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**JANUARY**

1. Gather instruction from thy youth up, so shalt thou find wisdom until thine old age.
2. Fear God in all you speak.
3. Never retaliate due to an injury received.
4. I envy none that know more than myself, but pity them that know less.
5. If sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
6. The tongue of the just is as choice silver.
7. All people form a judgment of what you are by your works and behavior.
8. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might.
9. Are you careful to say and do nothing from which others may gather hurt?
10. Happiness is the reward of virtuous deeds.
11. The lips of the righteous feed many.
12. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life.
13. If any man loves the world the love of the Father is not in him.
14. The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
15. Choose the road to happiness and make up your mind to serve God.
16. It is not anymore justifiable to wound the spirit, than the body.
17. Delay not the work of preparing for Eternity.

**JANUARY**

18. The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land.
19. Grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord.
20. Wherein you reprove another, be blameless yourself.
21. Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.
22. Endeavor to conduct yourself with decency and good behavior.
23. Weigh the injuries you receive and those you commit in the same balance.
24. As thy day is, so shall thy strength be.
25. Beloved, let us love one another.
26. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
27. He that hateth reproof is brutish.
28. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee.
29. Go to the ant thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise.
30. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.
31. Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord.

**FEBRUARY**

1. Forsake the foolish and go and live in the way of understanding.
2. He that walketh uprightly, walketh wisely.
3. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life.
4. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.
5. You need a great deal of patience, carefulness and wisdom.
6. Vanity is a fruitful soil for every evil plant.
7. I will bless those who bless thee and curse those who curse thee.
8. Never indulge in thinking that which is wicked, base, licentious or mean.
9. Honor is the enjoyment of a good name.
10. Let your conversation be without covetousness and be content with such things as ye have.
11. An illiterate person is the world in darkness.
12. Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry.
13. How foolish and ruinous is the spirit that scorns timely admonition and the tender concern of friends.
14. Meditation upon goodness will soon become useless, unless it is strengthened by good works.
15. Wash and make yourself clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes.
16. To be completely indifferent to praise or criticism, is a real defect in character.

**FEBRUARY**

17. You may shine, but take care not to scorch.
18. He that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God.
19. All that the Father giveth to me shall come to me.
20. Deny yourselves and shun the very appearance of evil.
21. The well-bred are always modest.
22. Never promise more than you can perform.
23. Woe to them that greatly seek to hide their counsel from the Lord.
24. The Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver; He will save us.
25. Always speak the truth, whether in earnest or in play.
26. Speak little and hear much.
27. Neglect no opportunity to do good.
28. Render good for evil.
29. Assist yourself and heaven will assist you.

**MARCH**

1. Idleness is the mother of many gross evils.
2. The less you say of yourself, the more the world will give you credit for.
3. Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart and have done that which is good in thy sight.
4. The Lord was ready to save me: therefore I will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of my life, in the house of the Lord.
5. Marvel not if the world hates you.
6. Be not wise in thine own eyes.
7. The memory of the just is blessed, but the name of the wicked shall rot.
8. Where no counsel is, the people fall.
9. A good man can never be miserable, nor can a wicked man be happy.
10. A faithful friend is the medicine of life and his excellence is invaluable.
11. Breaking your faith may gain you riches, but it will never get you glory.
12. The desire of the righteous shall be granted.
13. The fear of the Lord prolongeth days.
14. If you forget God when you are young, God may forget you when you are old.
15. Never forget the kindness which others do for you.
16. Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee.

**MARCH**

17. Praise no man too liberally before his face, nor criticize any man severely behind his back.
18. Bury not your abilities in the sepulcher of idleness.
19. Keep your tongue and keep your friend.
20. The mouth of the righteous man is a well of life.
21. I even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions.
22. I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee Fear not, I will help thee.
23. The knowledge of sin is the first step to correction.
24. Always remember God is omnipresent.
25. If I consider myself, my own face affrights me.
26. The peace of this world consists not in an exemption from suffering, but in bearing it voluntarily.
27. All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
28. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
29. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love.
30. When pride cometh, then cometh shame.
31. Prayers hinder not work.

**APRIL**

1. A uniform, calm and unruffled mind is ever a blessing to the possessor.
2. Even from the body's purity, the mind receives a secret sympathetic aid.
3. Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art Mine.
4. O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name.
5. A broken heart is like an unsealed letter spread before us, full of comforting intelligence.
6. Study to be truly outstanding.
7. The chattiness of fools is a lecture to the wise.
8. To say little and perform much is noble.
9. Use with religious awe, God's Sacred name.
10. Ye shall be My people and I will be your God.
11. Vain glory blossoms but never bears.
12. There is no peace, saith thy God, to the wicked.
13. A good name is better than precious ointment.
14. Everyone knows how to find fault.
15. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.
16. Great barkers are no biters.
17. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
18. He who sows brambles must not go barefoot.

