



My Favourite
**WORDS
OF
WISDOM**
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To Ava

“The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated by quotations.”

Benjamin Disraeli

“God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and the WISDOM to know the difference.”

Reinhold Niebuhr

Preface

"I cannot teach anybody anything. I can only make them think."
Socrates

Wisdom is one of the greatest qualities that a human being possesses. Wisdom cannot be taught to anyone, not even to the most intelligent being on the planet. It is the ability to think and perform actions using one's own experiences, insight and intelligence. It is less about academic knowledge, acquired or learned skills, although they are of great help undoubtedly. Instead, wisdom is getting into the depths of the facts at the foreground and framing big pictures of the experiences and knowledge and translating them into good decisions accordingly. It cannot be found in books, as it is not a written theoretical fact, but is an essential of human life.

There was a time when only few had access to knowledge. But today is the information age, where everyone has access to the theoretical knowledge. But what one lacks in, is the way to use this theoretical knowledge. Wisdom, on the other hand, is something that cannot be acquired and is a skill of learning from this world and being in this world.

Knowledge and wisdom though distinguishable, are closely related to each other. Without wisdom and the ability to know how to use the generated facts, knowledge remains hidden within you and does not contribute to be an effective power in life. You must understand and incorporate in your lives, the true blend of what you have acquired (knowledge) and what you have learned (wisdom) from the world around you.

A wise person will listen and increase his learning and understanding. An ignorant man is always able to say yes or no immediately to any proposition. Wisdom makes a man to use its know-how and think before the actions he performs.

We aren't born with wisdom. One learns to be wise in this materialistic world. But wisdom comes to those who long for it and acquire vision to see around the very corners of life. It is not a one-day process. It is a gradual process that can take a whole life to acquire. A wise person develops in him the qualities of love for what is good, humility, compassion, empathy and justice. Wisdom harmonises our lives, establishes our priorities and brings us to the right relationships with ourselves and with others in the world too. It maintains a line of distinction between the good and the bad.

A wise man always renders his thoughts towards the situation and then performs his actions accordingly. Acquiring and practising wisdom gives way to happiness and longevity of life. Also, not to deny the fact that wise decisions prevent situations from getting difficult. Wisdom synthesises all your knowledge, facts and information into a proper and right path and reduces the chances of failure.

Wisdom like other abstract concepts is somehow difficult to put in a frame of a few simple words. To get the very essence of wisdom, one needs to explore the world, gain experiences in life, share them with others and most importantly learn from those experiences. That; the purpose of this book. What follows is a list of some of my favourite words of wisdom from thinkers past and present.

"How much better to acquire wisdom than gold! To gain understanding is more desirable than silver."
Proverbs 16:16

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Abraham Lincoln

Short Bio - Abraham Lincoln – (February 12, 1809 – April 15, 1865) was an American statesman and lawyer who served as the 16th president of the United States from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. Lincoln led the nation through the American Civil War, the country's greatest moral, constitutional, and political crisis. He succeeded in preserving the Union, abolishing slavery, bolstering the federal government, and modernizing the U.S. economy.

My Favourite Abraham Lincoln Quotes

Character is like a tree and reputation its shadow. The shadow is what we think it is and the tree is the real thing.

Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.

I am a slow walker, but I never walk back.

I do not like that man. I must get to know him better.

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.

I would rather be a little nobody, than to be an evil somebody.

I am a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down.

My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

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

Tact: the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

The best way to predict your future is to create it.

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.

Those who look for the bad in people will surely find it.

Whatever you are, be a good one.

When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion.

Abraham Maslow

Short Bio - Abraham Harold Maslow – (April 1, 1908 – June 8, 1970) was an American psychologist who was best known for creating Maslow's hierarchy of needs, a theory of psychological health predicated on fulfilling innate human needs in priority, culminating in self-actualization.

My Favourite Abraham Maslow Quotes

What is necessary to change a person is to change his awareness of himself.

The ability to be in the present moment is a major component of mental wellness.

The great lesson is that the sacred is in the ordinary, that is to be found in one's daily life.

One of the goals of education should be to teach that life is precious.

All of life is education and everybody is a teacher, and everybody is forever a pupil.

The only happy people I know are the ones who are working well at something they consider important.

The story of the human race is the story of men and women selling themselves short.

Creativity is a characteristic given to all human beings at birth.

The human being needs a framework of values, a philosophy of life, a religion or religion-surrogate to live by and understand by, in about the same sense that he needs sunlight, calcium or love.

We fear our highest possibility. We are generally afraid to become that which we can glimpse in our most perfect moments.

When people appear to be something other than good and decent, it is only because they are reacting to stress, pain, or the deprivation of basic human needs such as security, love, and self-esteem.

What a man can be, he must be. This 'need' we call self-actualization.

The spiritual life is part of the human essence. It is a defining characteristic of human nature, without which human nature is not fully human.

Self-actualizing people have a deep feeling of identification, sympathy, and affection for human beings in general. They feel kinship and connection as if all people were members of a single family.

The most beautiful fate, the most wonderful good fortune that can happen to any human being, is to be paid for doing that which he passionately loves to do.

Every person is, in part, his own project and makes himself.

One can choose to go back toward safety or forward toward growth.

If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail.

If you plan on being anything less than what you are capable of being, you will probably be unhappy all the days of your life.

Do not worry when you are not recognized but strive to be worthy of recognition.

I can feel guilty about the past, apprehensive about the future but only in the present can I act.

Alan Watts

Short Bio - Alan Wilson Watts - (6 January 1915 – 16 November 1973) was a British writer and speaker known for interpreting and popularising Buddhism, Taoism, and Hinduism for a Western audience. Born in Chislehurst, England, he moved to the United States in 1938 and began Zen training in New York.

My Favourite Alan Watts Quotes

Every intelligent individual wants to know what makes him tick, and yet is at once fascinated and frustrated by the fact that oneself is the most difficult of all things to know.

If you cannot trust yourself, you cannot even trust your mistrust of yourself – so that without this underlying trust in the whole system of nature you are simply paralyzed.

It is better to have a short life that is full of what you like doing, than a long life spent in a miserable way.

Muddy water is best cleared by leaving it alone.

No one is more dangerously insane than one who is sane all the time: he is like a steel bridge without flexibility, and the order of his life is rigid and brittle.

Normally, we do not so much look at things as overlook them.

Our pleasures are not material pleasures, but symbols of pleasure – attractively packaged but inferior in content.

Problems that remain persistently insoluble should always be suspected as questions asked in the wrong way.

Society is our extended mind and body.

This is the real secret of life - to be completely engaged with what you are doing in the here and now. And instead of calling it work, realize it is play.

We seldom realize, for example that our most private thoughts and emotions are not actually our own. For we think in terms of languages and images which we did not invent, but which were given to us by our society.

When we attempt to exercise power or control over someone else, we cannot avoid giving that person the very same power or control over us.

Albert Einstein

Short Bio - Albert Einstein - (14 March 1879 – 18 April 1955) was a German-born theoretical physicist who developed the theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics (alongside quantum mechanics). His work is also known for its influence on the philosophy of science. He is best known to the general public for his mass–energy equivalence formula $E = mc^2$, which has been dubbed “the world’s most famous equation”. He received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics for his services to theoretical physics, and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect, a pivotal step in the development of quantum theory.

My Favourite Albert Einstein Quotes

A happy man is too satisfied with the present to dwell too much on the future.

A human being is part of a whole called by us Universe.

A question that sometimes drives me hazy - am I or are the others crazy?

Although I am a typical loner in daily life, my consciousness of belonging to the invisible community of those who strive for truth, beauty, and justice has preserved me from feeling isolated.

Concern for man and his fate must always form the chief interest of all technical endeavours. Never forget this in the midst of your diagrams and equations.

Few are those who see with their own eyes and feel with their own hearts.

I believe in intuitions and inspirations. I sometimes feel that I am right. I do not know that I am.

I love to travel, but I hate to arrive.

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence.

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

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.

I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.

Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

Anne Frank

Short Bio - Annelies Marie “Anne” Frank – (12 June 1929 – February or March 1945) was a German-Dutch diarist of Jewish origin. One of the most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust, she gained fame posthumously with the publication of *The Diary of a Young Girl* (originally *Het Achterhuis* in Dutch; English: *The Secret Annex*), in which she documents her life in hiding from 1942 to 1944, during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II. It is one of the world’s best-known books and has been the basis for several plays and films.

My Favourite Anne Frank Quotes

An empty day, though clear and bright, is just as dark as any night.

As long as this exists, this sunshine and this cloudless sky, and as long as I can enjoy it, how can I be sad?

Dead people receive more flowers than the living ones because regret is stronger than gratitude.

How wonderful it is that nobody needs wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Human greatness does not lie in wealth or power, but in character and goodness.

I cannot imagine how anyone can say: ‘I’m weak’, and then remain so. After all, if you know it, why not fight against it, why not try to train your character?

I do not think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains.

I must uphold my ideals, for perhaps the time will come when I shall be able to carry them out.

In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.

In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit.

No one has ever become poor by giving.

Parents can only give good advice or put children on the right paths, but the final forming of a person’s character lies in their own hands.

Sympathy, love, fortune. We all have these qualities but still tend to not use them!

The good news is that you do not know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!

There is only one rule you need to remember: laugh at everything and forget everybody else! It sounds egotistical, but it's actually the only cure for those suffering from self-pity.

Those who have courage and faith shall never perish in misery.

We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same.

Aristotle

Short Bio - Aristotle (384 -322 BC) was a Greek philosopher and polymath during the Classical period in Ancient Greece. Taught by Plato, he was the founder of the Lyceum, the Peripatetic school of philosophy, and the Aristotelian tradition. His writings cover many subjects including physics, biology, logic, ethics, aesthetics, poetry, theatre, music, rhetoric, psychology, linguistics, economics, politics, and government. Aristotle provided a complex synthesis of the various philosophies existing prior to him. It was above all from his teachings that the West inherited its intellectual lexicon, as well as problems and methods of inquiry. As a result, his philosophy has exerted a unique influence on almost every form of knowledge in the West and it continues to be a subject of contemporary philosophical discussion.

My Favourite Aristotle Quotes

A friend to all is a friend to none.

Fear is pain arising from the anticipation of evil.

Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim and end of human existence.

He who cannot be a good follower cannot be a good leader.

He who has overcome his fears will truly be free.

I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies, for the hardest victory is over self.

It is of the nature of desire not to be satisfied, and most men live only for the gratification of it.

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

No great mind has ever existed without a touch of madness.

The high-minded man must care more for the truth than for what people think.

Those who know, do. Those that understand, teach.

Whatever lies within our power to do lies also within our power not to do.

Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow ripening fruit.

Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives – choice, not chance, determines your destiny.

Benjamin Disraeli

Short Bio - Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield - (21 December 1804 – 19 April 1881) was a British politician of the Conservative Party who twice served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. He played a central role in the creation of the modern Conservative Party, defining its policies and its broad outreach. Disraeli is remembered for his influential voice in world affairs, his political battles with the Liberal party leader William Ewart Gladstone, and his one-nation conservatism or “Tory democracy”. He made the Conservatives the party most identified with the glory and power of the British Empire. He is the only British prime minister to have been of Jewish birth. He was also a novelist; publishing works of fiction even as prime minister.

My Favourite Benjamin Disraeli Quotes

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

An obedient wife commands her husband.

As a general rule, the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information.

Circumstances are beyond human control, but our conduct is in our own power.

Desperation is sometimes as powerful an inspirer as genius.

Diligence is the mother of good fortune.

Every production of genius must be the production of enthusiasm.

Experience is the child of thought, and thought is the child of action.

How much easier it is to be critical than to be correct.

I am prepared for the worst but hope for the best.

Ignorance never settles a question.

Life is too short to be little.

Like all great travellers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen.

Little things affect little minds.

Man is not the creature of circumstances; circumstances are the creatures of men. We are free agents, and man is more powerful than matter.

Mediocrity can talk, but it is for genius to observe.

Most people die with their music still locked up inside them.

Never complain and never explain.

Never take anything for granted.

Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think.

One of the hardest things in this world is to admit you are wrong. And nothing is more helpful in resolving a situation than its frank admission.

Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius.

Power has only one duty - to secure the social welfare of the people.

Seeing much, suffering much, and studying much, are the three pillars of learning.

Silence is the mother of truth.

Sir, I shall not defeat you - I shall transcend you.

Success is the child of audacity.

The fool wonders, the wise man asks.

The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own.

The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example.

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

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated by quotations.

The youth of a nation are the trustees of posterity.

There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.

There can be economy only where there is efficiency.

There is no education like adversity.

Through perseverance many people win success out of what seemed destined to be certain failure.

Time is precious, but truth is more precious than time.

To be conscious that you are ignorant of the facts is a great step to knowledge.

Travel teaches toleration.

Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends.

War is never a solution; it is an aggravation.

We are not creatures of circumstance; we are creators of circumstance.

We make our own fortune and call it destiny.

We moralize among ruins.

What we anticipate seldom occurs: but what we least expect generally happens.

When men are pure, laws are useless; when men are corrupt, laws are broken.

Where knowledge ends, religion begins.

You can tell the strength of a nation by the women behind its men.

A friend in need is a friend indeed!

A slip of the foot you may soon recover, but a slip of the tongue you may never get over.

He that can have patience can have what he will.

Love your enemies, for they tell you your faults.

Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.

There are two ways to increase your wealth. Increase your means or decrease your wants. The best is to do both at the same time.

We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid.

We do not stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing!

Whatever is begun in anger, ends in shame.

When you are testing to see how deep water is, never use two feet.

While we may not be able to control all that happens to us, we can control what happens inside us.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

Many people die at twenty-five and aren't buried until they are seventy-five.

Bob Dylan

Short Bio - Bob Dylan (born Robert Allen Zimmerman, May 24, 1941) is an American singer-songwriter, author and visual artist. Widely regarded as one of the greatest songwriters of all time, Dylan has been a major figure in popular culture for more than 50 years. Much of his most celebrated work dates from the 1960s, when songs such as "Blowin' in the Wind" (1963) and "The Times They Are a-Changin'" (1964) became anthems for the civil rights and anti-war movements. His lyrics during this period incorporated a range of political, social, philosophical, and literary influences, defied pop music conventions and appealed to the burgeoning counterculture.

My Favourite Bob Dylan Quotes

A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night, and in between he does what he wants to do.

All I can be is me – whoever that is.

Behind every beautiful thing, there is some kind of pain.

Do not criticize what you cannot understand.

I define nothing. Not beauty, not patriotism. I take each thing as it is, without prior rules about what it should be.

I think women rule the world and that no man has ever done anything that a woman either has not allowed him to do or encouraged him to do.

It frightens me, the awful truth, of how sweet life can be.

People seldom do what they believe in. They do what is convenient, then repent.

Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet.

The only thing I knew how to do was to keep on keeping on.

There is no equality. The only thing people all have in common is that they are all going to die.

To live outside the law, you must be honest.

When you have got nothing, you've got nothing to lose.

You can never be wise and be in love at the same time.

Brendan Burchard

Short Bio - Brendon Burchard is a #1 New York Times best-selling author and “the world’s leading high-performance coach”. His latest book, High Performance Habits, was a The Wall Street Journal best-seller and named by Amazon as one of its top three best business and leadership books of 2017. Burchard was on the cover of SUCCESS Magazine in October 2017 where the article named him the world’s highest-paid motivation and marketing trainer. He has several online personal development courses with the Oprah Winfrey Network, and according to Forbes he has trained over 1.5 million students in his online courses. The Oprah Magazine, named him “one of the most influential leaders in the field of personal growth.” His podcast is called The Brendon Show.

My Favourite Brendan Burchard Quotes

Awaken and re-emerge into the world with a youthful spirit.

Be more intentional about who you want to become. Have vision beyond your current circumstances.

Imagine your best future self and start acting like that person today.

Excellence comes from an internal standard that asks; how can I deliver beyond what is expected?

Gratitude is the golden frame through which we see the meaning of life.

High performers are clear on their intentions for themselves, their social world, their skills, and their service to others. I call these areas self, social, skills, and service, or the Future Four.

