

Then, over all, the roof must be laid securely, beam upon beam, rafter upon rafter, tile upon tile. Then come the plasterers, then the painters & finally the finishers—hanging windows & doors, ceilings & floors—& then at last, you have a building fitly joined together, a beautiful sight to see—a well-made structure built slowly & well to last!"

8. But I've seen some buildings thrown up in a hurry, as some crooked contractors used to joke: "Long enough to get out of them before they fall!"—And it was this kind that collapsed in the storm & slew its occupants! I saw thousands of these demolished in the Great Miami Hurricane!—Thousands of people were killed by faultily hastily-built construction which could not stand the wind of adversity.

9. You can have peace even in the midst of storm, if you know you are secure & at rest in a safe building—strong, solid, well-built, unmoved by the wildest gale. A good building doesn't get up & run away, it's not blown away by the storm. It just sits tight until it blows over!

10. The wicked hasteth to sin with his tongue—& with his feet & with his hands!—Pro.19:2b. But we are to wait upon the Lord! He that waits upon the Lord shall renew his strength (Isa.40:31a)—instead of wearing out! "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." "They that believe have entered into rest." "He giveth His beloved rest!"—Isa.26:3; Heb.4:3a; Psal.127:2b.

11. Rest in the Lord! Patience takes faith. Tribulation worketh patience, because it compels you to trust the Lord, to have faith in God for the outcome!—Rom.5:3.

12. "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest. There is no rest, saith my God, for the wicked."—Isa.57:20,21. They are tossed to & fro & they cannot rest. No rest for the wicked!

13. "But there remaineth a rest for the Children of God!"—Heb.4:9.

14. Squeeze!—Don't jerk!—Or you'll miss something, & missing the mark of God is sin!

15. When Moses was in a hurry to deliver the Children of God, he killed the Egyptian & had to flee alone for his own life

only. But after 40 years of patiently, humbly tending sheep in the wilderness with time to listen to the Voice of God instead of his own impulses, he was ready for the slow, laborious, patient work of the Exodus—slow, but sure!

16. The hare never made it, but the tortoise did!

17. Then 40 days & nights on the mountain & he heard from God, but in one split second of anger, he broke all Ten Commandments & lost the whole thing, & had to go back & spend another 40 days; his haste took him twice as long.

18. My wife used to say to me on the way to some meeting or appointment, "Now, Honey, we don't have time for any of your shortcuts", because she knew what usually happened when I started cutting across country, trying to find a quicker way. We usually got lost entirely & wound up later than ever!

19. Squeeze, don't jerk, or you'll miss the mark—& that's a sin.

20. Sometimes my wife gets very impatient with me, because I don't answer her immediately when she asks me a question. But it takes time to think & pray, to be sure you give the right answer. Anybody can shoot off his mouth immediately, but is he really saying anything? Be slow to speak & slow to anger. Go slow, take your time, you'll enjoy it more—even love-making! You'll get more out of life.

21. My Father used to sing a little ditty: "Never let yourself get worried, hurried or flurried, or else you'll find yourself getting harried, married or buried!"

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23. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard" (Pro.6:6a)—but it takes time even to study the busy little antics of the ant, to learn anything from him. "Be thou not slothful, but diligent in business" (Rom.12:11)—the sloth hangs there all day on the limb with his eyes shut, sleeping—scarcely moving, till he looks like he's part of the tree. He's not just slow—he acts like he's dead!

24. When on the firing line, I was neither hasty nor did I forget to fire altogether, but I took reasonable time to aim straight & squeeze, not jerk!

25. "Be temperate in all things—let your moderation be