## Thoughts and Smiles – July 15, 2024

## YOU'RE NOT FOR EVERYONE

You're not for everyone but you are most definitely for someone

and when you find yourself caught in the trap of 'people-pleasing' remind yourself quickly that you are 'people' too

and further refresh your memory by recalling that pleasing everyone is not possible it cannot be done

just like the sun cannot shine on all faces at once but when it does

when you are for someone it is more than enough you're not for everyone

but it's the 'someones' who matter most the 'someones' who will breathe you new life when your lungs forget how

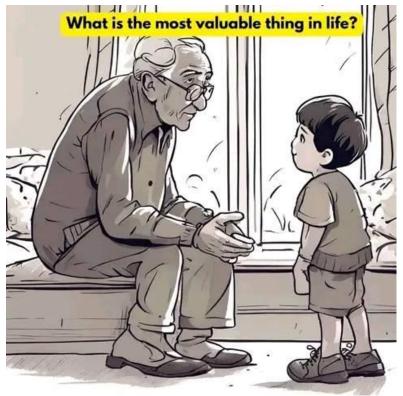
love your 'someones' they're the only ones you need.

- Donna Ashworth - Wild Hope



Art: Lucy Almey

A wise old man was asked by a young boy, "What is the most valuable thing in life?"



The old man replied, "It is not money, nor is it fame or power. The most valuable thing in life is time."

The boy was puzzled. "Time?" he asked. "Why time?"

The old man smiled. "Because time is the one thing that we all have in equal measure, but it is also the one thing that we can never get back once it is lost. Every moment we waste is gone forever. Every moment we use wisely is a gift to ourselves and to others."

The boy thought about this for a moment. "But what about

money?" he asked. "Can't we just buy more time with money?"

The old man chuckled. "No, my young friend," he said. "Money can buy us things, but it cannot buy us more time. And even if it could, what would be the point of having all the time in the world if we did not have the wisdom to use it well?"

The boy nodded, beginning to understand. "So, how can I make the most of my time?" he asked.

The old man smiled again. "That is a question for the ages," he said. "But here is a hint: the key to making the most of your time is to use it to make a positive impact on the world around you. Help others, learn new things, pursue your passions. And always remember, every moment is a gift. Use it wisely."

From that day on, the boy made a point to value every moment of his time, and to use it to make the world a better place. And he lived a long and happy life, filled with purpose and joy.

In 1930, a Hungarian inventor observed children playing with marbles in a puddle, noticing that the marbles left a trail of water in their wake. That's how the idea came about: why not use a ball-shaped metal nib for writing? This is how the pen was born.

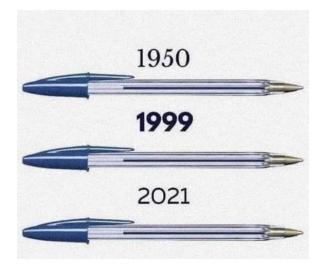


László Bíró

Laszlo shared his idea with his brother György, a chemist, and together they began researching and experimenting to create a new type of pen based on this concept. Finally, they found the perfect combination: a viscous ink and a tip with a small ball that rotated freely, preventing the ink from drying out and controlling its flow. They presented their invention at the Budapest International Fair in 1931 and patented it in 1938, although they did not market it immediately. With the start of World War II, the brothers emigrated to Argentina, where they founded a company in a garage. Although they were initially unsuccessful due to the high cost of the product, they secured a contract with the British Air Force, which boosted their popularity. In 1943, they licensed their invention to Eversharp Faber in the United States for \$2 million.



In 1950, Marcel Bich acquired the rights and, on the recommendation of an advertising expert, dropped the "h" from his surname and founded the company BICGroup. In that year, they launched the first BIC Cristal, one of the most perfect designs ever created, of which more than 20 million units are sold every day around the world. Since 1953, more than 100 billion BIC Cristals have been manufactured, making it the best-selling pen of all time.



## Only a pocket can do this











Have a terrific week!

Blessings to you all!

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