

People are often unreasonable,  
Illogical, and self-centered;  
Forgive them anyway.

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

If you are successful,  
You may win false friends and true enemies;  
Succeed 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.

Mother Teresa