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For this book we scanned thousands of inspirational leadership quotations to bring you this collection of the best 400 Leadership Quotes of All Time. We find these inspiring and thought provoking. We hope you'll enjoy reading them as much as we enjoyed putting them together.

"I must do something" will always solve more problems than "Something must be done."

Anonymous

A businessman's judgment is no better than his information

R. P. Lamont

A danger foreseen is half avoided

Thomas Fuller

A day of worry is more exhausting than a day of work

Anonymous

A drop of honey catches more flies than a gallon of gall

Abraham Lincoln

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

Lao Tzu

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Proverbs 29:18

I must follow the people. Am I not their leader?

Benjamin Disraeli

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A good follow-through is just as important in management as it is in bowling, tennis, or golf. Follow-through is the bridge between good planning and good results

Anonymous

A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of the credit

Arnold Glasow

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something

Wilson Mizner

You manage things; you lead people.

Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper

The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant.

Max DePree

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.

Warren Bennis

Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.

General George Patton

A good manager is a man who isn't worried about his own career but rather the careers of those who work for him

H.S.M. Burnes

A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men

Thomas Carlyle

A journey of a thousand leagues begins with a single step

Lao-tzu

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.

Jack Welch

A leader is a dealer in hope.

Napoleon Bonaparte

You don't need a title to be a leader.

Mark Sanborn

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

John Maxwell

A lot of people have great ideas, but nothing in the world is cheaper than a good idea with no action

Anonymous

A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he gives up

Anonymous

A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still

Samuel butler

My own definition of leadership is this: The capacity and the will to rally men and women to a common purpose and the character which inspires confidence.

General Montgomery

Leadership is lifting a person's vision to high sights, the raising of a person's performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations.

Peter Drucker

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

The nation will find it very hard to look up to the leaders who are keeping their ears to the ground.

Sir Winston Churchill

A manager is not a person who can do the work better than his men; he is a person who can get his men to do the work better than he can

Fred Smith

A person can succeed at anything for which there is enthusiasm

Charles M. Schwab

A prime function of a leader is to keep hope alive

John W. Gardner

A rose only becomes beautiful and blesses others when it opens up and blooms. Its greatest tragedy is to stay in a tight-closed bud, never fulfilling its potential

Anonymous

A true critic ought to dwell rather upon excellencies than imperfections

Joseph Addison

A wise leader remembers that people perceive service in their own terms

Anonymous

A wise man is he who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has

Epictetus

Acting on a good idea is better than just having a good idea

Robert Half

The most dangerous leadership myth is that leaders are born-that there is a genetic factor to leadership. That's nonsense; in fact, the opposite is true. Leaders are made rather than born.

Warren Bennis

To command is to serve, nothing more and nothing less.

Andre Malraux

He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander.

Aristotle

Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily; even if you had no title or position.

Brian Tracy

I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.

Ralph Nader

Action may not always bring happiness, but there is no happiness without action

Benjamin Disraeli

Adversity is the springboard to great achievement

Anonymous

All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move

Benjamin Franklin

Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results not attributes.

Peter F. Drucker

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.

Publilius Syrus

A great person attracts great people and knows how to hold them together.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

Theodore Roosevelt

Leadership is influence.

John C. Maxwell

All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talents

John F. Kennedy

All things come to him who goes after them

Anonymous

An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body

General George Patton

An easy task becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance

Terence

An idea, to be suggestive, must come to the individual with the force of a revelation

William James

You don't lead by pointing and telling people some place to go. You lead by going to that place and making a case.

Ken Kesey

When I give a minister an order, I leave it to him to find the means to carry it out.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.

Harry S. Truman

People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision.

John Maxwell

So much of what we call management consists in making it difficult for people to work.

Peter Drucker

An obstacle is something you see when you take your eyes off the goal

Anonymous

An open ear is the only believable sign of an open heart

David Augsburger

An optimist is someone who goes after Moby Dick in a rowboat and takes the tartar sauce with him

Zig Ziglar

Any fool can criticize, complain, condemn, and most fools do

Anonymous

The art of leadership is saying no, not saying yes. It is very easy to say yes.