High performers are happy. We all want to be happy. But many people are unhappy achievers.

Seek clarity. Generate energy. Raise necessity. Increase productivity. Develop Influence. Demonstrate Courage. These are the six habits that you need to adopt if you are to reach high performance in any situation.

The only difference lies in whether someone decides it is necessary to get better. No necessity, no consistent action.

There are two types of people. One walks into the room and announces, ‘Here I am!’ The other walks in and says, ‘Oh, there you are!’

We are what we repeatedly do.

When you learn the difference between busywork and your life's work, that is the first step on the path of purpose.

To succeed, always remember that the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

Brené Brown

Short Bio - Brené Brown (born Casandra Brené Brown on November 18, 1965) is an American professor, lecturer, author, and podcast host. Brown holds the Huffington Foundation's Brené Brown Endowed Chair at the University of Houston's Graduate College of Social Work and is a visiting professor in management at McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin.

My Favourite Brené Brown Quotes

Daring to set boundaries is about having the courage to love ourselves even when we risk disappointing others.

If we share our shame story with the wrong person, they can easily become one more piece of flying debris in an already dangerous storm.

Just because someone is not willing or able to love us, it does not mean that we are unlovable.

Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of our light.

Shame corrodes the very part of us that believes we are capable of change.

Shame is the most powerful, master emotion. It is the fear that we are not good enough.

Talk about your failures without apologizing.

The dark does not destroy the light; it defines it. It is our fear of the dark that casts our joy into the shadows.

The willingness to show up changes us, It makes us a little braver each time.

Vulnerability is not about winning or losing. It is having the courage to show up even when you cannot control the outcome.

Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage. Truth and courage are not always comfortable, but they are never weakness.

Want to be happy? Stop trying to be perfect.

Who we are and how we engage with the world are much stronger predictors of how our children will do than what we know about parenting.

You cannot shame or belittle people into changing their behaviours.

Brian Tracy

Short Bio - Brian Tracy - (born January 5, 1944) is a Canadian-American motivational public speaker and self-development author. He is the author of over eighty books that have been translated into dozens of languages. His popular books are Earn What You're Really Worth, Eat That Frog! No Excuses! The Power of Self-Discipline and The Psychology of Achievement.

My Favourite Brian Tracy Quotes

Change your thinking, and you will change your life.

Failure is an inside job. So is success. If you want to achieve you have to win the war in your thinking first.

Goals in writing are dreams with deadlines.

Good habits are hard to develop but easy to live with; bad habits are easy to develop but hard to live with. The habits you have and the habits that have you will determine almost everything you achieve or fail to achieve.

Imagine your ideal future. Visualize yourself as if your life were perfect in every respect.

Luck is predictable; the harder you work, the luckier you get.

Optimism is the one quality more associated with success and happiness than any other.

Practice the philosophy of continuous improvement. Get a little bit better every single day.

Read an hour every day in your chosen field. This works out to about one book per week, fifty books per year, and will guarantee your success.

Resolve in advance to persist until you succeed, no matter what the difficulty.

Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, what's in it for me?

The greatest joys of life are happy memories. Your job is to create as many of them as possible.

The more you discipline yourself to use your time well, the happier you will feel and the better will be the quality of your life in every area.

The word 'no' is a great time-saver. Say no to anything that is not the highest and best use of your time.

There are no limits on what you can achieve with your life, except the limits you accept in your mind.

We believe that 95% of our emotions are determined by the way we talk to yourself as we go throughout our day. The sad fact is that if you do not deliberately and consciously talk to yourself in a positive and constructive way, you will, by default, think about things that will make you unhappy or cause you worry and anxiety. Your mind is like a garden. If you do not deliberately plant flowers and tend carefully, weeds will grow without any encouragement at all.

We feel good about ourselves to the exact degree we feel in control of our lives.

You determine your future by the thoughts and pictures you hold in your mind today.

Your ability to discipline yourself to set clear goals, and then to work toward them every day, will do more to guarantee your success than any other single factor.

Your ability to negotiate, communicate, influence, and persuade others to do things is absolutely indispensable to everything you accomplish in life. The most effective men and women in every area are those who can quite competently organize the cooperation and assistance of other people toward the accomplishment of important goals and objectives.

Your success in life and work will be determined by the kinds of habits that you develop over time. The habit of setting priorities, overcoming procrastination, and getting on with your most important task is a mental and physical skill. As such, this habit is learnable through practice and repetition, over and over again, until it locks into your subconscious mind and becomes a permanent part of your behaviour.

Buddha

Short Bio - The Buddha (also known as Siddhattha Gotama or Siddhartha Gautama or Buddha Shakyamuni) was a philosopher, mendicant, meditator, spiritual teacher, and religious leader who lived in Ancient India (c. 5th to 4th century BCE). He is revered as the founder of the world religion of Buddhism, and worshipped by most Buddhist schools as the Enlightened One who has transcended Karma and escaped the cycle of birth and rebirth. He taught for around 45 years and built a large following, both monastic and lay. His teaching is based on his insight into dukkha typically translated as "suffering" and the end of dukkha – the state called Nibbana or Nirvana.

My Favourite Buddha Quotes

As a mountain of rock is unshaken by wind, so also, the wise are unperturbed by blame or by praise.

Better than a hundred years in the life of a person who is idle and inactive, is a day in the life of one who makes a zealous and strenuous effort.

Better than a thousand hollow words, is one word that brings peace.

Conquer the angry one by not getting angry; conquer the wicked by goodness; conquer the stingy by generosity, and the liar by speaking the truth.

Drop by drop is the water pot filled. Likewise, the wise man, gathering it little by little, fills himself with good.

Hatred does not cease by hatred, but only by love; this is the eternal rule.

Health is the greatest gift; contentment is the greatest wealth.

If anything is worth doing, do it with all your heart.

If one speaks or acts with a pure mind, happiness follows him like a shadow that never leaves him.

If you do not tend to one another, who then will tend to you?

If you knew what I know about the power of giving, you would not let a single meal pass without sharing it in some way.

It is a man's own mind, not his enemy or foe, that lures him to evil ways.

It is easy to see the faults of others, but difficult to see one's own faults.

Meditation brings wisdom; lack of meditation leaves ignorance.

Nothing can harm you as much as your own thoughts unguarded.

People with opinions just go around bothering each other.

Silence the angry man with love. Silence the ill-natured man with kindness. Silence the miser with generosity. Silence the liar with truth.

That deed is not well done, if one has to repent for having done it, and if, with a tearful face, one has to weep as a result of that deed.

The foolish and the ignorant give themselves over to negligence; whereas the wise treasure mindfulness as a precious jewel.

Three things cannot hide for long: the Moon, the Sun and the Truth.

C.S. Lewis

Short Bio - Clive Staples Lewis (29 November 1898 – 22 November 1963) was a British writer and lay theologian. He held academic positions in English literature at both Oxford University (Magdalen College, 1925–1954) and Cambridge University (Magdalene College, 1954–1963). He is best known for his works of fiction, especially *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and *The Space Trilogy*, and for his non-fiction Christian apologetics, such as *Mere Christianity*, *Miracles*, and *The Problem of Pain*. Lewis and fellow novelist J. R. R. Tolkien were close friends. They both served on the English faculty at Oxford University and were active in the informal Oxford literary group known as the Inklings. Lewis's faith profoundly affected his work, and his wartime radio broadcasts on the subject of Christianity brought him wide acclaim.

My Favourite C.S. Lewis Quotes

A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

Crying is all right in its way while it lasts. But you have to stop sooner or later, and then you still have to decide what to do.

Do not let us mistake necessary evils for good.

Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn.

Friendship is born at the moment when one man says to another 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Love is not an affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained.

Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and also harder to bear.

Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.

Nothing you have not given away will ever really be yours.

What you see and what you hear depends a great deal on where you are standing. It also depends on what sort of person you are.

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you.

Carl Jung

Short Bio - Carl Gustav Jung, originally Karl Gustav Jung (26 July 1875 – 6 June 1961), was a Swiss psychiatrist and psychoanalyst who founded analytical psychology. Jung's work has been influential in the fields of psychiatry, anthropology, archaeology, literature, philosophy, and religious studies. Jung worked as a research scientist at the famous Burghölzli hospital, under Eugen Bleuler. During this time, he came to the attention of Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis. The two men conducted a lengthy correspondence and collaborated, for a while, on a joint vision of human psychology. Freud saw the younger Jung as the heir he had been seeking to take forward his "new science" of psychoanalysis and to this end secured his appointment as President of his newly founded International Psychoanalytical Association. Jung's research and personal vision, however, made it impossible for him to follow his older colleague's doctrine, and a schism became inevitable. This division was personally painful for Jung and resulted in the establishment of Jung's analytical psychology as a comprehensive system separate from psychoanalysis.

My Favourite Carl Jung Quotes

A man who has not passed through the inferno of his passions has never overcome them. As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being.

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.

Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the word 'happy' would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness.

Every form of addiction is bad, no matter whether the narcotic be alcohol, morphine or idealism.

I am not what happened to me, I am what I choose to become.

I shall not commit the fashionable stupidity of regarding everything I cannot explain as a fraud.

Knowing your own darkness is the best method for dealing with the darkness of other people.

Nothing has a stronger influence psychologically on their environment and especially on their children than the unlived life of the parent.

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.

The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you truly are.

Thinking is difficult, that is why most people judge.

Until you make the unconscious conscious, it will direct your life and you will call it fate.

We cannot change anything unless we accept it.

Where love rules, there is no will for power, and where power predominates, love is lacking. The one is the shadow of the other.

You are what you do, not what you say you will do.

Your visions will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.

Catherine Ponder

Short Bio - Catherine Ponder (February 14, 1927, in Hartsville, South Carolina) is an American minister and founder of Unity Church Worldwide, affiliated with the Unity Church, and author of several New Thought books on mainly focused on the theme of prosperity. Ponder has written more than a dozen books, which include such bestsellers as her Millionaires of the Bible series. She is a minister of the non-denominational Unity faith and has served in Unity Churches since 1956, and heads a global ministry in Palm Desert, California.

My Favourite Catherine Ponder Quotes

Failure is nothing but success trying to be born in a bigger way. Most seeming failures are just instalments toward victory!

I give thanks that I am now rich, well and happy and that my financial affairs are in divine order. Every day in every way I am growing richer and richer.

I have unshakeable faith in the perfect outcome of every situation in my life, for God is in absolute control.

If people only knew the healing power of laughter and joy, many of our fine doctors would be out of business. Joy is one of nature's greatest medicines. Joy is always healthy. A pleasant state of mind tends to bring abnormal conditions back to normal.

If you want greater prosperity in your life, start forming a vacuum to receive it.

It has been said that work is the highest form of play.

Persistence is a characteristic to which success invariably surrenders.

Poverty is a form of hell caused by man's blindness to God's unlimited good for him. You should be prosperous, well supplied and have abundance of good because it is your divine heritage. Your creator wants you that way.

The forgiving state of mind is a magnetic power for attracting good.

Thoughts of your mind have made you what you are, and thoughts of your mind will make you what you become from this day forward.

What you praise you increase.

Whatever the mind is taught to expect, that it will build, produce, and bring forth for you.

When you hold resentment toward another, you are bound to that person or condition by an emotional link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and get free.

When you realize that prosperity is your divine heritage, you should persist in claiming it.

Why settle for so little in life when you can have so much just by daring to be different in your thinking.

Your giving is sacred and therefore should be kept secret. It is wise to give quietly with no strings attached.

Charles Dickens

Short Bio - Charles John Huffam Dickens FRSA (7 February 1812 – 9 June 1870) was an English writer and social critic. He created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded by many as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era. His works enjoyed unprecedented popularity during his lifetime and, by the 20th century, critics and scholars had recognised him as a literary genius. His novels and short stories are still widely read today.

My Favourite Charles Dickens Quotes

A loving heart is the truest wisdom.

Ask no questions, and you will be told no lies.

Every traveler has a home of his own, and he learns to appreciate it the more from his wandering.

Family not only needs to consist of merely those whom we share blood, but also of those whom we would give blood.

Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.

I must be taken as I have been made. The success is not mine; the failure is not mine, but the two together make me.

My meaning simply is, that whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do well; that whatever I have devoted myself to I have devoted myself completely; that in great aims and in small, I have always been thoroughly in earnest.

Never close your lips to those whom you have already opened your heart.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

Reflect upon your present blessings – of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

Take nothing on its looks; take everything on evidence. There is no better rule.

The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again.

There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.

We need never be ashamed of our tears.

Cicero

Short Bio - Marcus Tullius Cicero (3 January 106 – 7 December 43 BC) was a Roman statesman, lawyer, scholar and Academic Skeptic who played an important role in the politics of the late Roman Republic and upheld optimate principles during the crisis that led to the establishment of the Roman Empire. His extensive writings include treatises on rhetoric, philosophy and politics, and he is considered one of Rome's greatest orators and prose stylists. He came from a wealthy municipal family of the Roman equestrian order, and served as consul in 63 BC. His influence on the Latin language was immense: he wrote more than three-quarters of surviving Latin literature from the period of his adult life, and it has been said that subsequent prose was either a reaction against or a return to his style, not only in Latin but in European languages up to the 19th century. Cicero introduced into Latin the arguments of the chief schools of Hellenistic philosophy and created a Latin philosophical vocabulary with neologisms such as *evidentia*, *humanitas*, *quantitas*, and *essential*, distinguishing himself as a translator and philosopher.

My Favourite Cicero Quotes

A friend is, as it were, a second self.

A home without books is a body without soul.

A man of courage is also full of faith.

A man would have no pleasures in discovering all the beauties of the universe, even in heaven itself, unless he had a partner to whom he might communicate his joys.

A mind without instruction can no more bear fruit than can a field, however fertile, without cultivation.

A wise man does nothing by constraint.

Ability without honour is useless.

All action is of the mind and the mirror of the mind is the face, its index the eyes.

All soils are not fertile.

An unjust peace is better than a just war.

Anger should never appear in awarding punishment.

Any man can make mistakes, but only an idiot persists in his error.

All men of genius are melancholy.

As fire when thrown into water is cooled down and put out, so also a false accusation when brought against a man of the purest and holiest character, boils over and is at once dissipated, and vanishes and threats of heaven and sea, himself standing unmoved.

Books are the food of youth, the delight of old age; the ornament of prosperity, the refuge and comfort of adversity; a delight at home, and no hindrance abroad; companions by night, in traveling, in the country.

By doubting we come at truth.

Cultivation to the mind is as necessary as food to the body.

Do not blame Caesar, blame the people of Rome who have so enthusiastically acclaimed and adored him and rejoiced in their loss of freedom and danced in his path and gave him triumphal processions. Blame the people who hail him when he speaks in the Forum of the 'new, wonderful good society' which shall now be Rome, interpreted to mean 'more money, more ease, more security, more living fatly at the expense of the industrious.'

Do not hold the delusion that your advancement is accomplished by crushing others.

Every word that is unnecessary only pours over the side of a brimming mind.

Extreme justice is extreme injustice.

For my own part, I had rather be old only a short time than be old before I really am so.

Glory follows virtue as if it were its shadow.

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.

Guilt is present in the very hesitation, even though the deed be not committed.

Habit is, as it were, a second nature.

Hatred is settled anger.

If we are not ashamed to think it, we should not be ashamed to say it.

If wisdom be attainable, let us not only win but enjoy it.

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started.

In men of the highest character and noblest genius there is to be found an insatiable desire for honour, command, power, and glory.

Inability to tell good from evil is the greatest worry of man's life.

It is as hard for the good to suspect evil, as it is for the bad to suspect good.

It is exercise alone that supports the spirits and keeps the mind in vigour.

It is not a virtue, but a deceptive copy and imitation of virtue when we are led to the performance of duty by pleasure as its recompense.

It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and judgment.

It is the peculiar quality of a fool to perceive the faults of others and to forget his own.

Just as the soul fills the body, so God fills the world. Just as the soul bears the body, so God endures the world. Just as the soul sees but is not seen, so God sees but is not seen. Just as the soul feeds the body, so God gives food to the world.

Laws are silent in time of war.

Man is his own worst enemy.

Man was born for two things - thinking and acting.

Many wish not so much to be virtuous, as to seem to be.

Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things.

My precept to all who build, is, that the owner should be an ornament to the house, and not the house to the owner.

No one has the right to be sorry for himself for a misfortune that strikes everyone.

No one was ever great without some portion of divine inspiration.

Not cohabitation but consensus constitutes marriage.

Of all nature's gifts to the human race, what is sweeter to a man than his children?

Rather leave the crime of the guilty unpunished than condemn the innocent.

Read at every wait; read at all hours; read within leisure; read in times of labour; read as one goes in; read as one goes out. The task of the educated mind is simply put - read to lead.

Silence is one of the great arts of conversation.

The authority of those who teach is often an obstacle to those who want to learn.

The best interpreter of the law is custom.

The cultivation of the mind is a kind of food supplied for the soul of man.

The diseases of the mind are more and more destructive than those of the body.

The existence of virtue depends entirely upon its use.

The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory.

The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk.

The life given us, by nature is short; but the memory of a well-spent life is eternal.

The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.

The most desirable thing in life after health and modest means is leisure with dignity.

The wise are instructed by reason, average minds by experience, the stupid by necessity and the brute by instinct.

Though silence is not necessarily an admission, it is not a denial, either.

To be content with what we possess is the greatest and most secure of riches.

To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?

To live long, live slowly.

Trust no one unless you have eaten much salt with him.

You must therefore love me, myself, and not my circumstances, if we are to be real friends.

Confucius

Short Bio - Confucius (551–479 BCE) was a Chinese philosopher and politician of the Spring and Autumn period who was traditionally considered the paragon of Chinese sages. The philosophy of Confucius, also known as Confucianism, emphasized personal and governmental morality, correctness of social relationships, justice, kindness, and sincerity. Confucianism was part of the Chinese social fabric and way of life. To Confucians, everyday life was the arena of religion. His followers competed successfully with many other schools during the Hundred Schools of Thought era only to be suppressed in favour of the Legalists during the Qin dynasty. Following the victor of Han over Chu after the collapse of Qin, Confucius's thoughts received official sanction in the new government.

My Favourite Confucius Quotes

Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves.

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.

Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself.

Do not complain about the snow on your neighbour's roof when your own doorstep is unclean.

Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.

Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.

He who knows all the answers has not been asked all the questions.

If you make a mistake and do not correct it, this is called a mistake.

If your plan is for one-year plant rice. If your plan is for 10 years plant trees. If your plan is for 100 years, educate children.

In a country well-governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of.

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works.

All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get.

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.

Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.

Respect yourself and others will respect you.

The funniest people are the saddest ones.

The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute, the man who does not ask is a fool for life.

The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

The man who says he can, and the man who says he can't are both correct.

When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, do not adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.

Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.

You cannot open a book without learning something.

Dalai Lama

Short Bio - Dalai Lama is a title given by the Tibetan people to the foremost spiritual leader of the Gelug or "Yellow Hat" school of Tibetan Buddhism, the newest of the classical schools of Tibetan Buddhism. The 14th and current Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso, who lives as a refugee in India. The Dalai Lama is also considered to be the successor in a line of tulkus who are believed to be incarnations of Avalokiteavara, a Bodhisattva of Compassion.

My Favourite Dalai Lama Quotes

A disciplined mind leads to happiness, and an undisciplined mind leads to suffering.

Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.

Choose to be optimistic, it feels better.

Compassion is the radicalism of our time.

Give the ones you love wings to fly, roots to come back, and reasons to stay.

Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions.
If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others.

Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.

People take different roads seeking fulfilment and happiness. Just because they are not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost.

Remember that sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck.

The goal is not to be better than the other man, but your previous self.

The world does not belong to leaders. The world belongs to all humanity.

To conquer oneself is a greater victory than to conquer thousands in a battle.

We need to learn to want what we have, not to have what we want, in order to get stable and steady happiness.

Dale Carnegie

Short Bio - Dale Carnegie (November 24, 1888 – November 1, 1955) was an American writer and lecturer, and the developer of courses in self-improvement, salesmanship, corporate training, public speaking, and interpersonal skills. Born into poverty on a farm in Missouri, he was the author of *How to Win Friends and Influence People* (1936), a bestseller that remains popular today. He also wrote *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living* (1948), *Lincoln the Unknown* (1932), and several other books. One of the core ideas in his books is that it is possible to change other people's behaviour by changing one's behaviour towards them.

My Favourite Dale Carnegie Quotes

Any fool can criticize, complain, and condemn - and most fools do. But it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving.

Do not be afraid of enemies who attack you. Be afraid of the friends who flatter you.

Even God doesn't propose to judge a man till his last days, why should you and I?

Happiness does not depend on outward conditions. It depends on inner conditions.

I have concluded that there is only one way under high heaven to get the best of an argument - and that is to avoid it.

If you are not in the process of becoming the person you want to be, you are automatically engaged in becoming the person you do not want to be.

If you want to keep happiness, you have to share it.

It is not what you have or who you are or where you are or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about.

Knowledge is not power until it is applied.

Our fatigue is often caused not by work, but by worry, frustration and resentment.

Our thoughts make us what we are.

Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

Talk to someone about themselves and they will listen for hours.

Today is our most precious possession. It is our only sure possession.

We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses blooming outside our windows today.

When dealing with people, remember you are not dealing with creatures of logic, but with creatures bristling with prejudice and motivated by pride and vanity.

When we hate our enemies, we are giving them power over us: power over our sleep, our appetites, our blood pressure, our health, and our happiness.

You can conquer almost any fear if you will only make up your mind to do so. For remember, fear does not exist anywhere except in the mind.

You can measure the size of a person by what makes him or her angry.

Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation, for your character is what you are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

Deepak Chopra

Short Bio - Deepak Chopra (born October 22, 1946) is an Indian-American author and alternative-medicine advocate. A prominent figure in the New Age movement, his books and videos have made him one of the best-known and wealthiest figures in alternative medicine. Chopra studied medicine in India before emigrating in 1970 to the United States, where he completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in endocrinology. As a licensed physician, in 1980 he became chief of staff at the New England Memorial Hospital. In 1985, he met Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and became involved in the Transcendental Meditation (TM) movement. Shortly thereafter he resigned his position at NEMH to establish the Maharishi Ayurveda Health Center. In 1993, Chopra gained a following after he was interviewed about his books on The Oprah Winfrey Show. He then left the TM movement to become the executive director of Sharp HealthCare's Center for Mind-Body Medicine. In 1996, he co-founded the Chopra Center for Wellbeing.

My Favourite Deepak Chopra Quotes

A risk-free life is far from being a healthy life.

Always go with your passions. Never ask yourself if it is realistic or not.

Do not try to steer the river.

Even when you think you have your life all mapped out; things happen that shape your destiny in ways you might never have imagined.

Every time you are tempted to react in the same old way, ask if you want to be a prisoner of the past or a pioneer of the future.

Everyone is acting from his own level of consciousness. This is all we can ask of ourselves or anyone else.

However hurtful someone is, he is doing the best he can, given the limits of his consciousness.

I dislike the word 'self-help.' Self-awareness, yes, but not self-help.

I have worked all my life on the subject of awareness, whether it is awareness of the body, awareness of the mind, awareness of your emotions, awareness of your relationships, or awareness of your environment. I think the key to transforming your life is to be aware of who you are.

If you focus on success, you will have stress. But if you pursue excellence, success will be guaranteed.

Love does not need reason. It speaks from the irrational wisdom of the heart.

Meditation makes the entire nervous system go into a field of coherence.

Success comes when people act together; failure tends to happen alone.

The highest levels of performance come to people who are centred, intuitive, creative, and reflective – people who know to see a problem as an opportunity.

The most creative act you will ever undertake is the act of creating yourself.

The worst curse to befall anyone is stagnation, a banal existence, the quiet desperation that comes out of a need for conformity.

There is just no getting around that turning bad things into good things is up to you.

Walk with those seeking truth. Run from those who think they have found it.

When you struggle with your partner, you are struggling with yourself. Every fault you see in them touches a denied weakness in yourself.

You alone are the judge of your worth and your goal is to discover infinite worth in yourself, no matter what anyone else thinks.

You cannot make positive choices for the rest of your life without an environment that makes those choices easy, natural, and enjoyable.

You must find the place inside yourself where nothing is impossible.

Descartes

Short Bio - René Descartes (31 March 1596 – 11 February 1650) was a French born philosopher, mathematician, and scientist who spent a large portion of his working life in the Dutch Republic, initially serving the Dutch States Army of Maurice of Nassau, Prince of Orange and the Stadtholder of the United Provinces. One of the most notable intellectual figures of the Dutch Golden Age, Descartes is also widely regarded as one of the founders of modern philosophy.

My Favourite Descartes Quotes

I think; therefore I am.

If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things.

To know what people really think, pay regard to what they do, rather than what they say.

When it is not in our power to determine what is true, we ought to follow what is most probable.

If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice.

For the very fact that my knowledge is increasing little by little is the most certain argument for its imperfection.

Common sense is the most widely shared commodity in the world, for every man is convinced that he is well supplied with it.

Hope is the desire of the soul to be convinced that the dream will come true.

We do not see the world we see; we see the world we can describe.

I undertook to conquer myself rather than fortune, and to alter my desires rather than change the order of the world, and to accustom myself to believe that nothing is entirely in our power except our own thoughts.

Conquer yourself rather than the world.

It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well. It is not good enough to have

good talent, the main thing is to apply it well.

Control your body if you want your mind to work properly.

The reading of all good books is like a conversation with the finest minds of past centuries.

There is a huge amount of freedom that comes to you when you take nothing personally.

When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you will not be the victim of needless suffering.

Whatever happens around, do not take it personally. Nothing other people do is because of you. It is because of themselves.

When we believe in the lies, we cannot see the truth, so we make thousands of assumptions and we take them as truth. One of the biggest assumptions we make is that the lies we believe are the truth.

All of the drama you suffer in your personal life is the result of believing in lies, mainly about yourself.

It's difficult to try and be what you are not. Being what you are doesn't require any effort. When you become wise, you accept yourself the way you are, and the complete acceptance of yourself becomes the complete acceptance of everyone else.

I am responsible for what I say, but I am not responsible for what you understand.

Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

Find the courage to ask questions, and to express what you really want.

Do not take anything personally. Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality. Their own dream.

To become masters of love, we have to practice love.

The happiest moments in your life are when you are playing just like a child when you are exploring and creating just for fun. It is wonderful when you behave like a child because this is the normal human tendency.

When we love each other unconditionally, our mirror is clean; we see others and ourselves as we really are, as beautiful beings.

Whatever life takes away from you, let it go.

True justice is paying only once for each mistake. True injustice is paying more than once for each mistake.

I am the love of my life, the marriage between my mind and my body.

The best way to say I love you God, is to live your life doing your best.

When the love comes from somebody else, we can feel it and it is nice, but when we feel our own love, it is the best thing that can happen to us.

You can have many great ideas in your head, but what makes a difference is the action without action upon an idea, there will be no manifestation, no results, and no reward.

The whole world can love you, but that love will not make you happy. What will make you happy is the love coming out of you.

The more you practice gratitude, the more you see how much there is to be grateful for, and your life becomes an ongoing celebration of joy and happiness.

Eckhart Tolle

Short Bio - Eckhart Tolle (February 16, 1948) is a spiritual teacher and best-selling author. He is a German-born resident of Canada best known as the author of *The Power of Now* and *A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*. In 2008, *The New York Times* called Tolle, "the most popular spiritual author in the United States." In 2011, he was listed by *Watkins Review* as the most spiritually influential person in the world. Tolle does not identify with any specific religion, but he has been influenced by a wide range of spiritual works. Tolle said he was depressed for much of his life until age 29 when he experienced an "inner transformation." He then spent several years wandering "in a state of deep bliss" before becoming a spiritual teacher. He moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1995 and currently divides his time between Canada and California. He began writing his first book, *The Power of Now*, in 1997 and it reached *The New York Times* Best Seller list in 2000.

My Favourite Eckhart Tolle Quotes

The more you practice gratitude, the more you see how much there is to be grateful for, and your life becomes an ongoing celebration of joy and happiness.

Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.

Anything that you resent and strongly react to in another is also in you.

In today's rush we all think too much, seek too much, want too much and forget about the joy of just being.

People do not realize that now is all there ever is; there is no past or future except as memory or anticipation in your mind.

Sometimes letting things go is an act of far greater power than defending or hanging on.

The power for creating a better future is contained in the present moment. You create a good future by creating a good present.

The primary cause of unhappiness is never the situation but your thoughts about it.

What a caterpillar calls the end of the world we call a butterfly.

Whatever you fight, you strengthen, and what you resist, persists.

Words reduce reality to something the human mind can grasp, which isn't very much.

You can only lose something that you have, but you cannot lose something that you are.

Edmund Burke

Short Bio - Edmund Burke (12 January 1729– 9 July 1797) was an Anglo-Irish statesman and philosopher. Born in Dublin, Burke served as a member of parliament (MP) between 1766 and 1794 in the House of Commons of Great Britain with the Whig Party after moving to London in 1750. Burke was a proponent of underpinning virtues with manners in society and of the importance of religious institutions for the moral stability and good of the state. These views were expressed in his *A Vindication of Natural Society*. He criticised the actions of the British government towards the American colonies, including its taxation policies. Burke also supported the rights of the colonists to resist metropolitan authority, although he opposed the attempt to achieve independence. He is remembered for his support for Catholic emancipation, the impeachment of Warren Hastings from the East India Company, and his staunch opposition to the French Revolution.

My Favourite Edmund Burke Quotes

Flattery corrupts both the receiver and the giver, and adulation is not of more service to the people than to kings.

He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.

If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free. If our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed.

It is generally, in the season of prosperity that men discover their real temper, principles and design.

Liberty does not exist in the absence of morality.

Never apologize for showing feeling. When you do so, you apologize for the truth.

No power so effectually robs the mind of all its powers of acting and reasoning as fear.

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.

Our patience will achieve more than our force.

Rage and frenzy will pull down more in half an hour than prudence, deliberation, and foresight can build up in a hundred years.

Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting.

Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength.

We set ourselves to bite the hand that feeds us.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Short Bio - Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (October 11, 1884 – November 7, 1962) was an American political figure, diplomat and activist. She served as the First Lady of the United States from March 4, 1933, to April 12, 1945, during her husband President Franklin D. Roosevelt's four terms in office, making her the longest-serving First Lady of the United States. Roosevelt served as United States Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly from 1945 to 1952. President Harry S. Truman later called her the "First Lady of the World" in tribute to her human rights achievements.

My Favourite Eleanor Roosevelt Quotes

A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader. A great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.

A stumbling-block to the pessimist is a stepping-stone to the optimist.

A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it is in hot water.

Do one thing every day that scares you.

Do what you feel in your heart to be right - for you will be criticized anyway.

Friendship with one's self is all important, because without it one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world.

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product.

I believe anyone can conquer fear by doing the things he fears to do, provided he keeps doing them until he gets a record of successful experience behind him.

It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.

It is not enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it is not enough to believe in it.

One must work at it.

It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life.

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously.

Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness you are able to give.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

The giving of love is an education in itself.

To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present.

You can often change your circumstances by changing your attitude.

You would not worry so much about what others think of you if you realized how seldom they do.

Epictetus

Short Bio - Epictetus (50 – 135 AD) was a Greek Stoic philosopher. He was born a slave at Hierapolis, Phrygia (present day Pamukkale, Turkey) and lived in Rome until his banishment, when he went to Nicopolis in north-western Greece for the rest of his life. His teachings were written down and published by his pupil Arrian in his Discourses and Enchiridion. Epictetus taught that philosophy is a way of life and not just a theoretical discipline. To Epictetus, all external events are beyond our control; we should accept whatever happens calmly and dispassionately. However, individuals are responsible for their own actions, which they can examine and control through rigorous self-discipline.

My Favourite Epictetus Quotes

Keep silence for the most part, and speak only when you must, and then briefly.

There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will.

Events do not just happen but arrive by appointment.

Happiness and freedom begin with a clear understanding of one principle some things are within

your control and some things are not.

Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants.

Do not explain your philosophy embody it.

