**To Laugh Often and Love Much** (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

To laugh often and love much;

To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

This is to have succeeded.

**Psalm 23** (New International Version)

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,  
 he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.