Tony Blair

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision. It's got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully on every occasion. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.

Reverend Theodore Hesburgh

The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.

Kenneth Blanchard

A good general not only sees the way to victory; he also knows when victory is impossible.

Polybius

A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position.

John Maxwell

Anyone who angers you conquers you

Sister Kenny's mother

Anything scarce is valuable; praise for example

Anonymous

Apathy can only be overcome by enthusiasm

Arnold Toynbee

As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he

King Solomon

As-if principle: If you want a quality, act as if you already had it.

William James

Ask God's blessing on your work, but do not also ask Him to do it

Waggoner

Attitudes are more important than facts

Dr. Karl Menninger

Attitudes are much more important than aptitudes

Anonymous

A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.

Rosalynn Carter

The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.

Jim Rohn

Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish.

Sam Walton

A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.

Douglas MacArthur

Better give your path to a dog than be bitten by him in contesting for the right. Even killing the dog would not cure the bite

Abraham Lincoln

Business is a lot like a game of tennis - those who serve well usually end up winning

Anonymous

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life

Confucius

Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation

Henry Ward Beecher

Competition brings out the best in products and the worst in people

David Sarnoff

Confidence and enthusiasm are the greatest sales procedures in any kind of ceremony

O. B. Smith

A ruler should be slow to punish and swift to reward.

Ovid

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.

Andrew Carnegie

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

General Dwight Eisenhower

The leader has to be practical and a realist yet must talk the language of the visionary and the idealist.

Eric Hoffer

Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about the problems.

Brian Tracy

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.

Max Lucado

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

General George Patton

As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.

Bill Gates

Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have of trying to change others

Jacob Braude

Creative people exhibit a continuous discontent with uniformity

Glenn Van Ekeren

Deal with the faults of others as gently as your own

Chinese proverb

Do not bring me your successes; they weaken me. Bring me your problems; they strengthen me

Anonymous

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are

Theodore Roosevelt

Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is

Arthur F. Lenihan

All of the great leaders have had one characteristic in common: it was the willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of their people in their time. This, and not much else, is the essence of leadership.

John Kenneth Galbraith

Do what you feel in your heart to be right—for you'll be criticized anyway.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Don't necessarily avoid sharp edges. Occasionally they are necessary to leadership.

Donald Rumsfeld

Education is the mother of leadership.

Wendell Willkie

Effective leadership is putting first things first. Effective management is discipline, carrying it out.

Stephen Covey

Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps

David Lloyd George

Don't ever let your problems become an excuse

Anonymous

Don't find a fault; find a remedy

Henry Ford

Don't mind criticism. If it is untrue, disregard it. If it is unfair, keep from irritation. If it is ignorant, smile. If it is justified, learn from it

Anonymous

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence

Robert Frost

Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate, and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand.

General Colin Powell

Great leaders are not defined by the absence of weakness, but rather by the presence of clear strengths.

John Zenger

He who has great power should use it lightly.

Seneca

He who has learned how to obey will know how to command.

Solon

I am reminded how hollow the label of leadership sometimes is and how heroic followership can be.

Warren Bennis

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is: Try to please everybody.

Herbert Swope

If one is lucky, a solitary fantasy can totally transform one million realities.

Maya Angelou

If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing.

Benjamin Franklin

Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction

John F. Kennedy

Energy and perseverance can fit a man for almost any kind of position

Theodore F. Merseles

Enthusiasm is a kind of faith that has been set afire

George Matthew Adams

Enthusiasm reflects confidence, spreads good cheers, raises morale, inspires associates, arouses loyalty, and laughs at adversity... it is beyond price

Allan Cox

Enthusiasm, like measles, mumps, and the common cold, is highly contagious

Emory Ward

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

Thomas Jefferson

It is absurd that a man should rule others, who cannot rule himself.

Latin Proverb

It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership.