Fortify yourself with moderation; for this is an impregnable fortress.

To accuse of others for one's own misfortunes is a sign of want of education. To accuse oneself shows that one's education has begun. To accuse neither oneself nor others shows that one's education is complete.

It is your own convictions which compels you; that is, choice compels choice.

It is the nature of the wise to resist pleasures, but the foolish to be a slave to them.

You should act without the approval of others.

Suffering arises from trying to control what is uncontrollable, or from neglecting what is within our power.

The essence of philosophy is that a man should so live that his happiness shall depend as little as possible on external things.

No great thing is created suddenly.

It is not events that disturb the minds of men, but the view they take of them.

If you want to be a writer, write.

Circumstances do not make the man; they only reveal him to himself.

He who laughs at himself never runs out of things to laugh at.

The key is to keep company only with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best.

No man is free who is not a master of himself.

It takes more than just a good-looking body. You have got to have the heart and soul to go with it.

If you want any good, get it from within.

Only the educated are free.

Freedom is the right to live as we wish.

Any person capable of angering you becomes your master.

First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do.

It is not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters.

We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.

Make the best use of what is in your power and take the rest as it happens.

Epicurus

Short Bio - Epicurus (341–270 BC) was an ancient Greek philosopher and sage who founded Epicureanism, a highly influential school of philosophy. He was born on the Greek island of Samos to Athenian parents. Influenced by Democritus, Aristippus, Pyrrho, and possibly the Cynics, he turned against the Platonism of his day and established his own school, known as “the Garden”, in Athens. Epicurus and his followers were known for eating simple meals and discussing a wide range of philosophical subjects. He openly allowed women to join the school as a matter of policy.

My Favourite Epicurus Quotes

A blessed and indestructible being has no trouble himself and brings no trouble upon any other being; so, he is free from anger and partiality, for all such things imply weakness.

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.

Empty is the argument of the philosopher which does not relieve any human suffering.

He who has peace of mind disturbs neither himself nor another.

He who is not satisfied with a little, is satisfied with nothing.

I have never wished to cater to the crowd; for what I know they do not approve, and what they approve I do not know.

I never desired to please the rabble. What pleased them, I did not learn; and what I knew was far removed from their understanding.

If God listened to the prayers of men, all men would quickly have perished: for they are forever praying for evil against one another.

If thou wilt make a man happy, add not unto his riches but take away from his desires.

It is impossible to live a pleasant life without living wisely and well and justly. And it is impossible to live wisely and well and justly without living a pleasant life.

It is not so much our friends' help that helps us, as the confidence of their help.

Let no one be slow to seek wisdom when he is young nor weary in the search of it when he has grown old. For no age is too early or too late for the health of the soul.

Not what we have but what we enjoy, constitutes our abundance.

Of all the things which wisdom provides to make us entirely happy, much the greatest is the possession of friendship.

Riches do not exhilarate us so much with their possession as they torment us with their loss.

The art of living well and the art of dying well are one.

The misfortune of the wise is better than the prosperity of the fool.

We should look for someone to eat and drink with before looking for something to eat and drink.

Why should I fear death? If I am, death is not. If death is, I am not. Why should I fear that which can only exist when I do not?

Ernest Hemingway

Short Bio - Ernest Miller Hemingway (July 21, 1899 – July 2, 1961) was an American novelist, short-story writer, journalist, and sportsman. His economical and understated style - which he termed the iceberg theory - had a strong influence on 20th-century fiction, while his adventurous lifestyle and his public image brought him admiration from later generations. Hemingway produced most of his work between the mid-1920s and the mid-1950s, and he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954. He published seven novels, six short-story collections, and two nonfiction works. Three of his novels, four short-story collections, and three nonfiction works were published posthumously. Many of his works are considered classics of American literature.

My Favourite Ernest Hemingway Quotes

Courage is grace under pressure.

Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived and how he died that distinguish one man from another.

Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know.

It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.

Let him think that I am more man than I am, and I will be so.

Never confuse movement with action.

Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime.

No, that is the great fallacy: the wisdom of old men. They do not grow wise. They grow careful.

Now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is.

So far, about morals, I know only that what is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after.

The best people possess a feeling for beauty, the courage to take risks, the discipline to tell the truth, the capacity for sacrifice. Ironically, their virtues make them vulnerable; they are often wounded, sometimes destroyed.

The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.

The most painful thing is losing yourself in the process of loving someone too much and forgetting that you are special too.

There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.

There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.

When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.

Worry a little bit every day and in a lifetime, you will lose a couple of years. If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry: Worry never fixes anything.

Florence Scovel Shinn

Short Bio - Florence Scovel Shinn (September 24, 1871 in Camden, New Jersey – October 17, 1940) was an American artist and book illustrator who became a New Thought spiritual teacher and metaphysical writer in her middle years. In New Thought circles, Shinn is best known for her first book, *The Game of Life and How to Play It* (1925). She expressed her philosophy as: "The invisible forces are ever working for man who is always 'pulling the strings' himself, though he does not know it. Owing to the vibratory power of words, whatever man voices, he begins to attract." *The Game of Life*, Florence Scovel Shinn

My Favourite Florence Scovel Shinn Quotes

All that is mine by Divine Right is now released and reaches me in great avalanches of abundance, under grace in miraculous ways.

Although some people think that life is a battle, it is actually a game of giving and receiving.

Every great work, every big accomplishment, has been brought into manifestation through holding to the vision, and often just before the big achievement, comes apparent failure and

discouragement.

Gratitude is the law of increase, and complaint is the law of decrease.

Infinite Spirit open the way for my great abundance. I am an irresistible magnet for all that belongs to me by Divine Right.

Intuition is a spiritual faculty and does not explain, but simply points the way.

Man can only receive what he sees himself receiving.

Never do today what intuition says to do tomorrow.

No man is a success in business unless he loves his work.

Owing to the vibratory power of words, whatever man voices, he begins to attract.

The game of life is a game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later with astounding accuracy.

The trouble with most people is that they want to know the way and the channels beforehand. They want to tell Supreme Intelligence just how their prayers should be answered. They do not trust the wisdom and ingenuity of God.

Unforgiveness is the most prolific cause of disease. It will harden arteries or liver and affect the eyesight. In its train are endless ills.

When you send out real love, real love will return to you.

You must live fully in the now to make your dreams come true.

Your word is your wand. The words you speak create your own destiny.

Francis Bacon

Short Bio - Francis Bacon, 1st Viscount St Alban, (22 January 1561 – 9 April 1626), also known as Lord Verulam, was an English philosopher and statesman who served as Attorney General and as Lord Chancellor of England. His works are credited with developing the scientific method and remained influential through the scientific revolution.

My Favourite Francis Bacon Quotes

A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.

A man that hath no virtue in himself ever envies virtue in others.

A man that studies revenge keeps his own wounds green.

All colours will agree in the dark.

But by far the greatest obstacle to the progress of science and to the undertaking of new tasks and provinces therein is found in this - that men despair and think things impossible.

Death is a friend of ours; and he that is not ready to entertain him is not at home.

Human knowledge and human power meet in one; for where the cause is not known the effect cannot be produced.

If a man looks sharply and attentively, he shall see fortune; for though she is blind, she is not invisible.

Men fear death as children fear to go in the dark; and as that natural fear in children is increased with tales, so is the other.

Men must know that in this theatre of man's life it is reserved only for God and angels to be lookers on.

Nothing is pleasant which is not spiced with variety.

Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.

Seek first the virtues of the mind; and other things either will come or will not be wanted.

Silence is the virtue of fools.

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.

That which is past is gone and irrevocable, and wise men have enough to do with things present and to come.

The desire of power in excess caused the angels to fall; the desire of knowledge in excess caused man to fall.

Truth will sooner come out from error than from confusion.

Franz Kafka

Short Bio - Franz Kafka (3 July 1883 – 3 June 1924) was a German-speaking Bohemian novelist and short-story writer, widely regarded as one of the major figures of 20th-century literature. His work fuses elements of realism and the fantastic. It typically features isolated protagonists facing bizarre or surrealistic predicaments and incomprehensible socio-bureaucratic powers. It has been interpreted as exploring themes of alienation, existential anxiety, guilt, and absurdity. His best known works include "Die Verwandlung" ("The Metamorphosis"), *Der Process* (*The Trial*), and *Das Schloss*

(The Castle). The term Kafkaesque has entered the English language to describe situations like those found in his writing.

My Favourite Franz Kafka Quotes

Better to have, and not need, than to need, and not have.

By believing passionately in something that still does not exist, we create it. The non-existent is whatever we have not sufficiently desired.

Do not waste your time looking for an obstacle – maybe there is none.

Do not bend; do not water it down; do not try to make it logical; do not edit your own soul according to the fashion. Rather, follow your most intense obsessions mercilessly.

He is terribly afraid of dying because he has not yet lived.

I can love only what I can place so high above me that I cannot reach it.

I usually solve problems by letting them devour me.

I write differently from what I speak, I speak differently from what I think, I think differently from the way I ought to think, and so it all proceeds into deepest darkness.

Start with what is right rather than what is acceptable.

There are two cardinal sins from which all others spring: impatience and laziness.

They are talking about things of which they do not have the slightest understanding, anyway. It is only because of their stupidity that they are able to be so sure of themselves.

Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.

Galileo Galilei

Short Bio - Galileo di Vincenzo Bonaiuti de' Galilei (Italian: 15 February 1564 – 8 January 1642) was an Italian astronomer, physicist and engineer, sometimes described as a polymath, from Pisa. Galileo has been called the “father of observational astronomy”, the “father of modern physics”, the “father of the scientific method”, and the “father of modern science”. Galileo studies speed and velocity, gravity and free fall, the principle of relativity, inertia, projectile motion and also worked in applied science and technology, describing the properties of pendulums and “hydrostatic balances”. He invented the thermoscope and various military compasses, and used the telescope for scientific observations of celestial objects. His contributions to observational astronomy include the telescopic confirmation of the phases of Venus, the observation of the four largest satellites of Jupiter, the observation of Saturn’s rings, and the analysis of sunspots.

My Favourite Galileo Galilei Quotes

All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them.

By denying scientific principles, one may maintain any paradox.

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use.

I have never met a man so ignorant that I could not learn something from him.

In questions of science, the authority of a thousand is not worth the humble reasoning of a single individual.

I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night.

Long experience has taught me this about the status of mankind with regard to matters requiring thought: the less people know and understand about them, the more positively they attempt to argue concerning them, while on the other hand to know and understand a multitude of things renders men cautious in passing judgment upon anything new.

Mathematics is the language with which God has written the universe.

Measure what is measurable and make measurable what is not so.

The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do.

There are those who reason well, but they are greatly outnumbered by those who reason badly.

We cannot teach people anything; we can only help them discover it within themselves.

Where the senses fail us, reason must step in.

Wine is sunlight, held together by water.

George Bernard Shaw

Short Bio - George Bernard Shaw (26 July 1856 – 2 November 1950), known at his insistence simply as Bernard Shaw, was an Irish playwright, critic, polemicist and political activist. His influence on Western theatre, culture and politics extended from the 1880s to his death and beyond. He wrote more than sixty plays, including major works such as *Man and Superman* (1902), *Pygmalion* (1912) and *Saint Joan* (1923). With a range incorporating both contemporary satire and historical allegory, Shaw became the leading dramatist of his generation, and in 1925 was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

My Favourite George Bernard Shaw Quotes

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance.

If you cannot get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you would best teach it to dance.

Just do what must be done. This may not be happiness, but it is greatness.

People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.

Silence is the most perfect expression of scorn.

Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time.

Two percent of the people think. Three percent of the people think they think. And ninety-five percent of the people would rather die than think.

Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will.

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

Life is not meant to be easy my child but take courage: it can be delightful.

You use a glass mirror to see your face; you use works of art to see your soul.

Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

I know of only one duty, and that is to love.

The most tragic thing in the world is a man of genius who is not a man of honour.

Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not.

Most people do not pray; they only beg.

He who can, does.

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world. The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

A gentleman is one who puts more into the world than he takes out.

Do not wait for the right opportunity: create it.

The unconscious self is the real genius. Your breathing goes wrong the moment your conscious self-meddles with it.

We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

Imagination is the beginning of creation.

The harder I work the more I live.

What a man believes may be ascertained, not from his creed but from the assumptions on which he habitually acts.

The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they cannot find them, make them.

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.

The goal of an artist is to create the definitive work that cannot be surpassed.

Do not fight with pigs – you will be smeared in mud, but the pig will like it.

The whole problem with the world is the fools and fanatics are always so sure of themselves, and wiser people are full of doubts.

Now that we have learned to fly in the air like birds and dive in the sea like fish, only one thing remains – to learn to live on earth like humans.

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

George Orwell

Short Bio - Eric Arthur Blair (25 June 1903 – 21 January 1950), known by his pen name George Orwell, was an English novelist, essayist, journalist and critic. His work is characterised by lucid prose, biting social criticism, opposition to totalitarianism, and outspoken support of democratic socialism. As a writer, Orwell produced literary criticism and poetry, fiction and polemical journalism; and is best known for the allegorical novella *Animal Farm* (1945) and the dystopian novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1949). His non-fiction works, including *The Road to Wigan Pier* (1937), documenting his experience of working-class life in the north of England, and *Homage to Catalonia* (1938), an account of his experiences soldiering for the Republican faction of the Spanish Civil War (1936–1939), are as critically respected as his essays on politics and literature, language and culture. In 2008, *The Times* ranked George Orwell second among “The 50 greatest British writers since 1945”.

My Favourite George Orwell Quotes

A people that elects corrupt politicians, imposters, thieves and traitors are not victims, but accomplices.

If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.

In general, the greater the understanding, the greater the delusion; the more intelligent, the less sane.

Man is the only creature that consumes without producing.

Men can only be happy when they do not assume that the object of life is happiness.

On the whole human beings want to be good, but not too good, and not quite all the time.

People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.

Perhaps one did not want to be loved so much as to be understood.

Power is in tearing human minds to pieces and putting them together again in new shapes of your own choosing.

Reality exists in the human mind, and nowhere else.

The choice for mankind lies between freedom and happiness and for the great bulk of mankind, happiness is better.

The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.

We know that no one ever seizes power with the intention of relinquishing it.

Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past.

Helen Keller

Short Bio - Helen Adams Keller (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968) was an American author, disability rights advocate, political activist and lecturer. Born in West Tuscumbia, Alabama, she lost her sight and hearing after a bout of illness at the age of nineteen months. She then communicated primarily using home signs until the age of seven when she met her first teacher and life-long companion Anne Sullivan, who taught her language, including reading and writing. Sullivan's first lessons involved spelling words on Keller's hand to show her the names of objects around her. She also learned how to speak and to understand other people's speech using the Tadoma method. After an education at both specialist and mainstream schools, she attended Radcliffe College of Harvard University and became the first deafblind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. She worked for the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) from 1924 until 1968, during which time she toured the

United States and travelled to 39 countries around the globe advocating for those with vision loss.

My Favourite Helen Keller Quotes

Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. The fearful are caught as often as the bold.

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but still, I can do something; And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

Instead of comparing our lot with that of those who are more fortunate than we are, we should compare it with the lot of the great majority of our fellow men. It then appears that we are among the privileged.

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.

Knowledge is love and light and vision.

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.

Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.

No one has a right to consume happiness without producing it.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

People do not like to think. If one thinks, one must reach conclusions. Conclusions are not always pleasant.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.

Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.

We could never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in the world.

When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us.

While they were saying among themselves it cannot be done, it was done.

Your success and happiness lie in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

Henry Ford

Short Bio - Henry Ford (July 30, 1863 – April 7, 1947) was an American industrialist and business magnate, founder of the Ford Motor Company, and chief developer of the assembly line technique of mass production. By creating the first automobile that middle-class Americans could afford, he converted the automobile from an expensive curiosity into an accessible conveyance that profoundly impacted the landscape of the 20th century.

My Favourite Henry Ford Quotes

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.

Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice.

Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

Do not find fault, find a remedy; anybody can complain.

Failure is only the opportunity more intelligently to begin again.

If money is your hope for independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a man can have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience and ability.

If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from that person's angle as well as from your own.

If you always do what you have always done, you'll always get what you've always got.

