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Sayings of Chairman Ted

A religion is a model of reality that we invest with belief, so we will be able to act, when we do not know what to do, reasonably speaking.

Some people will spend all day today trying to get tomorrow to look like yesterday.

He is the kind of person who, if he had invented the butterfly, would have invented it pinned to the wall.

Uncertainty breeds rigidity.

Effectiveness precedes efficiency.

The secret of success in all things is to meet the expectations of others.
Otherwise, change their expectations to match what you will do.

The two greatest questions are: "What's the difference?" and "So What?"

Ignorance and arrogance are like an old maid's knees, never far apart.

In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is a pain in the ass.

Intelligence is the ability to know the difference between this and that
Wisdom is the ability to know the meaning of the difference.
Competence is the ability to do what you want in the way and time you want to do it.

A sign of intelligence is the ability to imagine alternative futures.

A sign of wisdom is the ability to select the most beneficial future.

A sign of competence is the ability to bring about the selected future.

To love a thing means to treat it according to its nature.

In personal relations, the harder it is to say, the more important it is to say it.

The meaning of life is to have children, capable of having children, capable of having children. All imperatives follow from that.

If an act has irreversible consequences, do it only if you must. If not, do it if you wish.

All human relationships are formed on two axes: Personal and instrumental.

Instrumental is how one person uses another for one's own benefit.

Personal is what one person does for the benefit of another.

The Bad news is nothing lasts.

The Good news is nothing lasts.

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There is only one ending. All the rest are beginnings.
In every change, there is a new opportunity. Look for it!
On second thought, old age is the beginning of the end.

The material universe consists of all things that do not change when we change our minds about them.

All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today. (not original)
All the ills of today are from the deeds of the past.

The quantitative measure of quality is the variance of result that issues from a repeated process: the narrower the variance the greater the Quality. Therefore, Quality is further seen as degree of control. -- Demming paraphrase

Putting both observations together, Quality is doing what you promised, in the way you intended, at the time you said you would do it.

Everything worth having is a byproduct of doing something else.

The beginning of knowledge is the admission of ignorance.
The beginning of wisdom is the admission of error.
The beginning of competence is the admission of failure.
The beginning of happiness is the acceptance of suffering. (Glenn)

The opposite of ignorance is not intelligence.
The opposite of ignorance is experience.

Try. Fail. Learn. . . . Succeed.