Nelson Mandela

Lead and inspire people. Don't try to manage and manipulate people. Inventories can be managed but people must be lead.

Ross Perot

Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.

Vince Lombardi

Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.

John C. Maxwell

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

John F. Kennedy

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there

Will Rogers

Every great achievement was once impossible

Anonymous

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is a triumph of enthusiasm

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Every man has three characters - that which he exhibits, that which he has, and that which he thinks he has

Alphonse Karr

Every production of genius must be the production of enthusiasm

Benjamin Disraeli

Every vital organization owes its birth and life to an exciting and daring idea

James B. Conant

Everyone has peak performance potential - you just need to know where they are coming from and meet them there

Anonymous

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes

Oscar Wilde

Failure is the line of least persistence

W.A. Clarke

Leadership cannot just go along to get along. Leadership must meet the moral challenge of the day.

Jesse Jackson

Leadership does not always wear the harness of compromise.

Woodrow Wilson

Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy.

Norman Schwarzkopf

Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

Colin Powell

Leadership is the key to 99 percent of all successful efforts.

Erskine Bowles

Failures can be divided into those who thought and never did, and those who did an never thought

W.A. Nance

Far and away the best price that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing

Theodore Roosevelt

For of sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these; it might have been

John Greenleaf Whittier

Forgiveness is our command. Judgment is not

C. Neil Strait

Four steps to achievement: Plan purposefully. Prepare prayerfully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently

William A. Ward

Getting something done is an accomplishment; getting something done right is an achievement

Anonymous

Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better.

Bill Bradley

Management is about arranging and telling. Leadership is about nurturing and enhancing.

Tom Peters

Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder is leaning against the right wall.

Stephen Covey

Never give an order that can't be obeyed.

General Douglas MacArthur

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

Abraham Lincoln

What you do has far greater impact than what you say.

Stephen Covey

Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice

William Shakespeare

Goals are not only absolutely necessary to motivate us. They are essential to really keep us alive

Robert Schuller

Goals determine your thoughts - thoughts determine your life

Anonymous

God gives us the nuts, but he does not crack them

Proverb

God helps them who help themselves

Benjamin Franklin

God Himself, sir, does not propose to judge a man until his life is over. Why should you and I?

Samuel Johnson

Great (corporate) leaders understand human behavior rather than the cybernetics of any functional specialty

James Schorr

Not the cry, but the flight of a wild duck, leads the flock to fly and follow.

Chinese Proverb

One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

Arnold Glasow

The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men, the conviction and the will to carry on.

Walter Lippman

The greatest leaders mobilize others by coalescing people around a shared vision.

Ken Blanchard

The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership.

Harvey Firestone

To do great things is difficult; but to command great things is more difficult.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Great accomplishments have resulted from the transmission of ideas and enthusiasm

Anonymous

Great minds must be ready not only to take the opportunities, but to make them

C.C. Colton

Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance

Samuel Johnson

Hard work without talent is a shame, but talent without hard work is a tragedy

Robert Half

He who wants milk should not sit himself in the middle of a pasture waiting for a cow to back up to him

Anonymous

Hitch your wagon to a star

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hold fast to your dreams, for if dreams die, then life is like a broken winged bird that cannot fly

Langston Hughes

How wonderful it is to say the right thing at the right time. A good man thinks before he speaks; the evil man pours out his evil words without a thought

Proverbs 15:23,28

I've got to follow them; I am their leader

Ledru-Rollin

I always prefer to believe the best of everybody; it saves so much trouble

Rudyard Kipling

I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it

Stephen Leacock

I can give you a six-word formula for success: "Think things through - then follow through."

Edward Rickenbacker

I can live for two months on one good compliment

Mark Twain

I cannot give you a formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure - which is: Try to please everybody

Herbert Bayard Swope

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.

Socrates

To have long term success as a coach or in any position of leadership, you have to be obsessed in some way.

Pat Riley

True leadership lies in guiding others to success. In ensuring that everyone is performing at their best, doing the work they are pledged to do and doing it well.

Bill Owens

We live in a society obsessed with public opinion. But leadership has never been about popularity.

