Life Principles

I will never forget that I am a man, sharing the weakness and wants of human nature, and that I, like others, will one day be judged according to my conduct.

I will maintain an honest and hearty good will toward all men, even the humblest for they are all my brethren.

Flatterers I will dispise and repell!

I will hold those to be my best friends what tell me the truth, even when it may seem likely to displease me.

For all Good Things I will thank and look up gratefully to God, and in all my misfortunes that may befall me, I will submit myself to Him, in firm conviction that He will always do what is best for me.

If I enter married life my sole object shall be to "love," and "cherish the love" of my "partner for life," and do everything in my power to make it a life of joy and happiness.

These my Life Principles, I will by the Grace of God, live up to, and by His help, lead an honest, upright, and moral life.

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