Quotes of the Ages

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The real source of wealth and capital in this new era is not material things..it is the human mind, the human spirit, the human imagination and our faith in the future.

Well done is better than well said.

-- Benjamin Franklin

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

-- Henry Ford

If you don't make dust, you eat dust.

-- Jack MacAllister

The worst of deceptions is self-deception.

-- Plato

Do a common thing in an uncommon way.

-- BT Washington

If your thinking is sloppy, your business will be sloppy. If you are disorganized, your business will be disorganized. If you are greedy, your employees will be greedy, giving you less and less of themselves and always asking for more.

-- Michael Gerber

Procrastination is one of the most common and deadliest of diseases and its toll on success and happiness is heavy.

-- Wayne Dyer

Using the power of decision gives you the capacity to get past any excuse to change any and every part of your life in an instant.

-- Anthony Robbins

The successful person makes a habit of doing what the failing person doesn't like to do.

-- Thomas Edison

The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.

-- Thomas Edison

Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes... but no plans.

--Peter Drucker

Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life.

--Sophia Loren

Vision is the art of seeing the impossible.

-- Jonathon Swift

Power is energy in use.

-- Anonymous

Results depend on Relationships.

-- Don Peterson

The harder I work, the more luck I have.

-- Stephen Leacock

Reality is something you rise above.

--Liza Minelli

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.

-- Albert Einstein

Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.

--Benjamin Franklin

Have the courage to act instead of react.

-- Earlene Larson Jenks

Let us resolve to be masters, not the victims, of our history, controlling our own destiny without giving way to blind suspicions and emotions.

Knock the "t" off the can't.

-- George Reeves

The biggest temptation is...to settle for too little.

-- Thomas Merton

A problem is a chance for you to do your best.

-- Duke Ellington

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others judge us by what we have done.

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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

-- George Washington Carver

One difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes form a strong will and the other from a strong won't.

-- Henry Ward Beecher

The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.

-- Mahatma Gandhi

Don't fight the problem. Decide it.

-- George C. Marshall

Difficulties mastered are opportunities won.

-- Winston Churchill

The important thing is not to stop questioning.

-- Albert Einstein

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

-- John F. Kennedy

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone.

-- Bill Crosby

Ability will never catch up with the demand for it.

-- Malcolm S. Forbes

Great things are not done by impulse but by a series of small things brought together.

-- Vincent Van Gogh

Sometimes we stare so long at a door that is closing that we see too late the one that is open.

-- Alexander Graham Bell

Thinking will not overcome fear but action will.

-- W. Clement Stone

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

-- Marie Curie

It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself.

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

Do what you are afraid to do, when you run away because you are afraid to do something big, you pass opportunity by.

-- W. Clement Stone

An organization's ability to learn, and translate that learning into action rapidly, is the ultimate competitive advantage.

-- Jack Welch

A lot of people are afraid to tell the truth, to say no. That's where toughness comes into play. Toughness is not being a bully. It's having backbone.

It makes no sense to worry about things you have no control over because there's nothing you can do about them, and why worry about things you do control? The activity of worrying keeps you immobilized.

Remember, a real decision is measured by the fact that you've taken new action. If there's no action, you haven't truly decided.

-- Anthony Robbins

Checking the results of a decision against its expectations shows executives what their strengths are, where they need to improve, and where they lack knowledge or information.

Intensity coupled with commitment is magnetic.

-- Warren Bennis

One can choose to go back toward safety or forward toward growth. Growth must be chosen again and again; fear must be overcome again and again.

--Abraham Maslow

The real risk is doing nothing.

-- Denis Waitley

Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.

-- Jimi Hendrix

Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.

-- Will Durant

While we are postponing, life speeds by.

-- Seneca

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.

-- Albert Einstein

Opportunities multiply as they are seized.

-- Sun Tzu

Never mistake motion for action.

-- Ernest Hemingway

Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it.

-- Irving Berlin

Deliberation is the work of many men. Action, of one alone.

-- Charles DeGaulle

A thoroughbred horse never looks at the other horses. It just concentrates on running the fastest race it can.

-- Henry Fonda

You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

-- Wayne Gretzky

Heart is what separates the good from the great.