Marco Rubio

Whatever you are, be a good one.

Abraham Lincoln

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

Eleanor Roosevelt

A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops, while on the contrary an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops.

John J Pershing

A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.

John Maxwell

I complained because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet

Arabic proverb

I don't sing because I am happy; I'm happy because I sing

William James

I hold it more important to have the players' confidence than their affection

Vince Lombardi

I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you hears is not what I meant

Anonymous

I must love myself in action, lest I wither in despair

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

I never did a day's work in my life- it was all fun

Thomas Alva Edison

I never knew a person who suffered from overwork. There are many, however, who suffered from too much ambition, and not enough action

Dr. James Mantague

I spend 60 percent of my time planning, 60 percent with people, and all other duties are completed with whatever time is left

A.W. Clausen

I will go anywhere, as long as it is forward

David Livingstone

I will not judge my brother until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins

Sinoux Indians

I will pay more for the ability to deal with people than for any other ability under the sun

John D. Rockefeller

Ideas not coupled with action never become bigger than the brain cells they occupied

Arnold H. Glasow

If a man writes a better book, preaches a better sermon, or makes a better mousetrap than his neighbor, the world will make a beaten path to his door

Ralph Waldo Emerson

If God simply handed us everything we want, He'd be taking from us our greatest prize - the job of accomplishment

Frank A. Clark

If it were considered desirable to destroy a human being, the only thing necessary would be to give his work a character of uselessness

Fyodor Dostoyevsky

If someone were to pay ten cents for every kind word you ever spoke and collect five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?

Anonymous

If we had no faults, we would not take so much pleasure in noting those of others

Francoise de La Rochfoucauld

If you're not sure where you are going, you're liable to end up someplace else

Robert F. Mager

There are three essentials to leadership: humility, clarity and courage.

Fuchan Yuan

I am endlessly fascinated that playing football is considered a training ground for leadership, but raising children isn't.

Dee Dee Myers

A cowardly leader is the most dangerous of men.

Stephen King

My responsibility is getting all my players playing for the name on the front of the jersey, not the one on the back.

Unknown

A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed next week.

George Patton

The supreme quality of leadership is integrity.

Dwight Eisenhower

If you argue and rankle and contradict, you may achieve a victory sometimes; but it will be an empty victory because you will never get your opponent's good will

Benjamin Franklin

If you don't say anything, you won't be called upon to repeat it

Calvin Coolidge

If you have accomplished all that you have planned for yourself, you have not planned enough

Meddigo Message

If you set the right example, you won't need to worry about the rules

Anonymous

If you think too much and fail to take action, fear makes its home within you

Anonymous

If you want a place in the sun, you have to put up with a few blisters

Abigail Van Buren

If you want to get the best out of man, you must look for the best that is in him

Bernard Haldane

Imagination disposes of everything; it creates beauty, justice, and happiness, which is everything in the world

Blaise Pascal

Imagination is more important than knowledge

Albert Einstein

In any group of people, a small fraction will be leaders, a larger fraction will be followers, and a substantial proportion just won't want to get involved

Anonymous

In great attempts it is glorious even to fail

Cassiu Longinus

In order for a goal to be effective, it must effect change

Anonymous

Inspiration and imagination go hand in hand

Anonymous

It's always wise to raise questions about the most obvious and simple assumption

C. West Churchman

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost things that money can't buy

George Horace Lorimer

It's not where you are today that counts. It's where you are headed

Arthur F. Lenehan

It is better to ask some of the questions than know all the answers

James Thurber

It is better to choose what you say than say what you choose

Anonymous

It is much easier to be critical than correct

Benjamin Disraeli

It is often our own imperfection which makes us reprove the imperfection of others; a sharp-sighted self-love of others

Francois Fenelon

You don't lead by hitting people over the head—that's assault, not leadership.

Dwight Eisenhower

Earn your leadership every day.

Michael Jordan

It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen

Oliver Wendell Homes, Jr.

