

# The Wisdom of Clichés

Some people are quick to condemn clichés, but what is a cliché? It is a truth that has retained its validity through time.

Mankind would lose much of its hard-earned wisdom, built up patiently over the ages, if it ever lost its clichés.

Here are some examples, some of which you may have heard or used:

- A lie may take care of the present, but it definitely has no future.
- Tact is the art of recognizing when to be big and when not to belittle.
- Whoever acquires knowledge but doesn't practice it is like the one who plows a field but doesn't sow it.
- You can't climb the ladder of success with cold feet.
- If you learn only methods, you'll be tied to your methods, but if you learn principles, you can devise your own methods. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)
- Most of what happens to you happens because of you.
- Our words reveal our thoughts and mirror our self-esteem; actions reflect our character, our habits and predict the future. (William Arthur Ward)
- Imagination is the preview of life's coming attractions.
- You've got to believe before you can achieve.
- A committee is a group of people who individually can do nothing but collectively meet and decide that nothing can be done. (Gov. Alfred Smith)



So there you have them. Perhaps they have provided some food for thought as you consider your day.

– Beecher Hunter

