

Longtime fellow Seattle Rotarian and prominent businessman Bill Weisfield shared “25 ideas in 25 Minutes” at a recent meeting. They were simple but meaningful--and I thought you’d like to see them. – Kirk –

1. Pick how long you think you’ll live. Then think about how you’ll spend this time.
2. The DASH poem by Linda Ellis (Google it)
3. Take away one idea from every speech you hear--put it into a “bucket” to use.
4. Write things down. Hearing it isn’t enough--write it down to really remember.
5. It’s Ok to grow rich slowly. Make quick deals may lose quick. Cut your losses if you do make a bad investment.
6. Beware of cocktail conversations.
7. Situations are easy to get into but hard to get out of. Spend times on “what if’s”
8. Be careful what you sign.
9. Follow your conscience and gut.
10. Who you choose to spend your life with matters.
11. Communicate a lot—every day! Say what you’re grateful for every day.
12. Driving contract between you and your kids or grandkids. You can drive, but subject to rules.
13. 24-hour rule. No surprises—we will support each other, but last-minute surprises will not be honored.
14. Get really good advisors! Seek out the really good ones!
15. Negotiate key dates. I have to work—but what are your key dates!
16. If you make a misstatement, don’t delay in correcting.
17. Lump sum—resist the urge to splurge. Sock some away.
18. Put some \$ away—money that you can earn while you sleep. Rule of 72.
19. Cash, sources of cash are important.
20. Be tactful, courteous, kind.
21. In biz/life-ask the hard questions. Often “what if”?
22. When traveling, take time to see the area.
23. If your gut says to fire someone, get it over with.
24. Be on time!
25. Gratitude: express at every opportunity.