It is wiser to choose what you say than say what you choose

Anonymous

It may be those who do most, dream most

Stephen Leacock

It might be just as offensive to be around a man who never changed his mind as one who never changed his clothes

Country Parson

It takes twenty years to make an overnight success

Eddie Cantor

It takes two to speak the truth - one to speak and another to hear

Henry David Thoreau

Judge not, that ye be not judged

Matthew 7:1

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to do

William James

Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life

Anonymous

Leadership is a serving relationship that has the effect of facilitating human development

William Arthur Ward

Leadership: The art of getting someone else to do something that you want done because he wants to do it

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Life is like riding a bicycle. You don't fall off unless you stop pedaling

Anonymous

Life is now in session. Are you present?

B. Copeland

Make the most of the best and the least of the worst

Robert Louis Stevenson.

Make yourself indispensable, and you will move up. Act as though you are indispensable, and you will move out

Jules Ormont

Many men know how to flatter, few men know how to praise

Greek proverb

Many people have the right aims in life. They just never get around to pulling the trigger

Sunshine Magazine

Men are not troubled by things themselves, but by their thoughts about them

Epictectus

Men never plan to be failures; they simply fail to plan to be successful

William A. Ward

Men stumble over pebbles, never over mountains

Anonymous

More men fail through lack of purpose than lack of talent

Billy Sunday

More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them

J. Harold Smith

Most people can stay motivated for two or three months. A few people can stay motivated for two or three years. But a winner can stay motivated for thirty years - or as long as it takes to win

Anonymous

Most people want to improve themselves, but not too many are willing to work at it

Anonymous

My parents always told me that people will never know how long it takes you to do something. They will only know how well it is done

Nancy Hanks

Nature gave us one tongue and two ears so we could hear twice as much as we speak

Epictetus

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but you if want to test a man's character, give him power

Abraham Lincoln

Need and struggle are what excite and inspire us

William James

Never be associated with someone you can't be proud of, whether you work for him or he works for you

Victor Kiam

Never does a man stand so tall when he foregoes revenge, and dares to forgive an injury

Anonymous

Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses

George Washington Carver

No inspiration is worthy until someone takes action to make it work

Anonymous

No man can become rich without himself enriching others

Andrew Carnegie

No man will work for your interests unless they are his

David Seabury

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent

Eleanor Roosevelt

Not failure, but low aim, is a crime

James Russell Lowell

Nothing derails a train of thought more effectively than listening to a person with a one-track mind

Anonymous

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood

Marie Curie

Nothing is ever always wrong. Even a clock that stops right twice a day

Anonymous

Nothing is good or bad, but thinking makes it so

William Shakespeare

Nurture your mind with great thoughts

Benjamin Disraeli

O God, give us serenity to accept what cannot be changed, and courage to change what would be changed, and wisdom to distinguish the one from the other

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr

Of all human resources, the most precious is the desire to improve

Anonymous

One has only to grow older to become more tolerant. I see no fault that I might not have committed myself

Goethe

One of the big differences between the non-achiever and the achievers is that the latter has mastered the art of applying the obvious

Allan Cox

One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who only have interests

Anonymous

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly

Robert F. Kennedy

Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them

Ann Landers

Opportunity comes to those who look for it

Anonymous

Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Our duty as men is to proceed as if limits to our ability did not exist

Teilhard de Chardin

Our grand business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what clearly lies at hand

Thomas Carlyle

Our problem is not the lack of knowing; it is the lack of doing. Most people know far more than they think they do

Mark Hatfield

Over every mountain there is a part, although it may not be seen from the valley

James D. Rogers

People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. The leader works in the open, and the boss is covert. The leader leads, and the boss drives

Theodore Roosevelt

Placing the blame is a bad habit, but taking the blame is a sure builder of character

Dr. O. A. Battista

Praise does wonders for our sense of hearing

Arnold H. Glasow

Professionalism is knowing how to do it, when to do it, and doing it

Frank Tyger

Realistic goals: Beyond your grasp - but within your reach

Anonymous

Self-confidence in itself, is of no value. It is useful only when put to work

Anonymous

Self-trust is the first secret of success

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means

Albert Einstein

Silent gratitude isn't very much use to anyone

Anonymous

Since praise reassures individuals, It helps them neutralize doubts they have about themselves

Anonymous

Small opportunities are often the beginnings of great enterprises

Demosthenes

Some men see things as they are and say "Why?" I dream things that never were and say "Why not?"