**APRIL**

19. He preaches well who lives well.
20. Listen to the voice of experience.
21. One true friend is better than a hundred natural relatives.
22. Hasten slowly.
23. Judge not from outward appearances.
24. In spite of envy, the just man will flourish.
25. Hearken unto Me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My Law.
26. Fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their insults.
27. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him.
28. Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.
29. Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.
30. Whosoever thinks to deceive God, deceives himself.

**MAY**

1. I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.
2. Speech is the picture of the mind.
3. The first step to greatness is honesty.
4. The shortest answer is doing the thing.
5. Unkind expressions wound sensitive minds.
6. He is a good speaker who convinces himself.
7. Keep your desire under the control of reason.
8. Fortune favors the determined.
9. Every man must be responsible for his own actions.
10. Have the courage to prefer propriety to fashion.
11. Lofty towers tumble with a tremendous crash.
12. Love your enemies.
13. Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.
14. Diligence makes all things appear easy.
15. Bless them that curse you.
16. Judge not that ye be not judged.
17. Ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

**MAY**

18. If we indulge our passions, they daily become more violent.
19. A good reputation is preferable to a girdle of gold.
20. Short lived pleasures are often creators of pain.
21. To forgive and not forget, is Satan's kind of forgiveness.
22. Consider it sinful to give way to passion.
23. It is the height of presumption to condemn things you do not understand.
24. Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
25. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
26. Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.
27. Swear not at all.
28. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
29. Let your communication be Yea, yea and Nay, nay.
30. Seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
31. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called children of God.

**JUNE**

1. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.
2. Have the courage to hold your tongue, when it is necessary you should be silent.
3. All difficulties vanish before a patient and persevering mind.
4. Be not a talebearer.
5. Keep your passions in subjection, which, unless they obey will govern you.
6. Addict yourself to rising early in the morning.
7. Hate not thy brother, thy sister, thy friend or thy enemy.
8. If they say you are good, ask yourself if it is true.
9. He is no friend to me, who is a friend to my faults.
10. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.
11. Too much familiarity often breeds contempt.
12. Be not hasty in thy spirit to become angry.
13. He may find fault that cannot mend.
14. One ill example spoils many good precepts.
15. You should ask the world's permission, before you commend yourself.
16. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses.
17. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.

**JUNE**

18. Bear and you shall be borne with.
19. If you would be mighty, be kind.
20. Know thyself.
21. Unless the Lord is with you, all your efforts are vain.
22. Do not trust yourself in the hands of a sick Physician.
23. Never ridicule Sacred things.
24. Sorrow treads upon the wheels of joy.
25. A flowery path is never that which leads to glory.
26. Blessed are the merciful.
27. When you speak, speak wisely.
28. Conquer all of your passions.
29. To be covetous of applause is weakness.
30. Defile not your mouth with swearing.

**JULY**

1. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy.
2. Be not a hypocrite in the sight of men.
3. Set not thy heart upon thy goods.
4. Hate not laborious work.
5. He that lets the sun go down upon his wrath and goes to bed angry, is likely to have the devil for his bedfellow.
6. If my conscience tells me I am innocent, why should I care when others are told that I am guilty?
7. There is a hateful spirit in some people who are more pleased to detect a fault than to commend a virtue.
8. It is of the greatest importance that you seriously consider what will tend to your final happiness.
9. Never trivialize the interest that others show in regard to your welfare.
10. Impartially examine your own failings and meddle as little as possible with the failings of others.
11. Be not fainthearted when thou makest prayers.
12. One truth is the seed of other truths.
13. The sin of ingratitude is a great sin; see that you are not guilty of it.
14. It is the heart that God looks at.
15. They who are faithful to serve God are my relations.

**JULY**

16. Cultivation is as essential to the mind, as food to the body.
17. As you have acted towards others, you may expect them to act towards you.
18. Keep close to thy business and it will keep thee from wickedness, poverty and shame.
19. Better to slip with the foot, than the tongue.
20. A fault once denied is twice committed.
21. We should fear unruly passions more than the arrows of an enemy and becoming slaves to these passions more than the fetters of a conqueror.
22. Let your prayers be as frequent as your wants and your thanksgiving as frequent as your blessings.
23. The way of God is sweeter to my taste than honey in the comb.
24. Never burn your lips with other men's broth.
25. To be carnally minded is death.
26. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another.
27. Speak not in haste.
28. Do not carry two faces.
29. Never make a mountain of a mole hill.
30. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper.
31. If you cannot do as you wish, do as well as you can.

