

# **THE RALPH PAGE**

## **SMITH RODGERS & STRICKLAND**

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### **Uncle Ralph Thoughts**

**"Everybody counts or nobody counts."**

***I was reading a crime novel by Michael Connelly and in it a homicide unit of the Los Angeles Police Department had an unwritten motto: Everybody counts or nobody counts. What that team meant was that every victim deserved the same concern and effort as every other victim; no person was more important than any other person, no matter their position in society.***

***When a person sees your patch on your shirt they should immediately think, "Thank God the cops are here!" That is just as true for those of us who are civilians, as well. Each of us on every occasion and with every contact must be as concerned and caring as the situation permits. It is not enough to do the right thing; one must be seen doing the right thing. We may very well have the best law enforcement agencies in North Carolina, but that means little if we are not seen as the best. Be the best. Do it.***

***Attached are a few single page thoughts suitable for framing and display. Frame them. Display them.***

***It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of the deeds could have done better.***

***The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy course; who at the best, knows in the end triumph of high achievement, and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.***

***. Teddy Roosevelt***

***BLAME  
NOBODY.***

***EXPECT  
NOTHING.***

***DO  
SOMETHING.***

***Whatever you  
can do,  
Or dream you  
can do,  
Begin it.  
Boldness has  
genius, power  
and magic in it.  
Begin it now.***

**- Goethe**

***Live simply.***

***Love  
generously.***

***Care deeply.***

***Speak kindly.***

***Rise and shine!***

***Up and at 'em!***



***Death Speaks: There was a merchant in Baghdad who sent his servant to market to buy provisions and in a little while the servant came back, white and trembling, and said, "Master, just now when I was in the marketplace I was jostled by a woman in the crowd and when I turned I saw it was Death that jostled me. She looked at me and made a threatening gesture; now, lend me your horse, and I will ride away from this city and avoid my fate. I will go to Samarra and there Death will not find me." The merchant lent him his horse, and the servant mounted it, and dug his spurs in its flanks and as fast as the horse could gallop he went. Then the merchant went down to the marketplace and he saw me standing in the crowd and he came to me and said, "Why did you make a threatening gesture to my servant when you saw him this morning?" "That was not a threatening gesture," I said, "It was only a start of surprise. I was astonished to see him in Baghdad, for I had an appointment with him tonight in Samarra."***

***W. Somerset Maugham***

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***Normal is  
just a  
cycle on a  
washing  
machine.***

## **LINCOLN'S ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE!**

**Moral: Never give up! Never quit!**

- 1. Failed in business in 1831**
- 2. Defeated for state legislature in 1832**
- 3. Second failure in business in 1833**
- 4. Suffered some say was a nervous breakdown (though it is also believed he was just deeply depressed, as he suffered some form of depression his whole life) in 1836**
- 5. Defeated for Speaker of the House in 1838**
- 6. Defeated for Elector in the Electoral College in 1840**
- 7. Defeated for Congress in 1843**
- 8. Defeated for Congress again in 1848**
- 9. Defeated for the United States Senate in 1855**
- 10. Defeated for Vice President of the United States (back then people voted for a President and separately voted for a Vice President) in 1856**
- 11. Defeated for the United States Senate again in 1858**
- 12. Elected President of the United States in 1860 (and reelected in 1864)**

# ***A Guide to Happiness***

***Free your heart from  
hate.***

***Free your mind from  
worry.***

***Live a simple life.***

***Give more.***

***Expect less.***

## ***THE SIMPLE PATH***

***The fruit of silence is prayer.***

***The fruit of prayer is faith.***

***The fruit of faith is love.***

***The fruit of love is service.***

***The fruit of service is peace.***