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VALUES

THE GREATEST HANDICAP --- FEAR
THE BEST DAY --- TODAY
EASIEST THING TO DO --- FIND FAULT
MOST USELESS ASSET --- PRIDE
THE GREATEST MISTAKE --- GIVING UP
THE GREATEST STUMBLING BLOCK --- EGOTISM
THE GREATEST COMFORT --- WORK WELL DONE
MOST DISAGREEABLE PERSON --- THE COMPLAINER
WORST BANKRUPTCY --- LOSS OF ENTHUSIASM
BEST TEACHER --- ONE WHO MAKES YOU WANT TO LEARN
GREATEST NEED --- COMMON SENSE
MEANEST FEELING --- REGRET AT ANOTHER'S SUCCESS
BEST GIFT --- FORGIVENESS
GREATEST KNOWLEDGE --- GOD
GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD --- LOVE

SUGGESTION: Put these values as a pin-up in your practice room.

Musical training
is a more potent instrument than any other,
because rhythm and harmony
find their way
into the inner places of the soul.
-- Plato

BILL EVANS - piano player

-- Evans forged a wholly original and completely personal approach to jazz piano. Evans once said: "... (Music) should enrich the soul; it should teach spirituality by showing a person a portion of himself that he would not discover otherwise. It's easy to rediscover part of yourself, but through art you can be shown part of yourself you never knew existed. That's the real mission of art. The artist has to find something within himself that's universal and which he can put into terms that are communicable to other people. The magic of it is that art can communicate to a person without his realizing it... enrichment, that's the function of music."