**AUGUST**

1. Cherish the buds of piety, and they will bloom with benevolence.
2. He who does wrong is at the mercy of everyone.
3. Let not the splendor of any man, cause him to be proud and willful: But let him remember when surrounded with a crowd of beggars, that death shall level him with the meanest of mankind.
4. God will not love you unless you love one another.
5. One sin willfully covered, will be like mountains of lead upon the soul, to sink it from the Presence of God.
6. Pay respect to your Elders: Let your honor be without stain.
7. If any man offends not in word, the same is a perfect man and able to bridle the whole body.
8. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
9. I am no friend to myself, if I think him my enemy who tells me of my faults.
10. Be cautious, lest you fall.
11. You may know a foolish woman by her attire.
12. Boast not of the favors you bestow.
13. They that walk uprightly, walk surely.
14. Jealousy is nourished by doubts.
15. No unclean person can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
16. If the light which is in you becomes darkness, how great is that darkness.
17. Utter not as true that which you cannot vouch for as truth.

**AUGUST**

18. Incline to nothing immoral.
19. To contend with our superiors, is indiscretion and with our inferiors, indignity.
20. Hearken to the warnings of conscience, if you would not feel its wounds.
21. Truths like roses have thorns around them.
22. Jealousy is a two edged blade, pointed at both ends.
23. Whosoever confesses and forsakes his sins shall have mercy.
24. As the Lord liveth and as my soul liveth, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.
25. If you desire to be loved, be deserving of love.
26. Where there is a will, there is a way.
27. When flatterers meet, Satan goes to dinner.
28. If thine enemy is hungry, feed him: If he thirsts, give him drink.
29. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up.
30. Pray without ceasing.
31. We were not made for ourselves only.

**SEPTEMBER**

1. A person without self-government is like a ship without a rudder.
2. God requires the faithful to improve every talent they have received.
3. To err is human, to acknowledge is honorable and to forgive is Divine.
4. Unholiness is the deformity of the mind.
5. Unchaste language is the sure guide of an impure mind.
6. The gospel is without fault, straight as straightness and pure as the heavens.
7. I have no relation except in the people of God.
8. He that grieves for the loss of casual comforts shall never lack an occasion for sorrow.
9. Passion is a sort of fever in the mind, which always leaves us weaker than it found us.
10. Do not mock at any man's infirmities.
11. Boast not of yourself and do not degrade others.
12. It is better to do well than to say well.
13. He that praiseth himself is a debtor to others.
14. Treasure up in your heart that Holy treasure that will help you in time of trouble.
15. I am but a poor worm of the dust, and a very small one too.
16. Entertain no thoughts that you would blush at in words.
17. Of the dead and absent speak well, or not at all.

**SEPTEMBER**

18. Be what you seem to be and seem to be what you really are.
19. Vex not yourself when ill spoken of.
20. They that laugh at everything and they that fret at everything, are fools alike.
21. A jealous person is a foe to himself.
22. Desire not what is most pleasant, but what is most useful.
23. Do nothing today that you will need to repent of tomorrow.
24. Confine your tongue, lest it confines you.
25. Be not overcome with the cares of this world, lest your souls lose the power of God and become lean and barren.
26. God will yet meet you in a straight place.
27. As you sow so shall you reap.
28. Close not your eyes for sleep at night until you have raised your heart in prayer.
29. Better to be untaught than ill-taught.
30. Conceal not thy faults, nor gloss them over, but obliterate them by repentance.

**OCTOBER**

1. When the heart is full of lust, the mouth is full of lies.
2. Some only blame themselves for the purpose of being praised.
3. Never employ yourself to discern the faults of others.
4. The best way to answer slander is to answer nothing.
5. Consider every day of your life a page in your history.
6. Act your part well.
7. Little and often fills the purse.
8. Vice stings us, even in our pleasures.
9. Ye who have believed in God, be careful to maintain good works.
10. I will know no man by his speech, but by the fruit he brings forth.
11. A political spirit is the spirit of the world and not of Christ.
12. Do good to your enemy, that he may become your friend.
13. Never sacrifice your good values to please anyone.
14. Render therefore all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.
15. Those who will not be counseled cannot be helped.
16. We must stand or fall by our own actions.
17. To be spiritually minded is life and peace.
18. Strive to support a good name.

**OCTOBER**

19. I am among you as one that serveth.
20. You cannot make a kernel of grain grow without God's blessing.
21. Learn by the vices of others how detestable your own are.
22. Personal beauty will fade, but the beauty of the mind endures forever.
23. Rebel not against the dictates of reason.
24. Prepare for sickness in thy days of health and for old age in thy youth.
25. Be saving of everything that God blesses you with.
26. If you have anything to spare give it to the poor.
27. Comply with no vicious desire, however secret its performance.
28. Follow peace with all men and Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.
29. Be thankful to God for His tender mercies to you.
30. Let nothing be lost through careless neglect.
31. Always keep clear of debt.

