

This piece always brings to mind another of my Mother's admonitions, one of the more quoted passages of the Bible.

From Matthew 7:1-2, in her words — "Judge not, lest ye be judged. Why do you see the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" – James Milson's mother

"A weed is but an unloved flower."

– **Ella Wheeler Wilcox**

"Trees that are slow to grow bear the best fruit."

– **Moliere**

"In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's there are few"

– **Shunryu Suzuki**

"As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live."

– **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

When you finally give up striving, you will be left with what you have been striving for. — **Alan Cohen**

The Buddha is also thought to have said:

Holding on to anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.

Everything is a gift. The degree to which we are awake to this truth is a measure of our gratefulness, and that gratefulness is a measure of our aliveness.

David Steindl-Rast

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

– John Bunyan