It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste.

Most people spend more time and energy going around problems than in trying to solve them.

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.

One of the greatest discoveries a person makes, one of their great surprises, is to find they can do what they were afraid they could not do.

Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.

The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.

There is no man living who is not capable of doing more than he thinks he can do.

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason, so few engage in it.

Whether you think you can, or you think you cannot—you are right.

You cannot build a reputation on what you are going to do.

You say I started out with practically nothing, but that is not correct. We all start with all there is, it is how we use it that makes things possible.

Vision without execution is just hallucination.

Homer

Short Bio - Homer is the presumed author of the Iliad and the Odyssey, two epic poems that are the foundational works of ancient Greek literature. The Iliad is set during the Trojan War, the ten-year siege of the city of Troy by a coalition of Greek kingdoms. It focuses on a quarrel between King Agamemnon and the warrior Achilles lasting a few weeks during the last year of the war. The Odyssey focuses on the ten-year journey home of Odysseus, king of Ithaca, after the fall of Troy. Many accounts of Homer's life circulated in classical antiquity, the most widespread being that he was a blind bard from Ionia, a region of central coastal Anatolia in present-day Turkey. Modern scholars consider these accounts legendary.

My Favourite Homer Quotes

After the event, even a fool is wise.

Always to be best and distinguished above the rest.

Be both a speaker of words and a doer of deeds.

Be still my heart; thou hast known worse than this.

Because they are stupid, that is why. That is why everybody does everything.

Each man delights in the work that suits him best.

Even where sleep is concerned, too much is a bad thing.

For a friend with an understanding heart is worth no less than a brother

Hateful to me as are the gates of hell, is he who, hiding one thing in his heart, utters another.

In youth and beauty, wisdom is but rare!

Light is the task where many shares the toil.

The difficulty is not so great to die for a friend, as to find a friend worth dying for.

The journey is its own reward.

To be loved, you have to be nice to people, every day. But to be hated, you do not have to do squat!

Trying is the first step toward failure.

Jack Canfield

Short Bio - Jack Canfield (born August 19, 1944) is an American author, motivational speaker, corporate trainer, and entrepreneur. He is the co-author of the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, which has more than 250 titles and 500 million copies in print in over 40 languages. In 2005 Canfield co-authored with Janet Switzer - The Success Principles: How to Get From Where You Are to Where You Want to Be.

My Favourite Jack Canfield Quotes

Gratitude is the single most important ingredient to living a successful and fulfilled life.

You only have control over three things in your life. The thoughts you think, the images you visualize, and the actions you take.

If you love your work, if you enjoy it, you are already a success.

Everything valuable takes time; there are no overnight successes.

Decide upon your major definite purpose in life and then organize all your activities around it.

Each day is an adventure in discovering the meaning of life.

People who do not have goals, work for people who do.

Whatever goal you give to your subconscious mind, it will work night and day to achieve.

The easiest, fastest, and best way to find out what is or is not working is to pay attention to the results you are currently producing.

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

One of the main reasons why most people do not get what they want is they have not decided what they want. They have not defined their desires in clear and compelling detail.

Persistence is probably the single most common quality of high achievers. They simply refuse to give up.

The longer you hang in there, the greater the chance that something will happen in your favour. No matter how hard it seems, the longer you persist the more likely your success.

Taking the first step is the difference between actually pursuing your passion and just dreaming about it.

It is a universal principle that you get more of what you think about, talk about, and feel strongly about.

Everything you want is out there waiting for you to ask. Everything you want also wants you. But you have to take action to get it.

There are essentially two things that will make you wise: the books you read and the people you meet.

People who ask confidently get more than those who are hesitant and uncertain. When you have figured out what you want to ask for, do it with certainty, boldness and confidence.

James Allen

Short Bio - James Allen (28 November 1864 – 24 January 1912) was a British philosophical writer known for his inspirational books and poetry and as a pioneer of the self-help movement. His best-known work, *As a Man Thinketh*, has been mass-produced since its publication in 1903. It has been a source of inspiration to motivational and self-help authors.

My Favourite James Allen Quotes

Calmness of mind is one of the beautiful jewels of wisdom. It is the result of long and patient effort in self-control.

The man who does not shrink from self-crucifixion can never fail to accomplish the object upon which his heart is set.

Self-control is strength. Right thought is mastery. Calmness is power. Say unto your heart, Peace, be still!

A strong man cannot help a weaker unless the weaker is willing to be helped, and even then, the weak must become strong of himself, he must, by his own efforts develop the strength which he admires in another. None but himself can alter his condition.

The soul attracts that which it secretly harbours, that which it loves, and also that which it fears; it reaches the height of its cherished aspirations; it falls to the level of its unchastised desires, – and circumstances are the means by which the soul receives its own.

Man's mind may be likened to a garden, which may be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild.

Not what he wishes and prays for does a man get, but what he justly earns. His wishes and prayers are only gratified and answered when they harmonize with his thoughts and actions.

Let a man radically alter his thoughts, and he will be astonished at the rapid transformation it will affect in the material conditions of his life.

A man is literally what he thinks, his character being the complete sum of all his thoughts.

He who has conquered weakness, and has put away all selfish thoughts, belong neither to the oppressor nor oppressed. He is free.

A noble and Godlike character is not a thing of favour or chance but is the natural result of continued effort in right thinking.

The outer condition of a person's life will always be found to be harmoniously related to his inner state.

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

All that a man achieves and all that he fails to achieve is the direct result of his own thoughts.

Good thoughts and actions never produce bad results; bad thoughts and actions can never produce good results.

A person is limited only by the thought that he chooses.

Jean-Paul Sartre

Short Bio - Jean-Paul Charles Aymard Sartre (21 June 1905 – 15 April 1980) was a French philosopher, playwright, novelist, screenwriter, political activist, biographer, and literary critic. He was one of the key figures in the philosophy of existentialism and phenomenology, and one of the leading figures in 20th-century French philosophy and Marxism. His work has also influenced sociology, critical theory, post-colonial theory, and literary studies, and continues to influence these disciplines.

My Favourite Jean – Paul Sartre Quotes

A lost battle is a battle one thinks one has lost.

All that I know about my life, it seems, I have learned in books.

As far as men go, it is not what they are that interests me, but what they can become.

Everything has been figured out, except how to live.

Evil is the product of the ability of humans to make abstract that which is concrete.

Existence precedes and rules essence.

Fascism is not defined by the number of its victims, but by the way it kills them.

Fear? If I have gained anything by damning myself, it is that I no longer have anything to fear.

Freedom is what you do with what has been done to you.

I hate victims who respect their executioners.

If I became a philosopher, if I have so keenly sought this fame for which I am still waiting, it has all been to seduce women basically.

If you are lonely when you are alone, you are in bad company.

It is only in our decisions that we are important.

Life begins on the other side of despair.

Life has no meaning the moment you lose the illusion of being eternal.

Man is condemned to be free; because once thrown into the world, he is responsible for everything he does.

Man is fully responsible for his nature and his choices.

Man is not the sum of what he has already, but rather the sum of what he does not yet have, of what he could have.

My thought is me: that is why I cannot stop thinking. I exist because I think I cannot keep from thinking.

One always dies too soon or too late. And yet, life is there, finished: the line is drawn, and it must all be added up. You are nothing other than your life.

Only the guy who is not rowing has time to rock the boat.

Politics is a science. You can demonstrate that you are right and that others are wrong.

The best work is not what is most difficult for you; it is what you do best.
The poor do not know that their function in life is to exercise our generosity.

There are two types of poor people, those who are poor together and those who are poor alone.
The first are the true poor, the others are rich people out of luck.

Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do.

We do not judge the people we love.

We do not know what we want and yet we are responsible for what we are – that is the fact.

We must act out passion before we can feel it.

When rich people fight wars with one another, poor people are the ones to die.

Words are loaded pistols.

Words are more treacherous and powerful than we think.

Jim Rohn

Short Bio - Emanuel James Rohn (September 17, 1930 – December 5, 2009) professionally known as Jim Rohn, was an American entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker. Best known for his books; *My Philosophy For Successful Living*; *The power of ambition* and *The Seasons Of Life*. Rohn mentored Mark R. Hughes (the founder of Herbalife International) and life strategist Tony Robbins in the late 1970s. Others who credit Rohn for his influence on their careers include authors Mark Victor Hansen founder of Hallmark; Jack Canfield (Chicken Soup book series) and author/lecturer Brian Tracy.

My Favourite Jim Rohn Quotes

Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune.

Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.

Do not wish it were easier. Wish you were better.

If you are not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary.

If you do not design your own life plan, chances are you will fall into someone else's plan.

If you do not like how things are, change it. You are not a tree.

If you really want to do something, you will find a way. If you do not, you will find an excuse.

Learn how to be happy with what you have while you pursue all that you want.

Motivation alone is not enough. If you have an idiot and you motivate him, now you have a motivated idiot.

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.

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 humour, but without folly.

The worst thing one can do is not to try, to be aware of what one wants and not give in to it, to spend years in silent hurt wondering if something could have materialized - never knowing.

When you know what you want, and you want it bad enough, you will find a way to get it.

You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with.

Joe Rogan

Short Bio - Joseph James Rogan (born August 11, 1967) is an American comedian, podcast host, and mixed martial arts commentator. He has also worked as a television host and an actor. Rogan began his career in comedy in August 1988 in the Boston area. After relocating to Los Angeles in 1994, he signed an exclusive developmental deal with Disney, and appeared as an actor on several television shows including Hardball and NewsRadio. In 1997, he started working for the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) as an interviewer and commentator. Rogan released his first comedy special in 2000. From 2001 to 2006, he was the host of Fear Factor. In 2009, Rogan launched his podcast The Joe Rogan Experience, which led him to "fame, wealth and podcast superstardom".

My Favourite Joe Rogan Quotes

Excellence in anything increases your potential in everything.

Greatness and madness are next door neighbours and they often borrow each other's sugar.

If you are the greatest, why would you go around talking about it?

Live your life like you are the hero in your own movie.

Reality really is a theatre. There is no other way to describe it. It is all so nonsensical, ridiculous and chaotic.

Someone else's success does not equal a failure for you.

The key to happiness does not lay in numbers in a bank account but in the way we make others feel and the way they make us feel.

There is a direct correlation between positive energy and positive results in the physical form.

We define ourselves far too often by our past failures. That is not you. You are this person right now.

You are the person who has learned from those failures.

John C. Maxwell

Short Bio - John Calvin Maxwell (born February 20, 1947) is an American author, speaker, and pastor who has written many books, primarily focusing on leadership. Titles include *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* and *The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader*. His books have sold millions of copies, with some on the New York Times Best Seller List.

My Favourite John C. Maxwell Quotes

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

A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them.

A minute of thought is greater than an hour of talk.

A successful person finds the right place for himself. But a successful leader finds the right place for others.

As a leader, the first person I need to lead is me. The first person that I should try to change is me.

Everything rises and falls on leadership.

If you would not follow yourself, why should anyone else?

Leaders who are effective are leaders who are disciplined in their daily lives.

Most people want to avoid pain, and discipline is usually painful.

People who use time wisely spend it on activities that advance their overall purpose in life.

Teamwork makes the dream work, but a vision becomes a nightmare when the leader has a big dream and a bad team.

The best leaders are humble enough to realize their victories depend upon their people.

The difference between average people and achieving people is their perception of and response to failure.

The secret of your success is determined by your daily agenda.

When the leader lacks confidence, the followers lack commitment.

John F Kennedy

Short Bio - John Fitzgerald Kennedy (May 29, 1917 – November 22, 1963), often referred to by his initials JFK, was an American politician who served as the 35th president of the United States from January 1961 until his assassination in November 1963. Kennedy served at the height of the Cold War, and the majority of his work as president concerned relations with the Soviet Union and Cuba. A Democrat, Kennedy represented Massachusetts in both houses of the U.S. Congress prior to becoming president.

My Favourite John F. Kennedy Quotes

We enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.

And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.

Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures. And however undramatic the pursuit of peace, that pursuit must go on.

Without debate, without criticism, no administration and no country can succeed, and no republic can survive.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate.

Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.

A Man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on.

Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind.

One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.

The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened.

Jordan Peterson

Short Bio - Jordan Bernt Peterson (born 12 June 1962) is a Canadian clinical psychologist and a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto. He began to receive widespread attention in the late 2010s for his views on cultural and political issues. Born and raised in Alberta, Peterson obtained bachelor's degrees in political science and psychology from the University of Alberta and a PhD in clinical psychology from McGill University. After teaching and research at Harvard University, he returned to Canada in 1998 to join the faculty of psychology at the University of Toronto. In 1999, he published his first book, *Maps of Meaning: The Architecture of Belief*, which became the basis for many of his subsequent lectures. The book combined information from psychology, mythology, religion, literature, philosophy, and neuroscience to analyse systems of belief and meaning.

My Favourite Jordan Peterson Quotes

When you have something to say, silence is a lie.

I do not think that you have any insight whatsoever into your capacity for good until you have some well-developed insight into your capacity for evil.

If you cannot understand why someone is doing something, look at the consequences of their actions, whatever they might be, and then infer the motivations from their consequences.

Compare yourself to who you were yesterday, not to who someone else is today.

Work as hard as you possibly can on at least one thing and see what happens.

He whose life has a why can bear almost any how.

Perhaps you are overvaluing what you do not have and undervaluing what you do.

The poor and stressed always die first, and in greater numbers. They are also much more susceptible to non-infectious diseases, such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease. When the aristocracy catches a cold, as it is said, the working class dies of pneumonia.

The successful among us delay gratification and bargain with the future.

Dialogue is the pathway to truth.

You do not get to choose not to pay a price, you only get to choose which price you pay.

Make friends with people who want the best for you.

Pursue what is meaningful, not what is expedient.

Do not let your children do anything that makes you dislike them.

To suffer terribly and to know yourself as the cause: that is Hell.

You must determine where you are going in your life, because you cannot get there unless you move in that direction. Random wandering will not move you forward. It will instead disappoint and frustrate you and make you anxious and unhappy and hard to get along with, and then resentful, and then vengeful, and then worse.

If you have a comprehensive explanation for everything then it decreases uncertainty and anxiety and reduces your cognitive load. And if you can use that simplifying algorithm to put yourself on the side of moral virtue then you are constantly a good person with a minimum of effort

Face the demands of life voluntarily. Respond to a challenge, instead of bracing for catastrophe.

Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping.

So, attend carefully to your posture. Quit drooping and hunching around. Speak your mind. Put your desires forward, as if you had a right to them – at least the same right as others. Walk tall and gaze forthrightly ahead. Dare to be dangerous. Encourage the serotonin to flow plentifully through the neural pathways desperate for its calming influence.

Do not be a slave to stupid rules.

The creative person, by contrast, is always open to new possibilities.

The secret to your existence is right in front of you, and it manifests itself as all those things you know you should do but you are avoiding.

If you dare to do the most difficult thing you can conceptualize your life will work out better than it will if you do anything

Power is competence.

You are not everything you could be, and you know it.

It is better to do something badly than to not do it at all.

Kahlil Gibran

Short Bio - Gibran Khalil Gibran (January 6, 1883 – April 10, 1931), usually referred to in English as Kahlil Gibran was a Lebanese American writer, poet and visual artist, also considered a philosopher although he himself rejected the title. He is best known as the author of *The Prophet*, which was first published in the United States in 1923 and has since become one of the best-selling books of all time, having been translated into more than 100 languages.

My Favourite Kahlil Gibran Quotes

Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart.

I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.

If you love somebody, let them go, for if they return, they were always yours. If they do not, they never were.

It takes a minute to have a crush on someone, an hour to like someone, and a day to love someone, but it takes a lifetime to forget someone.

Love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.

Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife.

One day you will ask me which is more important? My life or yours? I will say mine and you will walk away not knowing that you are my life.

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars.

Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution.

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention.

They deem me mad because I will not sell my days for gold; and I deem them mad because they think my days have a price.

To belittle, you have to be little.

To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he has already achieved, but at what he aspires to.

We are all like the bright moon, we still have our darker side.

We choose our joys and sorrows long before we experience them.

