they go, and some people bring joy whenever they go."*

11. Is the glass half-full or half-empty? Twain said, *"It's better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong, than a pessimist who is always right."*

12. You want relationship advice? Twain wrote, *"Never allow someone to be your priority, while allowing yourself to be their option."*

13. Twain knew teamwork. He said, *"Great things can happen when you don't care who gets the credit."*

14. He was a great writer, and also a great reader. He said, *"Those who do not read have no advantage over those who cannot read."*

15. Out of all the things he ever said about politicians, this may be the most famous. *"Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason."*

16. I said he knew leadership. If you yearn to someday be a leader, or just want to be a better one, never forget what he said, when he said: *"To be great, truly great, you have to be the kind of person who makes the others around you great."* Please, memorize that one.

That's The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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