-- Michael Jordon

Just as iron rusts from disuse, so does inaction spoil the intellect.

--Leonardo DeVinci

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Many men fail because they quit too soon. They lose faith when the signs are against them. They do not have the courage to hold on, to keep fighting in spite of that which seems insurmountable. If more of us would strike out and attempt the "impossible," we very soon would find the truth of that old saw that nothing is impossible. Abolish fear and you can accomplish anything you wish.

You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.

-- Woodrow Wilson

Genius is the ability to put into effect what is in your mind.

-- F. Scott Fitzgerald

Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out.

-- Art Linkletter

If we resist change, we'll fail. If we accept change, we'll survive and if we create change, we'll succeed.

-- Anonymous

Both tears and sweat are salty, but they render a different result. Tears will get you sympathy, sweat will get you change.

There are two ways of meeting difficulties. You alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them.

-- Phyliss Bottome

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

-- William Arthur Ward

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them.

The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year.

-- John Foster Dulles

It's not how much you accomplish in life that much really counts, but how you give to others. It's not how high you build your dreams that make a difference, but how high your faith can climb. It's not how many goals you reach but how many lives you touch. It's not whom you know that matters, but who you are inside.

Believe in the impossible Hold tight to the incredible and live each day to its fullest potential. You can make a difference in the world.

-- Rebecca Barlow Jordon

Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

-- Harriet Beecher Stowe

The greater thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are going.

-- Oliver Wendell Holmes

One's mind, once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.

-- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Watch your thoughts; they become your words. Watch your words; they become your actions. Watch your actions; they become your habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Real change comes from within. It doesn't come from hacking at the leaves of attitude and behavior with quick fix personality ethic techniques. It comes from striking at the root -- the fabric of our thought, the fundamental, essential paradigms, which give definition to our character and create the lens through which we see the world.

-- Stephen Covey

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life, which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

-- Henry David Thoreau

Your success and happiness lie in you. External conditions are the accidents of life; it's outer trapping. The great, enduring realities are love of service. Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow. Resolve to keep happy, and you shall form an invincible host against difficulty.

Just as iron rusts from disuse, so does inaction spoil the intellect.

-- Leonardo DeVinci

Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.

-- Mother Teresa

The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment.

-- Anthony Robbins

The winner is the chef who takes the same ingredients as everyone else and produces the best results.

-- Edward de Bono

In business, I've discovered that my purpose is to do my best to my utmost ability every day. That's my standard.

-- Donald Trump

A person cannot make hard decisions, hold unpopular positions or stands tall for what he believes unless he knows who he is and feels comfortable.

-- Jack Welch

Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.

-- John Wooden

Our chief want in life is someone to inspire us to be what we really want to be.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

The most important job is that of learning how to negotiate with others without friction.

-- Napoleon Hill

The people and circumstances around me do not MAKE me what I am, they REVEAL who I am.

-- Dr. Laura Schlessinger

The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible.

-- Arthur C. Clarke

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is a direct relationship between outcomes and incomes. The larger the outcome the bigger the income.

-- Jim Meisenheimer

You see things; and you say "Why?" But I dream things that never were; and I say "Why not?"

-- George Bernard Shaw

The mind requires regular use to remain strong.

-- Napoleon Hill

Winning is not everything but wanting to win is.

-- Vince Lombardi

You become great by doing small things in a great way.

-- Zig Ziglar

Many things are lost for want of asking.

-- English proverb

For good or ill your conversation is your advertisement. Every time you open your mouth you let men look into your mind.

-- Bruce Barton

The real act of discovery is not in finding new lands, but in seeing with new eyes.

-- Marcel Proust

To be happy, drop the words 'if only' and substitute the words 'next time'.

- - Smiley Blanton, M.D.

A man is known by his actions.

-- Proverbs 21:8

The way you see yourself today will affect your performance today.

- - Zig Ziglar

Wealth is largely the result of habit.

-- John Jacob Astor

There are no limitation to the mind except those we acknowledge.

-- Napoleon Hill

Our worth is determined by the good deeds we DO, rather than the fine emotions we feel.