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

You may forget with whom you laughed, but you will never forget with whom you wept.

You talk when you cease to be at peace with your thoughts.

Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens.

Lao Tzu

Short Bio - Lao Tzu, also rendered as Laozi was an ancient Chinese philosopher and writer. He is the reputed author of the Tao Te Ching, the founder of philosophical Taoism, and a deity in religious Taoism and traditional Chinese religions.

My Favourite Lao Tzu Quotes

A good traveller has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving.

A man with outward courage dares to die; a man with inner courage dares to live.

Be content with what you have; rejoice in the way things are. When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you.

Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small.

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

Great acts are made up of small deeds.

He who knows that enough is enough will always have enough.

I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures.

If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading.

Knowing others is wisdom, knowing yourself is enlightenment.

Mastering others is strength. Mastering yourself is true power.

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it.

People in their dealings of affairs often fail when they are about to succeed. If one remains as careful at the end as he was at the beginning, there will be no failure.

Those who know do not say. Those who say do not know.

When the best leader's work is done the people say, 'We did it ourselves.'

Leo Tolstoy

Short Bio - Count Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy (9 September 1828 – 20 November 1910), usually referred to in English as Leo Tolstoy, was a Russian writer who is regarded as one of the greatest authors of all time. He received nominations for the Nobel Prize in Literature every year from 1902 to 1906 and for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1901, 1902, and 1909. That he never won is a major controversy.

My Favourite Leo Tolstoy Quotes

Each person's task in life is to become an increasingly better person.

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.

I often think that men do not understand what is noble and what is ignorant, though they always talk about it.

If you look for perfection, you will never be content.

If you want to be happy, be.

In the name of God, stop a moment, cease your work, look around you!

It is not given to people to judge what's right or wrong. People have eternally been mistaken and will be mistaken, and in nothing more than in what they consider right and wrong.

There is no greatness where simplicity, goodness, and truth are absent.

You can love a person dear to you with a human love, but an enemy can only be loved with divine love.

Wrong does not cease to be wrong because the majority share in it.

Leonardo Da Vinci

Short Bio - Leonardo da Vinci (15 April 1452 – 2 May 1519) was an Italian polymath of the High Renaissance who is widely considered one of the most diversely talented individuals ever to have lived. While his fame initially rested on his achievements as a painter, he also became known for his notebooks, in which he made drawings and notes on science and invention; these involve a variety of subjects including anatomy, astronomy, botany, cartography, painting, and palaeontology. Leonardo's genius epitomized the Renaissance humanist idea, and his collective works compose a contribution to later generations of artists rivalled only by that of his contemporary Michelangelo.

My Favourite Leonardo Da Vinci Quotes

Learning never exhausts the mind.

All our knowledge has its origins in our perceptions.

Just as food eaten without appetite is a tedious nourishment, so does study without zeal damage the memory by not assimilating what it absorbs.

All knowledge which ends in words will die as quickly as it came to life, with the exception of the written word: which is its mechanical part.

The truth of things is the chief nutriment of superior intellects.

Life well spent is long.

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings happy death.

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.

Men of lofty genius when they are doing the least work are most active.

Time stays long enough for anyone who will use it.

Poor is the pupil who does not surpass his master.

It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them, they went out and happened to things.

I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do.

The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding.

Les Brown

Short Bio - Leslie Calvin "Les" Brown (born February 17, 1945) is an American motivational speaker, author, former radio DJ, and former television host. He was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1976 to 1981. As a motivational speaker, he uses the catch phrase "it's possible!" to encourage people to follow their dreams. He was the host of The Les Brown Show in 1993.

My Favourite Les Brown Quotes

As you reach your goals set new ones. That is how you grow and become a more powerful person.

Do what is easy and your life will be hard. Do what is hard and your life will become easy.

Forgive yourself for your faults and your mistakes and move on.

Help others achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours.

If you take responsibility for yourself, you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.

It is necessary that you align yourself with people and attract people into your business that are hungry. People that are unstoppable and unreasonable. It is necessary to get the losers out of your life if you want to live your dreams.

No matter how bad it is or how bad it gets I am going to make it.

Review your goals twice every day in order to be focused on achieving them.

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars.

The easiest thing I ever did was earn a million dollars. The hardest thing I ever did, and it took years, was believing I was capable of earning a million dollars.

The greatest revenge is massive success.

Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears.

When life knocks you down, try to land on your back. Because if you can look up, you can get up.

Let your reason get you back up.

When your why is big enough you will find your how.

You are the only real obstacle in your path to fulfilling it.

Lou Holtz

Short Bio - Louis Leo Holtz (born January 6, 1937) is a former American football player, coach, and analyst. He served as the head football coach at The College of William & Mary (1969–1971), North Carolina State University (1972–1975), the New York Jets (1976), the University of Arkansas (1977–1983), the University of Minnesota (1984–1985), the University of Notre Dame (1986–1996), and the University of South Carolina (1999–2004), compiling a career record of 249–132–7. Holtz's 1988 Notre Dame team went 12–0 with a victory in the Fiesta Bowl and was the consensus national champion. Holtz is the only college football coach to lead six different programs to bowl games and the only coach to guide four different programs to the final top 20 rankings.

My Favourite Lou Holtz Quotes

Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.

Adversity is another way to measure the greatness of individuals. I never had a crisis that did not make me stronger.

Do right. Do your best. Treat others as you want to be treated.

Do not ever promise more than you can deliver, but always deliver more than you promise.

I never learn anything by talking. I only learn things when I ask questions.

I will not accept anything less than the best a player's capable of doing - and he has the right to expect the best that I can do for him and the team!

If what you did yesterday seems big, you have not done anything today.

In life, be a participant, not a spectator.

Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond to it.

Motivation is simple. You eliminate those who are not motivated.

No matter what happens on the field, getting an education makes you a winner.

Only the unprepared are overcome by pressure.

Remember. Every day, some ordinary person does something extraordinary. Today, it is your turn.

Show me someone who has done something worthwhile, and I will show you someone who has overcome adversity.

The only people who are not going to be criticized are those who do absolutely nothing. You will never get ahead of anyone as long as you try to get even with him.

Niccolo Machiavelli

Short Bio - Niccolò di Bernardo dei Machiavelli (3 May 1469 – 21 June 1527) was an Italian Renaissance diplomat, philosopher and writer, best known for *The Prince* (*Il Principe*), written in 1513. He has often been called the father of modern political philosophy and political science.

My Favourite Niccolo Machiavelli Quotes

All courses of action are risky, so prudence is not in avoiding danger (it's impossible) but calculating risk and acting decisively."

He who is highly esteemed is not easily conspired against.

It is not titles that honour men, but men that honour titles.

Men intrinsically do not trust new things that they have not experienced themselves.

Minds are of three kinds: one is capable of thinking for itself; another is able to understand the thinking of others; and a third can neither think for itself nor understand the thinking of others. The first is of the highest excellence, the second is excellent, and the third is worthless.

The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him.

There is no other way to guard yourself against flattery than by making men understand that telling you the truth will not offend you.

Mahatma Gandhi

Short Bio - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (2 October 1869 – 30 January 1948) was an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist, and political ethicist, who employed nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India's independence from British rule, and in turn inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. The honorific Mahatma (Sanskrit: "great-souled", "venerable"), first applied to him in 1914 in South Africa, is now used throughout the world.

My Favourite Mahatma Gandhi Quotes

A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave.

A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes.

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.

Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.

Glory lies in the attempt to reach one's goal and not in reaching it.

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

Hate the sin, love the sinner.

I cannot conceive of a greater loss than the loss of one's self-respect.

I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent.

I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.

If I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.

If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.

If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. We need not wait to see what others do.

In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.

Permanent good can never be the outcome of untruth and violence.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

The future depends on what you do today.

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong.

To give pleasure to a single heart by a single act is better than a thousand heads bowing in prayer.

Whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer him with love.

You do not know who is important to you until you actually lose them.

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing, there will be no results.

Malcolm Gladwell

Short Bio - Malcolm Timothy Gladwell (born 3 September 1963) is an English-born Canadian journalist, author, and public speaker. He has been a staff writer for *The New Yorker* since 1996. He has published six books: *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* (2000); *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking* (2005); *Outliers: The Story of Success* (2008); *What the Dog Saw: And Other Adventures* (2009), a collection of his journalism; *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* (2013); and *Talking To Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know* (2019). His first five books were on *The New York Times* Best Seller list. He is also the host of the podcast *Revisionist History* and co-founder of the podcast company *Pushkin Industries*.

My Favourite Malcom Gladwell Quotes

Achievement is talent plus preparation.

Consistency is the most overrated of all human virtues. I am someone who changes his mind all the time.

Emotion is contagious.

I try to be unafraid of making a fool of myself.

If you work hard enough and assert yourself, and use your mind and imagination, you can shape the world to your desires.

Practice is not the thing you do once you are good. It is the thing you do that makes you good.

The key to good decision making is not knowledge. It is understanding. We are swimming in the former.

We are desperately lacking in the latter.

The older I get, the more I understand that the only way to say valuable things is to lose your fear of being correct.

To be someone's best friend requires a minimum investment of time. More than that, though, it takes emotional energy. Caring about someone deeply is exhausting.

Truly successful decision-making relies on a balance between deliberate and instinctive thinking.

We are not, as human beings, very good at acting in our best interest.

Who we are cannot be separated from where we are from.

Malcom X

Short Bio - Malcolm X (born Malcolm Little; (May 19, 1925 – February 21, 1965) was an African American Muslim minister and human rights activist who was a popular figure during the civil rights movement. He is best known for his time spent as a vocal spokesman for the Nation of Islam.

My Favourite Malcolm X Quotes

A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything.

A wise man can play the part of a clown, but a clown cannot play the part of a wise man.

All of our experiences fuse into our personality. Everything that ever happened to us is an ingredient.

Do not be in a hurry to condemn because he does not do what you do or think as you think or as fast.

There was a time when you did not know what you know today.

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.

I am for truth, no matter who tells it. I am for justice, no matter who it is for or against.

If you have no critics, you will likely have no success.

Stumbling is not falling.

The media's the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power. Because they control the minds of the masses.

We need more light about each other. Light creates understanding, understanding creates love, love creates patience, and patience creates unity.

You cannot separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.

You are not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it.

Marcus Aurelius

Short Bio - Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (26 April 121 – 17 March 180 AD) was Roman emperor from 161 to 180 and a Stoic philosopher. He was the last of the rulers known as the Five Good Emperors (a term coined some 13 centuries later by Niccolò Machiavelli), and the last emperor of the Pax Romana, an age of relative peace and stability for the Roman Empire. He served as Roman consul in 140, 145, and 161.

My Favourite Marcus Aurelius Quotes

How much time he gains who does not look to see what his neighbour says or does or thinks, but only at what he does himself, to make it just and holy.

I have often wondered how it is that every man loves himself more than all the rest of men, but yet sets less value on his own opinion of himself than on the opinion of others.

If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it.

It is the person who continues in his self-deception and ignorance who is harmed.

Remember that very little is needed to make a happy life.

The best revenge is to be unlike him who performed the injury.

The first rule is to keep an untroubled spirit. The second is to look things in the face and know them for what they are.

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

The memory of everything is very soon overwhelmed in time.

Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one.

What we do now echoes in eternity.

When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy, to love ...

Mark Twain

Short Bio - Samuel Langhorne Clemens (November 30, 1835 – April 21, 1910), known by his pen name Mark Twain, was an American writer, humourist, entrepreneur, publisher, and lecturer. He was lauded as the “greatest humourist the United States has produced,” and William Faulkner called him “the father of American literature”. His novels include *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876) and its sequel, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1884), the latter often called “The Great American Novel”.

My Favourite Mark Twain Quotes

A clear conscience is the sure sign of a bad memory.

A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

Always do what is right. It will gratify half of mankind and astound the other.

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.

Everyone is a moon and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.

If you do not read the newspaper, you are uninformed. If you read the newspaper, you are misinformed.

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and man.

If you tell the truth, you do not have to remember anything.

It is not the size of the dog in the fight, it is the size of the fight in the dog.

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

Never allow someone to be your priority while allowing yourself to be their option.

Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience.

The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.

Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; truth is not.

Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.

Martin Luther King

Short Bio - Martin Luther King Jr. (born Michael King Jr.; January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. King is best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience, inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi. He was the son of early civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Sr..

My Favourite Martin Luther King Quotes

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.

Hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love.

I know that love is ultimately the only answer to mankind's problems.

If you cannot fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

Let no man pull you so low as to hate him.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but

where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.

Ultimately a genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a moulder of consensus.

Maya Angelou

Short Bio - Maya Angelou (born Marguerite Annie Johnson; April 4, 1928 – May 28, 2014) was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. She received dozens of awards and more than 50 honorary degrees. Angelou is best known for her series of seven autobiographies, which focus on her childhood and early adult experiences. The first, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969), tells of her life up to the age of 17 and brought her international recognition and acclaim.

My Favourite Maya Angelou Quotes

Hate, it has caused a lot of problems in the world but has not solved one yet.

I work very hard, and I play very hard. I am grateful for life. And I live it – I believe life loves the liver of it. I live it.

I have learned that even when I have pains, I do not have to be one.

I have learned that I still have a lot to learn.

I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

If I am not good to myself, how can I expect anyone else to be good to me?

If you do not like something, change it. If you cannot change it, change your attitude.

If you are always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing, you can be.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take but by the moments that take your breath away.

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.

There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.

There is a world of difference between truth and facts. Facts can obscure the truth.

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve

that beauty.

We need much less than we think we need.

You cannot use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.

You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.

Mother Teresa

Short Bio - Mother Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu (born 26 August 1910 – 5 September 1997), honoured in the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun and missionary. She was born in Skopje (now the capital of North Macedonia), then part of the Kosovo Vilayet of the Ottoman Empire. After living in Skopje for eighteen years, she moved to Ireland and then to India, where she lived for most of her life.

My Favourite Mother Teresa Quotes

God does not require us to succeed, he only requires that you try.

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'

I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.

I want you to be concerned about your next-door neighbour. Do you know your next-door neighbour?

If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Never travel faster than your guardian angel can fly.

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved.

We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace, we need love and compassion.

What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Short Bio - Napoleon Buonaparte, (15 August 1769 – 5 May 1821) was a French military and political leader who rose to prominence during the French Revolution and led several successful campaigns during the Revolutionary Wars. As Napoleon I, he was Emperor of the French from 1804 until 1814, and again in 1815.

My Favourite Napoleon Bonaparte Quotes

A leader is a dealer in hope.

Ability is nothing without opportunity.

If you want a thing done well, do it yourself.

Impossible is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools.

Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide.

Riches do not consist in the possession of treasures, but in the use made of them.

Take time to deliberate, but when the time for action has arrived, stop thinking and go.

The fool has one great advantage over a man of sense; he is always satisfied with himself.

There are only two forces that unite men – fear and interest.

Until you spread your wings, you will have no idea how far you can fly.

You must not fight too often with one enemy, or you will teach him all your art of war.

Napoleon Hill

Short Bio - Oliver Napoleon Hill (born October 26, 1883 – November 8, 1970) was an American self-help author. He is known best for his book *Think and Grow Rich* (1937) which is among the 10 bestselling self-help books of all time. Hill's works insisted that fervid expectations are essential to improving one's life. Most of his books were promoted as expounding principles to achieve "success".

My Favourite Napoleon Hill Quotes

A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits.

Do not wait: the time will never be 'just right'. Start where you stand and work whatever tools you may have at your command and better tools will be found as you go along.

First comes thought; then organization of that thought into ideas and plans; then transformation of those plans into reality. The beginning, as you will observe, is in your imagination.

Our only limitations are those we set up in our own minds.

Set your mind on a definite goal and observe how quickly the world stands aside to let you pass.

The starting point of all achievement is desire. Keep this constantly in mind. Weak desire brings weak results, just as a small fire makes a small amount of heat.

The way of success is the way of continuous pursuit of knowledge.

There is very little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative.

Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve.

When you are able to maintain your own highest standards of integrity – regardless of what others may do – you are destined for greatness.

You are the master of your destiny. You can influence, direct and control your own environment.

You can make your life what you want it to be.

