

Q. Well, Senator, the most obvious question from all of us who  
have missed you -- is how are you doing?

A. I'm doing better. And to me that's good news. I can't say  
that I have regained the strength that was once mine but I'm better  
today than I was yesterday and I was better yesterday than I was  
the day before.

I'm working with my office. I have my office staff come out  
her<sup>e</sup> to work with me. We're making our plans for next year on our  
Foreign Relations Committee. And I have been keeping up with my  
correspondence. I'm on the telephone with everybody from Jimmy  
Carter on down to <sup>whoever</sup> ~~anybody~~ I can find in the government.

Q. I would imagine it is safe to say that there is no American  
who has traveled more in his country, and who has talked to more of  
his fellow citizens in history than you have. You -- got to have  
learned a lot and I wonder if there is one thing you know  
about us that stands out above everything else.

A. Well, it is my honest belief that we are still basically a  
decent, hard-working, compassionate people. If I may philosophize for  
a moment. I have personally learned from life to be <sup>just</sup> a little  
more tolerant. I know that I know much less than I thought I do.  
I've learned to be forgiving. And I hope I have learned to be  
understanding. It takes just too much energy to <sup>have</sup> bitterness and hate.

Q. But I wonder with all of the fighting that you have done  
against pretty long odds and you have lost and you have won, whether  
you are afraid now.

A. Not a bit. Not one bit. As a matter of fact, I can honestly  
say that the word fear, it is just not in my thinking. I'm not afraid  
of the future. I'm not afraid of what might happen to me. Now, I know  
that they tell you, "Well, you know, you've got a losing battle here."

Well, you don't live forever. It isn't how long you live, it's what you do while you're alive. Life is not a scorecard of days and years. Life ~~is~~ <sup>should be</sup> a scorecard of contributions and accomplishments. It isn't duration that counts, but donation. And, to me that's the way I've summed it up as far as Hubert Humphrey is concerned.

"We know it, we have said it and it's true. Our youth are our future. America itself is a young country. And it's future is before it. Don't you believe those people who tell you that we have had our best days. They are yet to come. Our people are builders. And they are restless, and they are energetic. And they are idealists who want to put their ideals to the test.

My philosophy in life is whenever you can do it -- have fun. Live it up. And then the next day, go to work.

Together we have done many great things and good things. But the days to come will make the yesterdays look as if they were only a little beginning."

Senator Humphrey's remarks at the end of an interview with ABC NEWS and David Schoumacher on November 30, 1977.



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