

## Wit and Wisdom of Charles Schulz

On Feb. 6, 2000, both Charles Schulz and his comic strip *Peanuts* died.

At the time of his death, Schulz's work appeared in 2,600 newspapers worldwide and was the basis of a franchise earning \$1 billion a year. Since its modest debut in just seven papers on Oct. 2, 1950, Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the gang became a constant feature of daily life for nearly 50 years.



Ironically, the work of Charles Schulz should have never been noticed. He learned his trade through a correspondence school and earned a C in “the drawing of children.”

The tall, skinny outsider at St. Paul (Minnesota) High School was a lousy student who hoped his gangly cartoons would be accepted for print in his 1940 senior yearbook. The annuals went to press without the drawings.

Although discouraged, the fledgling artist was undaunted in the pursuit of his dream. Through determination and perseverance, Charles Schulz fulfilled his childhood goal and became the most widely syndicated cartoonist in the world.

Here are some interesting Schulz quotes:

- *All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.*
- *Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia.*
- *Happiness is a warm puppy.*
- *Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.*
- *Life is like a 10-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.*
- *Sometimes I lie awake at night and I ask, "Where have I gone wrong?" Then I have a voice say to me, "This is going to take more than one night."*
- *Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.*
- *I love mankind; it's people I can't stand.*
- *I think I've discovered the secret of life – you just hang around until you get used to it.*
- *I have a new philosophy. I'm only going to dread one day at a time.*



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Some wit and wisdom from a person who would not be denied in the pursuit of God's plan for his life.

What about you? Are you determined to fulfill the purpose our Lord has for you?

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28 ESV).*

– Beecher Hunter