George Bernard Show

Some of the most talented people are terrible leaders because they have a crippling need to be loved by everyone

James Schorr

Some people get the breaks; some people make their own

Anonymous

Some people succeed because they are destined to, but most men because they are determined to

Anonymous

Sometimes it is not good enough to do your best; you have to do what's required

Sir Winston Churchill

Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes

Bahn

Success often comes from taking a misstep in the right direction

Anonymous

Success or failure is caused more by mental attitude than by mental capacity

Sir Walter Scott

Success, if it is to be - is up to me

Anonymous

Take charge of your thoughts. You can do what you will with them

Plato

Talk to a man about himself and he will listen for hours

Benjamin Disraeli

The best of all things is to learn. Money can be lost or stolen, health and strength may fail, but what you have committed to your mind is yours forever

Louis L'Amour

The best portion of good man's life - his little, nameless, un-remembered acts of kindness and of love

William Wordsworth

The creative person is willing to live with ambiguity. He doesn't need problems solved immediately and can afford to wait for the right ideas

Abe Tannenbaum

The difference between failure and success is doing a thing nearly right and doing a thing exactly right

Eward Simmons

The first duty of love is to listen

Paul Tillich

The great humiliation in life is to work hard on something from which you expect great appreciation, and then fail to get it

Edgar Watson Howe

The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind

William James

The greatest failure is the failure to try

William A. Ward

The greatest genius will not be worth much if he pretends to draw exclusively from his own resources

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

The greatest right in the world is the right to be wrong

Harry Weinberger

The height of your accomplishment will equal the depth of your convictions

William F. Scolavino

The human race is divided into two classes - those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, "Why wasn't it done the other way?"

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

The human race is governed by its imagination

Napoleon

The important thing is this: to be able to give up in any given moment all that we are for what we can become

DeSeaux

The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them

Proverbs 18:15

The largest room in the world is the room for improvement

Anonymous

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them

Mark Twain

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything

Bishop W.C. Magee

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed

Lloyd James

The moon could not go on shining if it paid any attention to the little dogs that bark at it

Anonymous

The more extensive a man's knowledge of what has been done, the greater will be his power of knowing what to do

Benjamin Distraeli

The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done

Arnold Palmer

The most wasted of all days is that during which one has not laughed

Hugh Walpoe

The next mile is only one a person really has to make

Danish proverb

The only people who never fail are those who never try

Ilka Chase

The primary skill of a manager consists of knowing how to make assignments and picking the right people to carry out those assignments

Lee Iacocca

The rare individual who honestly satisfies his heart-hunger [praise] will hold people in the palm of his hand, and even the undertaker will be sorry when he dies

Dale Carnegie

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The road to the heart is the ear

Voltaire

The secret of achievement is not to let what you're doing get to you before you get to it

Anonymous

The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm

Aldous Huxley

The sweetest of all sounds is praise

Xenophon

The wealthy man is the man who is much, not the one who has much

Karl Marx

The word communication comes from the Latin communico, meaning share

Anonymous

The world belongs to the energetic

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The worst bankrupt is the man who has lost his enthusiasm. Let a man lose everything in the world but his enthusiasm and will come through again to success

H.W. Arnold

There's always room at the top

Daniel Webster

There are two days in the week about which and upon which I never worry: One.. is yesterday... and the other day I do not worry about is tomorrow

Robert J. Burdette

There exist limitless opportunities in every industry. Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier

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There is no character, howsoever good and fine, but it can be destroyed by ridicule, howsoever poor and witless

