

Some Common Sense

How important is common sense in our daily living? While we would all agree that such natural understanding is critical to the effective functioning of a demographic unit – be it a family, club, business, church or nation – we would also contend that it is often in short supply.

Several definitions seek to illuminate the term, but perhaps a good one is the knowledge and experience that most people have, or which the person using the term believes that he or she does or should have.

Recently, I ran across some principles that fall into the category of common sense, or at least instruct us how to act in a common-sense manner. Here they are:

- Mind your own business – and have plenty of it.
- Tackle one job at a time.
- Make decisions quickly, and don't fear the outcome.
- Learn to delegate a part of your work and your responsibilities.
- Don't stake too much on success.
- Don't be afraid of failure.
- Don't overvalue the unattainable.
- Don't undervalue what you have.
- Forget the people you don't like.
- Keep both your sense of humor and your sense of proportion.
- Forget yesterday, except in terms of its instruction. It is gone.
- Don't dread tomorrow. It isn't here yet.

Each of these guidelines deserves some reflection and application.

--Beecher Hunter