

The Extra Point

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1045 Quotations: Asking Questions

Today, another set of quotations that hopefully will make us all think a little bit. The topic is the value of asking questions. That's coming next, on The Extra Point.

I had planned to offer some suggestions today for managers and HR executives who want to be less affected by the so-called "Great Resignation." We'll try to squeeze that in next week.

I got sidetracked by the thought of why don't we ask better questions of our elected officials. That led to the whole issue of asking questions, and here we are. A lot of folks have weighed in on this topic.

"The key to wisdom is this — constant and frequent questioning, for by doubting we are led to question, by questioning we arrive at the truth."

— French philosopher Peter Abelard

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it."

— French moralist Joseph Joubert

"I think that probably the most important thing about our education was that it taught us to question even those things we thought we knew."

— Thabo Mbeki, President of South Africa.

"A prudent question is one-half of wisdom."

— Francis Bacon, British painter.

"If you do not know how to ask the right question, you discover nothing."

— W. Edwards Deming, engineer and author

"The important thing is never to stop questioning."

— Scientist Albert Einstein

"A plain question and a plain answer make the

shortest road out of most perplexities." — Mark Twain, writer

"Always question the "why"; don't be satisfied with only knowing the "how".

— Inspirational writer Catherine Pulsifer

"No man really becomes a fool until he stops asking questions."

— Charles Steinmetz, mathematician and electrical engineer.

"The one who knows all the answers has not been asked all the questions."

— Chinese philosopher Confucius

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

— Civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

"My greatest strength as a consultant is to be ignorant and ask a few questions."

— Peter Drucker, management expert.

The last five are all anonymous...

"I never learn anything by talking. I only learn things when I ask questions."

"There are no right answers to wrong questions."

"Never ask a question unless the answer makes a difference."

"Successful people ask better questions, and as a result, they get better answers."

The last one is perfect for the times you and I are living in, with the manipulation at the hands of those who seek to manipulate us...

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"If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about giving you the right answers."

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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