

# Keeping It Short

Reading and writing have always been among my favorite activities and probably provided the basis for my decision to major in English at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee.

When I took that choice a step further and entered a career in journalism, my editors took me to task for the propensity to lay out long, rambling sentences. Keep them short, they preached, and keep your readers.

They were right, and I have become a fan of short, punchy sentences. Here are a few gleaned from *Grace for the Moment*, a book by one of my favorite authors, Max Lucado:

- Pray all the time. If necessary, use words.
- God forgets the past. Imitate Him.
- Greed I've often regretted. Generosity – never.
- Don't ask God to do what you want. Ask God to do what is right.
- No one is useless to God. No one.
- Nails didn't hold God to a cross. Love did.
- You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you.

These sentences communicate wisdom in powerful and memorable fashion.

And they are great principles to live by.

– Beecher Hunter