-- Elias L. Magoon

Everyone has his own specific vocation in life...Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated...Thus everyone's task is as unique as his specific opportunity to implement it. We detect rather than invent our mission in life.

-- Viktor Frankl

Resolve to be thyself; and know, that he who finds himself, loses his misery.

-- Mathew Arnold

The key to leadership today is influence, not authority.

-- Ken Blanchard

Leaders who are inarticulate make us all uneasy.

-- James Hayes

The best thing you can do for your career is to learn to think on your feet.

-- Lee lacocca

Happiness is an attitude of mind, born of the simple determination to be happy under all outward circumstances.

-- J. Donald Walters

When you doubt yourself you doubt everyone else as well. What is thought to be fear of others is really distrust of self.

-- Anonymous

Your work is to discover your work, and then with all your heart to give yourself to it.

-- Buddha

If people are coming to work excited . . . if they're making mistakes freely and fearlessly ... if they're having fun ... if they're concentrating on doing things, rather than preparing reports and going to meetings then somewhere you have a leader.

Your limitations should be your guidelines, and not stop signs. They should direct and guide your path on the journey, not prevent you from taking it.

A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval.

-- Mark Twain

We tend to get what we expect.

-- Norman Vincent Peale

Don't wish it were easierwish you were better.

-- Jim Rohn

The greatest mistake you can make is to be continually fearing you will make one.

-- Elbert Hubbard

The only real security in life comes from knowing that every single day you are improving yourself in some way.

-- Anthony Robbins

Success is not a doorway, it's a stairway.

-- Dottie Walters

We aim above the mark to hit the mark.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Control your own destiny or someone else will.

-- Jack Welch

A really great talent finds its happiness in execution.

-- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

You are born an original. Don't die a copy.

-- John Mason

I dream my painting and then I paint my dream.

-- Vincent Van Gogh

People do not attract that which they want, but that which they are.

-- James Allen

All results no matter how magnificent are infinitesimal when compared to future possibility.

-- James A. Ray

You are a product of your environment. So choose the environment that will best develop you toward your objective. Analyze your life in terms of its environment. Are the things around you helping you toward success - or are they holding you back?

We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aids, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn, which does not forsake us even in our soundest sleep.

-- Henry David Thoreau

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

-- Dale Carnegie

Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves.

If you don't have a vision, then your reality will always be determined by other's perceptions.

-- Melanée Addison,

The will to do springs from the knowledge that we can do. Belief always precedes action

-- James Allen

Within you right now is the power to do things you never dreamed possible. This power becomes available to you just as soon as you can change your beliefs.

Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are they are.

-- Malcolm Forbes

Play. . . is the mechanism that allows us to continue to explore as adults."

-- Paola Novaresio

To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.

-- Marilyn vos Savant

Character is power.

--Booker T. Washington

Courage means to keep working a relationship, to continue seeking solutions to difficult problems, and to stay focused during stressful periods.

-- Denis Waitley

I believe that to meet the challenges of our times, human beings will have to develop a greater sense of universal responsibility. Each of us must learn to work not just for oneself, one's own family or nation, but for the benefit of all humankind. Universal responsibility is the key to human survival. It is the best foundation for world peace.

--The Dalai Lama

To be at peace with ourselves we need to know ourselves.

- - Caitlin Mathews

Whatever reality you find yourself in is capable of being altered by you at any time you want. It is not altered by changing what is outside of you; it's altered by changing how you choose to process your life. -- Wayne Dyer

Until you value yourself, you will not value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it.

-- M. Scott Peck

No one can teach you that which they have not done. Beware of who you choose to learn from.

-- Tom Hopkins

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

--Winston Churchill

Never allow your energy or enthusiasm to be dampened by the discouragements that must inevitably come.

-- James Whitcomb Riley

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be.

Now put foundations under them.

-- Henry David Thoreau

It is not death that a man should fear, but he should fear never beginning to live.

-- Marcus Aurelius

In each of us are places where we have never gone. Only by pressing the limits do you ever find them.

-- Dr. Joyce Brothers

More important than leaving an inheritance is leaving a legacy.

-- Anonymous

When we operate in our areas of strength we gain energy. When we operate in our weaknesses we lose energy.

-- Robin Wilson