



## with the FUMC Family...

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## WISDOM OF OLD



We invite you to submit a photo of your elders (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) along with a few words of the treasured wisdom they handed down to you. Share with us the wisdom of the ages for all of us to hear. Look for them in upcoming editions. Send to Ruth: [rswoo99@yahoo.com](mailto:rswoo99@yahoo.com)



The first of our "Wisdom" entries centers around Erle Renwick, Jr. (99 years old, born July 13, 1921). His father, Erle, Sr. wrote many poems, was a musician, who was taught piano by his mother. He was a professional opera singer and recitalist for a number of years; he studied opera in Italy as a Baritone.

He spent some early years developing real estate in St. Petersburg. Then came the singing career. Most of his career was in the life insurance business; he managed the Portland, ME, office of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance for many years.

On the following pages, we present words from Erle Renwick, Sr. (January 19, 1896-June 28, 1972) recorded and presented to his grandson, Mark in September, 1966. Thus, the first "Wisdom of Old" that we share is from Grandfather to Grandson.

### **Perfect Love**

“Mark, think on this, if you have perfect love in your heart, how can you ever hate anybody or anything that has life. Also how can you be angered at the mistakes of others, for what do they matter? If someone does you an injury, revenge or seeking to get even just makes the matter worse. If you still exude love in spite of anyone’s mistakes or so called wrong doing, or slights, if you overlook those things, with love and do not try to get revenge, you grow in greater stature.”



### **What is sin?**

“Mark, how much sin can you commit if you are all alone on a desert island?”

‘Not much,’ said Mark. Everything committed against society, organized society, is a crime. Some actions are against what we call the natural laws of God. When what we do interferes with the natural laws of God, we call it sin. There is one sin, it is not recognizing your own divinity as a child of God. Everything else you do to others is a crime, but not following the teachings of Jesus is a sin.”

### **Divine Intelligence guides**

“Mark, you’re living in a new house, your body is not very old and you’ve got the journey to complete. There’s one thing to think about when you meet all sorts of objections and so forth. Realize that divine intelligence can always guide you and show you the way to do things. And when you believe that, you will learn the axiomatic truth of that statement made by the greatest philosopher of all time, 2000 years ago. When He said “all things are possible to him who believeth”, it was exactly what He meant and the truth because all things are possible through this divine intelligence and when you are calm and free from worry and concentrate on a thing with love and no animosities and no hate for anyone, then you can be divinely inspired and do things provided that thing is good and for the advancement of everybody, including yourself of course.

That philosophy will carry you to any heights of success if you do it unselfishly and for the real reason for accomplishing good for the advancement of the working out of the divine purpose on this earth.”

### **The Principle of Salesmanship – and getting along with people**

A teaching moment for Mark: “If you’re trying to make a sale with someone and he makes a statement, try not to disagree with him, even if you don’t agree or it’s something that isn’t true. You can say “yes, but did you ever consider it this way?” Then show him something different. People don’t like to be told they are wrong. When you contradict a person and say something else, it’s sort of like punching them in the nose. Avoid arguments, don’t say anything, let things rest. Listen. Even if you do disagree, don’t emphasize it, state your point of view casually. Sometimes a person realizes they are wrong.”



January 19, 1896--June 28, 1972

### **To Mark Renwick**

Grandson of mine  
 He's bright and cheerful  
 Kind and loveable  
 Grandson of mine  
 He's keen and healthy  
 Makes one feel wealthy  
 Grandson of mine  
 He's honest clear through  
 A friend tried and true  
 Grandson of mine  
 He's noble and grand  
 The best in the land  
 Grandson of mine  
 He'll grow and labor  
 To bless each neighbor  
 Grandson of mine  
 He'll help give this world  
 And land a flag unfurled  
 Grandson of mine  
 He'll speak God's message  
 Divine heritage  
 Grandson of mine

Mark  
 Renwick,  
 playing the  
 organ at  
 the Fox  
 Theatre,  
 Atlanta

### **Reflections at 70**

When you have traveled the road of life  
 Through hurried business with cares and strife  
 There comes a time of deep reflection  
 Of futures way of right direction  
 The children far have all departed  
 Their families fine are now well started  
 The road we journeyed is sure their lot  
 May they be happy, our constant thought  
 Our friends now say it's time of leisure  
 And we should give our life to pleasure  
 To play and seek out novel places  
 And spend our days with friendly faces  
 The road of life has deeper meaning  
 On our past deeds should not be leaning  
 It is no use to just sit around  
 We might as well seek the underground  
 God gave us life to use for His sake  
 Onward forever the road we take  
 Promoting good or helping a friend  
 Doing His will to the very end  
 The joy of life is forever ours  
 To show our talents like blooming flowers  
 And working to plant the seeds of love  
 Till we receive our reward above



### **Give us your news:**

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