

**Hand-written on the wall of Mother Theresa's room**

People are often unreasonable,  
illogical, and self-centred;  
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,  
people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,  
you will win some false friends and some true enemies;  
Be successful anyway.

If you are honest and frank,  
people may cheat you;  
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,  
someone could destroy overnight;  
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,  
they may be jealous;  
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,  
people will often forget tomorrow;  
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,  
and it may never be enough;  
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,  
it is between you and God;  
It never was between you and them anyway.