Nelson Mandela

Short Bio - Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (18 July 1918 – 5 December 2013) was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by tackling institutionalised racism and fostering racial reconciliation. Ideologically an African nationalist and socialist, he served as the president of the African National Congress (ANC) party from 1991 to 1997.

My Favourite Nelson Mandela Quotes

A winner is a dreamer who never gives up.

Action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely daydreaming, but vision with action can change the world.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up

again.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do.

Fools multiply when wise men are silent.

I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul.

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

I never lose. I either win or learn.

If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

If you want the cooperation of humans around you, you must make them feel they are important, and you do that by being genuine and humble.

If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner.

It always seems impossible until it has done.

Lead from the back - and let others believe they are in front.

Live life as though nobody is watching and express yourself as though everyone is listening.

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

One of the most difficult things is not to change society - but to change yourself.

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

People respond in accordance to how you treat them.

Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.

Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.

There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return.

There is no passion to be found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.

When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw.

When people are determined they can overcome anything.

While poverty persists, there is no true freedom.

You're playing small does not serve the world. Who are you not to be great?

Friedrich Nietzsche

Short Bio - Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche (15 October 1844 – 25 August 1900) was a German philosopher, cultural critic, composer, poet, writer, and philologist whose work has exerted a profound influence on modern intellectual history. He began his career as a classical philologist before turning to philosophy. He became the youngest person ever to hold the Chair of Classical Philology at the University of Basel in 1869 at the age of 24. Nietzsche resigned in 1879 due to health problems that plagued him most of his life; he completed much of his core writing in the following decade. In 1889, at age 44, he suffered a collapse and afterward a complete loss of his mental faculties. He lived his remaining years in the care of his mother until her death in 1897 and then with his sister Elisabeth Förster-Nietzsche. Nietzsche died in 1900.

My Favourite Friedrich Nietzsche Quotes

Blessed are the forgetful, for they get the better even of their blunders.

Here the ways of men divide. If you wish to strive for peace of soul and happiness, then believe; if you wish to be a disciple of truth, then inquire.

I am not upset that you lied to me, I am upset that from now on I cannot believe you.

It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages.

Man is the cruellest animal.

Sometimes people do not want to hear the truth because they do not want their illusions destroyed.

That which does not kill us makes us stronger.

The higher we soar, the smaller we appear to those who cannot fly.

The lonely one offers his hand too quickly to whomever he encounters.

The snake which cannot cast its skin has to die. As well the minds which are prevented from changing their opinions; they cease to be mind.

The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently.

Today as always, men fall into two groups: slaves and free men. Whoever does not have two-thirds of his day for himself, is a slave, whatever he may be: a statesman, a businessman, an official, or a scholar.

Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster. And if you gaze long enough into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back at you.

You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.

The true man wants two things: danger and play. For that reason, he wants woman, as the most dangerous plaything.

Nikola Tesla

Short Bio - Nikola Tesla (10 July 1856 – 7 January 1943) was a Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, and futurist best known for his contributions to the design of the modern alternating current (AC) electricity supply system.

My Favourite Nikola Tesla Quotes

As I review the events of my past life, I realize how subtle are the influences that shape our destinies.

But instinct is something which transcends knowledge. We have, undoubtedly, certain finer fibres that enable us to perceive truths when logical deduction, or any other wilful effort of the brain, is futile.

I do not think you can name many great inventions that have been made by married men.

I do not care that they stole my idea, I care that they do not have any of their own.

If you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency and vibration.

If your hate could be turned into electricity, it would light up the whole world.

It is not the love you make. It is the love you give.

Let the future tell the truth and evaluate each one according to his work and accomplishments. The present is theirs; the future, for which I have really worked, is mine.

Life is and will ever remain an equation incapable of solution, but it contains certain known factors.

My brain is only a receiver, in the Universe there is a core from which we obtain knowledge, strength and inspiration.

Of all things, I liked books best.

The scientists of today think deeply instead of clearly. One must be sane to think clearly, but one can think deeply and be quite insane.

Norman Vincent Peale

Short Bio - Norman Vincent Peale (May 31, 1898 – December 24, 1993) was an American minister and author who is best known for his work in popularizing the concept of positive thinking, especially through his best-selling book *The Power of Positive Thinking*. He served as the pastor of Marble Collegiate Church, New York, from 1932 until 1984, leading a Reformed Church in America congregation.

My Favourite Normal Vincent Peale Quotes

Action is a great restorer and builder of confidence. Inaction is not only the result, but the cause, of fear.

Perhaps the action you take will be successful; perhaps different action or adjustments will have to follow. But any action is better than no action at all.

Any fact facing us is not as important as our attitude toward it, for that determines our success or failure.

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that.

Even people who have a long record of NOT succeeding can be turned into tremendous achievers if they will discard their images of themselves as failures.

If you put off everything till, you are sure of it, you will get nothing done.

Imagination is the true magic carpet.

In every difficult situation is potential value. Believe this, then begin looking for it.

Live your life and forget your age.

No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see the possibilities, always see them, for they are always there.

Our happiness depends on the habit of mind we cultivate. So, practice happy thinking every day.

Cultivate the merry heart, develop the happiness habit, and life will become a continual feast.

Repetition of the same thought or physical action develops into a habit which, repeated frequently enough, becomes an automatic reflex.

The cyclone derives its power from a calm centre. So does a person.

The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have.

The person who sends out positive thoughts activates the world around him positively and draws back to himself positive results.

There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.

We struggle with complexities and avoid the simplicities.

When every physical and mental resource is focused, one's power to solve a problem multiplies tremendously.

When you expect the best, you release a magnetic force in your mind which by a law of attraction tends to bring the best to you.

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.

Og Mandino

Short Bio - Augustine "Og" Mandino II (December 12, 1923 – September 3, 1996) was an American author. He wrote the bestselling book *The Greatest Salesman in the World*. His books have sold over 50 million copies and have been translated into over 25 languages. He was the president of *Success Unlimited* magazine until 1976 and was inducted into the National Speakers Association's Hall of Fame.

My Favourite Og Mandino Quotes

Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.

Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.
I am here for a purpose and that purpose is to grow into a mountain, not to shrink to a grain of sand.

Henceforth will I apply all my efforts to become the highest mountain of all and I will strain my potential until it cries for mercy.

I am nature's greatest miracle. Since the beginning of time never has there been another with my heart, my eyes, my ears, my hands, my hair, my mouth. None that came before, none that live today, and none that come tomorrow can walk and talk and move and think exactly like me. I am a unique creature.

I shall live this day as if it is my last. And if it is not, I shall fall to my knees and give thanks.

I will greet this day with love in my heart. And how will I do this? Henceforth will I look on all things with love and be born again. I will love the sun for it warms my bones; yet I will love the rain for it cleanses my spirit. I will love the light for it shows me the way; yet I will love the darkness for it shows me the stars. I will welcome happiness as it enlarges my heart; yet I will endure sadness for it opens my soul. I will acknowledge rewards for they are my due; yet I will welcome obstacles for they are my challenge.

I will not allow yesterday's success to lull me into today's complacency, for this is the great foundation of failure.

I will waste not even a precious second today in anger or hate or jealousy or selfishness. I know that the seeds I sow I will harvest, because every action, good or bad, is always followed by an equal reaction. I will plant only good seeds this day.

Let your first hour set the theme of success and positive action that is certain to echo through your entire day. Today will never happen again.

Never allow anyone to rain on your parade and thus cast a pall of gloom and defeat on the entire day.

Remember that no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character, are required to set up in the fault-finding business. Nothing external can have any power over you unless you permit it. Your time is too precious to be sacrificed in wasted days combating the menial forces of hate, jealousy, and envy. Guard your fragile life carefully. Only God can shape a flower, but any foolish child can pull it to pieces.

Never neglect the little things. Never skimp on that extra effort, that additional few minutes, that soft word of praise or thanks, that delivery of the very best that you can do. It does not matter what others think, it is of prime importance, however, what you think about you. You can never do your best, which should always be your trademark, if you are cutting corners and shirking responsibilities. You are special. Act it.

Never neglect the little things.

Realize that true happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

Remember that the most difficult tasks are consummated, not by a single explosive burst of energy or effort, but by the constant daily application of the best you have within you.

So long as there is breath in me, that long I will persist. For now, I know one of the greatest principles on success; if I persist long enough, I will win.

Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new.

Today will never happen again. Do not waste it with a false start or no start at all.

Work as though you would live forever and live as though you would die today. Go another mile!

Oliver Cromwell

Short Bio - Oliver Cromwell (25 April 1599 – 3 September 1658) was an English general and statesman who, first as a subordinate and latterly as Commander-in-Chief, led armies of the Parliament of England against King Charles I during the English Civil War, subsequently ruling the British Isles as Lord Protector from 1653 until his death in 1658. He acted simultaneously as head of state and head of government of the new republican commonwealth.

My Favourite Oliver Cromwell Quotes

Catholicism is more than a religion; it is a political power. Therefore, I'm led to believe there will be no peace in Ireland until the Catholic Church is crushed.

He who stops being better stops being good.

I was by birth a gentleman, living neither in any considerable height nor yet in obscurity.

Make the iron hot by striking it.

Nature can do more than physicians.

Subtlety may deceive you; integrity never will.

Oprah Winfrey

Short Bio - Oprah Gail Winfrey (born Orpah Gail Winfrey; January 29, 1954) is an American

talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and philanthropist. She is best known for her talk show, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, broadcast from Chicago, which was the highest-rated television program of its kind in history and ran in national syndication for 25 years from 1986 to 2011. Dubbed the “Queen of All Media”, she was the richest African American of the 20th century and North America’s first black multi-billionaire, and she has been ranked the greatest black philanthropist in American history. By 2007, she was sometimes ranked as the most influential woman in the world.

My Favourite Oprah Winfrey Quotes

Be thankful for what you have; you will end up having more. If you concentrate on what you do not have, you will never, ever have enough.

Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new centre of gravity. Do not fight them. Just find a new way to stand.

Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.

One of the hardest things in life to learn are which bridges to cross and which bridges to burn.

Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody is going to know whether you did it or not.

Surround yourself only with people who are going to take you higher.

The thing you fear most has no power. Your fear of it is what has the power. Facing the truth really will set you free.

True forgiveness is when you can say, thank you for that experience.

Turn your wounds into wisdom.

You do not become what you want, you become what you believe.

When you undervalue what you do, the world will undervalue who you are.

You can have it all. Just not all at once.

Oscar Wilde

Short Bio - Oscar Fingal O’Flahertie Wills Wilde (16 October 1854 – 30 November 1900) was an Irish poet and playwright. After writing in different forms throughout the 1880s, the early 1890s saw him become one of the most popular playwrights in London. He is best remembered for his epigrams and plays, his novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, and early death from meningitis at age 46.

My Favourite Oscar Wilde Quotes

A good friend will always stab you in the front.

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success.

Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.

Everything in the world is about sex except sex. Sex is about power.

Experience is merely the name men gave to their mistakes.

I can resist anything except temptation.

I do not want to be at the mercy of my emotions. I want to use them, to enjoy them, and to dominate them.

Live! Live the wonderful life that is in you! Let nothing be lost upon you. Be always searching for new sensations. Be afraid of nothing!

Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth.

Never love anyone who treats you like you are ordinary.

The truth is rarely pure and never simple.

We are each our own devil, and we make this world our hell.

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.

To define is to limit.

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

We live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities.

Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood.

Paulo Coelho

Short Bio - Paulo Coelho de Souza (born 24 August 1947) is a Brazilian lyricist and novelist, best

known for his novel *The Alchemist*. In 2014, he uploaded his personal papers online to create a virtual Paulo Coelho Foundation.

My Favourite Paulo Coelho Quotes

Do not waste your time with explanations: people only hear what they want to hear.

Everyone seems to have a clear idea of how other people should lead their lives, but none about his or her own.

It is the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting.

Love is a trap. When it appears, we see only its light, not its shadows.

No one can lie, no one can hide anything, when he looks directly into someone's eyes.

No one loses anyone because no one owns anyone. That is the true experience of freedom: having the most important thing in the world without owning it.

Nothing in the world is ever completely wrong. Even a stopped clock is right twice a day.

Now that she had nothing to lose, she was free.

One is loved because one is loved. No reason is needed for loving.

Tears are words that need to be written.

Tell your heart that the fear of suffering is worse than the suffering itself. And no heart has ever suffered when it goes in search of its dream.

The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only the wise can see them.

There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.

When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.

You drown not by falling into a river, but by staying submerged in it.

You have to take risks. We will only understand the miracle of life fully when we allow the unexpected to happen.

Plato

Short Bio - Plato (428 – 348 BC) was an Athenian philosopher during the Classical period in Ancient Greece, founder of the Platonist school of thought and the Academy, the first institution of higher learning in the Western world. He is widely considered the pivotal figure in the history of Ancient Greek and Western philosophy, along with his teacher, Socrates, and his most famous

student, Aristotle. Plato has also often been cited as one of the founders of Western religion and spirituality.

My Favourite Plato Quotes

An empty vessel makes the loudest sound, so they that have the least wit are the greatest babblers.

Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder.

Excellence is not a gift, but a skill that takes practice. We do not act 'rightly' because we are 'excellent', in fact we achieve 'excellence' by acting 'rightly.'

Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws.

Human behaviour flows from three main sources: desire, emotion, and knowledge.

If women are expected to do the same work as men, we must teach them the same things.

Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.

People are like dirt. They can either nourish you and help you grow as a person or they can stunt your growth and make you wilt and die.

The greatest wealth is to live content with little.

The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. There is in every one of us, even those who seem to be most moderate, a type of desire that is terrible, wild, and lawless.

There is truth in wine and children.

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Short Bio - Ralph Waldo Emerson (May 25, 1803 – April 27, 1882), who went by his middle name Waldo, was an American essayist, lecturer, philosopher, and poet who led the transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century. He was seen as a champion of individualism and a prescient critic of the countervailing pressures of society, and he disseminated his thoughts through dozens of published essays and more than 1,500 public lectures across the United States.

My Favourite Ralph Waldo Emerson Quotes

It is not the length of life, but the depth.

The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.

Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen.

Life is a journey, not a destination.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.

A great man is always willing to be little.

A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer.

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

Shallow men believe in luck or in circumstance. Strong men believe in cause and effect.

Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be attained through understanding.

Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.
Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind.

You become what you think about all day long.

Character is higher than intellect.

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

Before we acquire great power, we must acquire wisdom to use it well.

What you are comes to you.

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

Self-trust is the first secret of success.

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.

The ancestor of every action is a thought.

Make your own Bible Select and collect all the words and sentences that in all your readings have been to you like the blast of a trumpet .

How much of human life is lost in waiting.

Beauty without grace is the hook without the bait.

We must be our own before we can be another's.

Happy will the house be in which the relationships are formed from character.

What I must do is all that concerns me, not what the people think.

We are by nature observers, and thereby learners. That is our permanent state.

Little minds have little worries, big minds have no time for worries.

One of the most beautiful compensations in life is that no person can help another without helping themselves.

We are always getting ready to live but never living.

Knowledge is the antidote to fear.

Economy does not consist in saving the coal, but in using the time while it burns.

The real and lasting victories are those of peace and not of war.

No great man ever complains of want of opportunity.

The sum of wisdom is that time is never lost that is devoted to work.

He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety.

Concentration is the secret of strength in politics, in war, in trade, in short in all management of human affairs.

Without a rich heart, wealth is an ugly beggar.

Wise men put their trust in ideas and not in circumstances.

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

To be great is to be misunderstood.

People do not seem to realise that their opinion of the world is also a confession of their character. I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me.

Ralph Waldo Trine

Short Bio - Ralph Waldo Trine (October 26, 1866 – November 8, 1958) was an American philosopher, author, and teacher. He wrote many books on the New Thought movement. Trine was a close friend of Henry Ford and had several conversations with him about success in life. Trine attended several different colleges and universities. His studies were on writing, journalism, history, and social science. He took up work as a journalist and eventually became an author of many books in philosophy.

My Favourite Ralph Waldo Trine Quotes

Every thought you entertain is a force that goes out, and every thought comes back laden with its kind.