Mark Twain

There is no illness of the body except for the mind

Socrates

There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit

Ralph Waldo Emerson

There is no security on this earth; there is only opportunity

General Douglas MacArthur

There is nothing as easy as denouncing. It don't take much to see that something is wrong, but it does take some eyesight to see what will put it right again

Will Rogers

There is nothing so unequal as the equal treatment of unequals. Individualize your leadership

Anonymous

There is something that is much more scarce, something finer far, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability

Albert Hubbard

There is something wrong with a man, as with a motor, when he knocks continually

Anonymous

These then are my last words to you: Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact

William James

They are able because they think they are able

Vergil

Think of your own faults the first part of the night when you are awake and of the faults of other the latter part of the night when you are asleep

Chinese proverb

Think you can or think you can't, either way you will be right

Henry Ford

This tendency to avoid problems and the emotional suffering inherent in them is the primary basis of all human mental illness

Charles Swindoll

Those things that hurt, instruct

Benjamin Franklin

To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only dream but also believe

Anatole France

To be conscious that you are ignorant is the great step to knowledge

Benjamin Disraeli

To improve is to change. To be perfect is to have changed a lot

Sir Winston Churchill

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them become what they are capable of being

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Triumph is just an "ump" ahead of "try."

Anonymous

Until we know all, we should not pass judgment at all

Watchman-Examiner

Use what language you will, you can never say anything to others but what you are

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

We all make mistakes, but everyone makes different mistakes

Ludwig van Beethoven

We are judged by what we finish, not by what we start

Anonymous

We become what we habitually contemplate

George Russell

We have no right to ask when a sorrow comes, "Why did this happen to me?" unless we ask the same question for every joy that comes our way

Philip F. Bernstein.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while other judge us by what we have already done

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

We learn by doing

Aristotle

We would be happier with what we have if we weren't so unhappy about what we don't have

Frank A. Clark

Well done is better than well said

Benjamin Franklin

What does it mean to be promoted into a leadership position? Frankly, it means now we have the authority to serve people in a special way

Anonymous

What I can do, plus what God can do, equals enough

Free Methodist

What is the difference between an obstacle and an opportunity? Our attitude toward it. Every opportunity has a difficulty, and every difficulty has an opportunity

J. Sidlow Baxter

What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering

George Bernard Show

What the human mind can conceive and believe, it can accomplish

David Sarnoff

What we are, is what we have thought for years

Buddha

What you are speaks so loudly, I cannot hear what you are saying

Ralph Waldo Emerson

What you value is what you think about. What you think about is what you become

Joel Weldon

Whatever you can do or dream, you can begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it

Goethe

When I am wrong, dear Lord, make me easy to change, and when I am right, make me easy to live with

Peter Marshall

When I was a young man, I observed that nine out of ten things I did were failures. I didn't want to be a failure, so I did ten times more work

George Bernard Shaw

When the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, it may be that they take better care of it there

Cecil Selig

When you're through changing, you're through

Bruce Barton

Where there's a will, there's a way

Anonymous

Why then do you criticize your brother's actions, why do you try to make him look small

Romans 14:10

Winding river concept: Move from bend to bend and enjoy each step of the way. Face the problems, but keep moving forward

Anonymous

Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it

David Star Jordan

Within you lies a power greater than what lies before you

Anonymous

Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion

C. Northcote Parkinson

Worry is holding in your mind that which you don't want to happen. Remember: If you think it is and it isn't, it will become an is even though it isn't

Anonymous

Worry is wasting today's time cluttering up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles

Anonymous

Worry tries to cross a bridge before you come to it

Anonymous

You are a poor specimen if you can't stand the pressure of adversity

Proverbs 24:10

You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do

Henry Ford

You can only make others better by being good yourself

Hugh R. Hanel

You cannot push anyone up the ladder unless he is willing to climb himself

Andrew Carnegie

You do not have to be right to be generous. If he has the spirit of true generosity, a pauper can give like a prince

Corrine V. Wells

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh - at yourself

Ethel Barrymore

You will draw to you that which you most persistently think about

Robert Anthony

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