

GAYLE-isms (Maxims I live by)

- Consistency breeds sanity.
 - My life can get really crazy at times, and although I don't live my life rigidly, I have a few constants that keep me sane.
 - I smile when I wake up in the morning. It sets my mood for the day and reminds me to be thankful for all God's blessings.
 - I begin each day by reading from the Bible and praying. I find this anchors my soul and fills me with peace no matter what circumstances I am faced with.
 - I do a few household tasks every single day, like washing the dishes, straightening the house, and doing the laundry. This keeps my feet planted firmly on the ground, keeps me from thinking more highly of myself than I ought, and assures that I will accomplish something each day.

- I live my life according to principle.
 - Sometimes we have to do what we know is right whether we feel like it or not.
 - However, principles are only a starting point. Like Bonhoeffer, I believe that "Christians cannot be governed by mere principles. Principles could carry one only so far. At some point every person must hear from God, must know what God was calling him to do, apart from others."

- Love means living for someone else's good.
 - Once we know our needs for acceptance and love are met by God, we can turn our focus outward toward loving and caring for others.

- "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged" (Matthew 7:1)

- Gary: Genuinely, Appreciated (and Admired), Respected, Yay!