**NOVEMBER**

1. Deal out your bread to the hungry and your clothes to the naked.
2. Remember the poor and needy, the widow and fatherless.
3. Converse not on subjects which lead to impure ideas.
4. Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good.
5. Deliver your words, not by number, but by weight.
6. Never speak to deceive, nor listen to betray.
7. Momentary pleasures are often the source of grief.
8. If you have done any good deed, boast not of it.
9. Be thou perpetual in virtue.
10. Forgive and you shall be forgiven.
11. There is no hope except in the cross.
12. Put your hands to work and give your heart to God.
13. Remember the cries of those who are in trouble; so that when you are in trouble, God may hear your cries.
14. Wisely improve all of your time.
15. Put away your covetousness, your lust and your filthiness.
16. Do all your work as though you had a thousand years to live and as though you knew you must die tomorrow.
17. Have the courage to speak your mind when it is necessary you should do so.
18. Avoid a slanderer as you would a scorpion.

**NOVEMBER**

19. Envy shoots at others and wounds itself.
20. All known truths must not be told at all times.
21. Do your utmost and say little of yourself.
22. I would rather be virtuous than seem to be so.
23. Attempt to be only that which thou art.
24. We should always use our talents for good.
25. Those who are cruel to animals are generally bad citizens.
26. Godliness does not lead to idleness.
27. The devil tempts others, but the idle person tempts the devil.
28. When people are under the influence of an evil spirit, they see and judge according to the dictates of evil.
29. Rule the appetite and tame the tongue.
30. By entertaining good thoughts you can keep out evil ones.

**DECEMBER**

1. Never open the door to a little vice, lest a great one should enter too.
2. Ingratitude calls itself no man's debtor.
3. Such as give ear to slanderers, are but little better themselves.
4. Slanderers are Satan's bellows, used to create contention.
5. Subdue your passions and every duty of life will appear easy.
6. Sorrow, carried to excess, destroys both the mind and body.
7. Speak as you mean, do as you profess and perform what you promise.
8. Self is a monster seldom seen.
9. Be more ready to forgive, than return an injury.
10. Cheerfulness is perfectly consistent with piety.
11. Command your temper, lest it commands you.
12. Working towards peoples disadvantage behind their backs is the key to a base spirit.
13. He who can excite a laugh at the expense of a friendship is a dangerous man.
14. Keep good company and be one of the number.
15. Be always at leisure to do good.
16. An evil conscience is a most unquiet companion.
17. If you improve in one talent, God will give you more.
18. You can never enter the Kingdom of God with hardness against anyone.

**DECEMBER**

19. Loose conversation is a proof of a weak mind.
20. Lying is the vice of a slave.
21. Prefer solid sense to vain wit.
22. Self-exaltation is the fool's paradise.
23. Silence is the sanctuary of truth.
24. Use the things of this world as not abusing them.
25. Arm yourselves with meekness and patience.
26. Revenge is a mean pleasure.
27. A foolish friend does more harm than a wise enemy.
28. If pride were an art, the world would be full of teachers.
29. Prayer should be the key of the day and lock of the night.
30. A happy life consists in virtue.
31. Truth is mighty and will prevail.

## Shaker Communities

### **THE PROPHECY**

A Worldwide Kingdom of God and Zion of His Likeness on Earth (Daniel 2:44).

### **FOUNDER**

Ann Lee, the Bride of Christ (1736-1784) of Manchester, England.

### **BASIC PRINCIPLES**

#### **Virgin Purity, Peace, Justice and Love**

Expressed Through: Celibate Life, Complete Confession and Forsaking of all Sin,  
Non Resistance, Community of Goods and Divine Order.

### **BELIEFS**

Duality of the Deity, Father and Mother God (Power and Wisdom). The Mighty Dual Spirit,  
Creator of Life, Light, Truth and Love. Duality of the Christ Spirit, as manifested by Jesus Christ  
and Ann Lee, Immortal Life, Progress of the Soul, Faithfulness, Lawfulness,  
Equality of the Genders, Equality in Labor, Equality in Property, Temperance in all things,  
Justice and Kindness to all Living Beings.

### **GOVERNMENT**

The Head of the Shaker Order is Christ.  
Represented in a Dual Order of Leaders, Ministry Elders and Trustees.

### **COMMUNITY**

Serious Minded and Competent individuals who vow to never deny  
the Father God, the Mother Wisdom, the Son Jesus Christ or the Daughter Ann Lee.

### **SHAKER MOTTO**

Hands to work, and Hearts to God.—ANN LEE

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