

Excerpts from the *Analects* of Confucius

8:17 Confucius said: “Study as if you have not reached your goal — as if you were afraid of losing what you have.”

2:15 Confucius said: “To study and not think is a waste; to think and not study is dangerous.”

1:4 Tseng Tzu said, “Each day I examine myself in three ways: in doing things for others, have I been disloyal? In my interactions with friends, have I been untrustworthy? Have not I practiced what I have preached?”

4:25 Confucius said: “If you are virtuous, you will not be lonely. You will always have friends.”

1:6 Confucius said: “A young man should serve his parents at home and be respectful to elders outside his home. He should be earnest and truthful, loving all, but become intimate with humaneness. After doing this, if he has energy to spare, he can study literature and the arts.”

13:23 Confucius said: “The Superior Man is in harmony, but does not follow the crowd. The inferior man follows the crowd, but is not in harmony.”

4:11 Confucius said: “The Superior Man cares about virtue; the inferior man cares about material things. The Superior Man seeks discipline; the inferior man seeks favors.”

7:22 Confucius said: “When three men are walking together, there is one who can be my teacher. I pick out people’s good points and follow them. When I see their bad points, I correct them in myself.”

7:1 Confucius said: “I am a transmitter, rather than an original thinker. I trust and enjoy the teachings of the ancients.”

5:26 Yen Yü An and Tzu Lu were by the Master’s side. He said to them: “Why don’t each of you tell me of your aspirations?”

Tzu Lu said, “I would like to have wagons, horses and light fur coats to give to my friends, and if they damaged them, not to get angry.”

Yen Yü An said, “I would like not to be proud of my good points and not to show off my works.”

Tzu Lu asked, “What are your wishes, Teacher?”

Confucius said: “I would like to give comfort to the aged, trust to my friends, and nurturance to the young.”

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