Faith is an invisible and invincible magnet and attracts to itself whatever it fervently desires and calmly and persistently expects.

Have you ever fully realized that life is, after all, merely a series of habits, and that it lies entirely within one's own power to determine just what that series shall be?

If angels come not to minister us it is because we do not invite them, it is because we keep the door closed through which they might otherwise enter.

Individuals carry their success or failure with them. It does not depend on outside conditions.

Love is everything. It is the key to life, and its influences are those that move the world.

Never affirm or repeat about your health what you do not wish to be true.

The optimist is right. The pessimist is right. Point of view is the determining factor in the life of each.

The time will come when the work of the physician will not be to treat and attempt to heal the body, but to heal the mind, which in turn will heal the body. The true physician will be a teacher; his or her work will be to keep people well, instead of trying to heal them after sickness.

Roald Dahl

Short Bio - Roald Dahl (13 September 1916 – 23 November 1990) was a British novelist, short-story writer, poet, screenwriter, and wartime fighter pilot. His books have sold more than 250 million copies worldwide. Dahl was born in Wales to Norwegian immigrant parents. He rose to prominence as a writer in the 1940s with works for children and for adults, and he became one of the world's best-selling authors. He has been referred to as "one of the greatest storytellers for children of the 20th century". His awards for contribution to literature include the 1983 World Fantasy Award for Life Achievement and the British Book Awards' Children's Author of the Year in 1990. In 2008, The Times placed Dahl 16th on its list of "The 50 Greatest British Writers Since 1945".

My Favourite Roald Dahl Quotes

A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly.

Having power is not nearly as important as what you choose to do with it.

I think probably kindness is my number one attribute in a human being. I will put it before any of the things like courage or bravery or generosity or anything else.

I have also learned that a real mouth-smile always has an eye-smile to go with it. So, watch out, I say, when someone smiles at you, but his eyes stay the same. It is sure to be a phony.

If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books.
If you are good, life is good.

So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place, you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall.

Robin Sharma

Short Bio - Robin Sharma is a Canadian writer, best known for his The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari book series. Sharma worked as a litigation lawyer until age 25, when he self-published Mega Living (1994), a book on stress management and spirituality. He initially also self-published The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari, which was then picked up for wider distribution by HarperCollins. Sharma has published 12 other books and founded the training company Sharma Leadership International.

My Favourite Robin Sharma Quotes

All great thinkers are initially ridiculed – and eventually revered.

Big people do not make people feel small.

Change is hardest at the beginning, messiest in the middle and best at the end.

Do not live the same year 75 times and call it a life.

Everything is created twice, first in the mind and then in reality.

I once read that people who study others are wise but those who study themselves are enlightened”.

If your life is worth thinking about, it is worth writing about.

Investing in yourself is the best investment you will ever make. It will not only improve your life; it will improve the lives of all those around you.

Laughter opens your heart and soothes your soul. No one should ever take life so seriously that they forget to laugh at themselves.

Never overlook the power of simplicity.

Sometimes success is not about making the right decision, it's more about making some decision.

The mind is a wonderful servant, but a terrible master.

The purpose of life is a life of purpose.

We are all here for some special reason. Stop being a prisoner of your past. Become the architect of your future.

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, but are spiritual beings having a human experience.

What gets measured gets improved.

What the society thinks is of no interest to me. All that is important is how I see myself. I know who I am. I know the value of my work.

Worry drains the mind of its power and, sooner or later, it injures the soul.

You cannot make someone feel good about themselves until you feel good about yourself.

Your “I CAN” is more important than your IQ.

Rober Kiyosaki

Short Bio - Robert Toru Kiyosaki (born April 8, 1947) is an American businessman and author. Kiyosaki is the founder of Rich Global LLC and the Rich Dad Company, a private financial education company that provides personal finance and business education to people through books and videos. The company's main revenues come from franchisees of the Rich Dad seminars that are conducted by independent individuals using Kiyosaki's brand name for a fee. He is also the creator

of the Cashflow board and software games to educate adults and children about business and financial concepts.

My Favourite Robert Kiyosaki Quotes

Do not be addicted to money. Work to learn. Do not work for money. Work for knowledge.

In the real world, the smartest people are people who make mistakes and learn. In school, the smartest people do not make mistakes.

The only difference between a rich person and poor person is how they use their time.

The fear of being different prevents most people from seeking new ways to solve their problems. Winners are not afraid of losing but losers are. Failure is part of the process of success. People who avoid failure also avoid success.

Find the game where you can win, and then commit your life to playing it; and play to win. Often, the more money you make the more money you spend; that is why more money does not make you rich – assets make you rich.

Never say you cannot afford something; that is a poor man's attitude. Ask how to afford it.

Hoping drains your energy. Action creates energy.

The philosophy of the rich and the poor is this: the rich invest their money and spend what is left.

The poor spend their money and invest what is left.

The more a person seeks security, the more that person gives up control over his life.

The size of your success is measured by the strength of your desire; the size of your dream; and how you handle disappointment along the way.

If you want to be rich, you need to develop your vision. You must be standing on the edge of time gazing into the future.

Losers quit when they fail. Winners fail until they succeed.

It is not what you say out of your mouth that determines your life, it is what you whisper to yourself that has the most power!

If you want to go somewhere, it is best to find someone who has already been there.

When people are lame, they love to blame.

It is more important to grow your income than cut your expenses. It's more important to grow your spirit than cut your dreams.

Rockefeller

Short Bio - John Davison Rockefeller Sr. (July 8, 1839 – May 23, 1937) was an American business magnate and philanthropist. He is widely considered the wealthiest American of all time and the richest person in modern history. Rockefeller was born into a large family in upstate New York that moved several times before eventually settling in Cleveland, Ohio. He became an assistant bookkeeper at age 16 and went into several business partnerships beginning at age 20, concentrating his business on oil refining. Rockefeller founded the Standard Oil Company in 1870. He ran it until 1897 and remained its largest shareholder.

My Favourite Rockefeller Quotes

Charity is injurious unless it helps the recipient to become independent of it.
Do you know the only thing that gives me pleasure? It is to see my dividends coming in.

Do not be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.

Do not blame the marketing department. The buck stops with the chief executive.

Every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation, every possession, a duty.
Good leadership consists of showing average people how to do the work of superior people.

I believe that thrift is essential to well-ordered living.

I can think of nothing less pleasurable than a life devoted to pleasure.

I do not think that there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance. It overcomes almost everything, even nature.

If you want to succeed you should strike out on new paths, rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success.

If your only goal is to become rich, you will never achieve it.

It is wrong to assume that men of immense wealth are always happy.

Next to doing the right thing, the most important thing is to let people know you are doing the right thing.

The ability to deal with people is as purchasable a commodity as sugar or coffee and I will pay more for that ability than for any other under the sun.

The success of each is dependent upon the success of the other.

The way to make money is to buy when blood is running in the streets.

Rumi

Short Bio - Rumi (30 September 1207 – 17 December 1273), was a 13th Century Persian Poet, Hanafi faqih, Islamic scholar, Maturidi theologian, and Sufi mystic originally from Greater Khorasan in Greater Iran. Rumi's influence transcends national borders and ethnic divisions: Iranians, Tajiks, Turks, Greeks, Pashtuns, other Central Asian Muslims, and the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent have greatly appreciated his spiritual legacy for the past seven centuries. His poems have been widely translated into many of the world's languages and transposed into various formats. Rumi has been described as the "most popular poet" and the "best selling poet" in the United States.

My Favourite Rumi Quotes

Achieve some perfection yourself, so that you may not fall into sorrow by seeing the perfection in others.

And so, it is, that both the devil and the angelic spirits present us with objects of desire to awaken our power of choice.

As you start to walk on the way, the way appears.

Don't you know yet? It is your light that lights the worlds.

Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and soul there is no such thing as separation.

I know you are tired but come, this is the way.

Ignore those that make you fearful and sad, that degrade you back towards disease and death.

It is your road, and yours alone, others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you.

Live life as if everything is rigged in your favour.

Love is the bridge between you and everything.

Raise your words, not voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder.

Seek the wisdom that will untie your knot. Seek the path that demands your whole being.

Sell your cleverness and buy bewilderment. Cleverness is mere opinion. Bewilderment brings intuitive knowledge.

Stop acting so small. You are the universe in ecstatic motion.

The lion is most handsome when looking for food.

The universe is not outside of you. Look inside yourself; everything that you want, you already are.

What hurts you, blesses you. Darkness is your candle.

What you seek is seeking you.

Why do you stay in prison when the door is so wide open.

Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.

You were born with wings, why prefer to crawl through life?

Samuel Smiles

Short Bio - Samuel Smiles (23 December 1812 – 16 April 1904) was a Scottish author and government reformer. Although he campaigned on a Chartist platform, he promoted the idea that more progress would come from new attitudes than from new laws. His primary work, *Self-Help* (1859), promoted thrift and claimed that poverty was caused largely by irresponsible habits, while also attacking materialism and laissez-faire government. It has been called “the bible of mid-Victorian liberalism” and had lasting effects on British political thought.

My Favourite Samuel Smiles Quotes

Good character is property. It is the noblest of all possessions.

It is a mistake to suppose that men succeed through success; they much oftener succeed through failures. Precept, study, advice, and example could never have taught them so well as failure has done.

Labour may be a burden and a chastisement, but it is also an honour and a glory. Without it, nothing can be accomplished.

Life will always be to a large extent what we ourselves make it.

Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine, but lost time is gone forever.

Marriage like government is a series of compromises. One must give and take, repair and restrain, endure and be patient.

Self-respect is the noblest garment with which a man can clothe himself, the most elevating feeling with which the mind can be inspired.

The battle of life is, in most cases, fought uphill; and to win it without a struggle were perhaps to win it without honour. If there were no difficulties there would be no success; if there were nothing to struggle for, there would be nothing to be achieved.

The experience gathered from books, though often valuable, is but the nature of learning; whereas the experience gained from actual life is one of the natures of wisdom.

The reason why so little is done, is generally because so little is attempted.

Where there is a will there is a way.

It is possible that the scrupulously honest man may not grow rich so fast as the unscrupulous and dishonest one; but the success will be of a truer kind, earned without fraud or injustice. And even though a man should for a time be unsuccessful, still he must be honest: better lose all and save character. For character is itself a fortune.

It is not enough to have a dream unless you are willing to pursue it. It is not enough to know what is right unless you're strong enough to do it. It is not enough to learn the truth unless you also learn to live it. It's not enough to reach for love, unless you care enough to give it. Men who are resolved to find a way for themselves will always find opportunities enough; and if they do not find them, they will make them.

Seneca

Short Bio - Lucius Annaeus Seneca the Younger (4 BC – AD 65), usually known as Seneca, was a Roman Stoic philosopher, statesman, dramatist, and in one work, satirist from the Silver Age of Latin literature. Seneca was born in Cordoba in Hispania, and raised in Rome, where he was trained in rhetoric and philosophy. In AD 41, Seneca was exiled to the island of Corsica under emperor Claudius, but was allowed to return in 49 to become a tutor to Nero. When Nero became emperor in 54, Seneca became his advisor and, together with the praetorian prefect Sextus Afranius Burrus, provided competent government for the first five years of Nero's reign. Seneca's influence over Nero declined with time, and in 65 Seneca was forced to take his own life for alleged complicity in the Pisonian conspiracy to assassinate Nero, in which he was likely to have been innocent. His stoic and calm suicide has become the subject of numerous paintings.

My Favourite Seneca Quotes

All cruelty springs from weakness.

Associate with people who are likely to improve you.

Begin at once to live and count each separate day as a separate life.

Every night before going to sleep, we must ask ourselves: what weakness did I overcome today? What virtue did I acquire?

Hang on to your youthful enthusiasms - you will be able to use them better when you are older.

He suffers more than necessary, who suffers before it is necessary.

If a man knows not to which port he sails, no wind is favourable.

If you really want to escape the things that harass you, what you are needing is not to be in a different place but to be a different person.

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult.

It is not that we have so little time but that we lose so much. The life we receive is not short, but we make it so; we are not ill provided but use what we have wastefully.

It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor.

Life is never incomplete if it is an honourable one. At whatever point you leave life, if you leave it in the right way, it is whole.

Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

Man is affected not by events but by the view he takes of them.

True happiness is to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future, not to amuse ourselves with either hopes or fears but to rest satisfied with what we have, which is sufficient, for he that is so, wants nothing.

The bravest sight in the world is to see a great man struggling against adversity.

Throw me to the wolves and I will return leading the pack.

Until we have begun to go without them, we fail to realize how unnecessary many things are. We have been using them not because we needed them but because we had them.

We are always complaining that our days are few and acting as though there would be no end of them.

We suffer more often in imagination than in reality.

Wealth is the slave of the wise. The master of the fool.

You act like mortals in all that you fear, and like immortals in all that you desire.

You want to live but do you know how to live? You are scared of dying and tell me, is the kind of life you lead really any different from being dead?

Sigmund Freud

Short Bio - Sigmund Freud (6 May 1856 – 23 September 1939) was an Austrian neurologist and the founder of psychoanalysis, a clinical method for treating psychopathology through

dialogue between a patient and a psychoanalyst. Freud was born to Galician Jewish parents in the Moravian town of Freiberg, in the Austrian Empire. He qualified as a Doctor of Medicine in 1881 at the University of Vienna. Upon completing his habilitation in 1885, he was appointed a docent in neuropathology and became an affiliated professor in 1902. Freud lived and worked in Vienna, having set up his clinical practice there in 1886. In 1938, Freud left Austria to escape Nazi persecution. He died in exile in the United Kingdom in 1939.

My Favourite Sigmund Freud Quotes

A man who has been the indisputable favourite of his mother keeps for life the feeling of a conqueror.

Children are completely egoistic; they feel their needs intensely and strive ruthlessly to satisfy them.

Dreams are often most profound when they seem the most crazy.

In the depths of my heart, I cannot help being convinced that my dear fellowmen, with a few exceptions, are worthless.

Unexpressed emotions will never die. They are buried alive and will come forth later in uglier ways.

We are never so defenceless against suffering as when we love.

Whoever loves becomes humble. Those who love have, so to speak, pawned a part of their narcissism.

Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility.

The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer, despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul, is 'What does a woman want?'

Simon Sinek

Short Bio - Simon Oliver Sinek (born October 9, 1973) is a British-American author and inspirational speaker. He is the author of five books, including *Start With Why* (2009) and *The Infinite Game* (2019). Sinek was born in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom and as a child, he lived in Johannesburg (South Africa), London, and Hong Kong before settling in the United States. He graduated from Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest in 1991. He studied law at London's City University, but left law school to go into advertising. He received a BA in cultural anthropology from Brandeis University.

My Favourite Simon Sinek Quotes

A team is not a group of people that work together. A team is a group of people that trust each

other.

Achievement happens when we pursue and attain what we want. Success comes when we are in clear pursuit of why we want it.

Always plan for the fact that no plan ever goes according to plan.

As the Zen Buddhist saying goes, how you do anything is how you do everything.

Do not show up to prove. Show up to improve.

Dream big, start small. But most of all, start.

If you want to achieve anything in this world, you have to get used to the idea that not everyone will like you.

It is better to disappoint people with the truth than to appease them with a lie.

Life is beautiful not because of the things we see or do. Life is beautiful because of the people we meet.

People do not buy what you do; they buy why you do it. And what you do simply proves what you believe.

Self-confidence is the ability to exercise restraint in the face of disrespect and still show respect in response.

The goal is not to be perfect by the end, the goal is to be better today.

The great leaders are not the strongest, they are the ones who are honest about their weaknesses. The great leaders are not the smartest; they are the ones who admit how much they do not know. The great leaders cannot do everything; they are the ones who look to others to help them. Great leaders do not see themselves as great; they see themselves as human.

There are only two ways to influence human behaviour: you can manipulate it, or you can inspire it.

What good is an idea if it remains an idea? Try. Experiment. Iterate. Fail. Try again. Change the world.

When people are financially invested, they want a return. When people are emotionally invested, they want to contribute.

Working hard for something we do not care about is called stress; working hard for something we love is called passion.

Socrates

Short Bio - Socrates (470 – 399 BC) was a Greek philosopher from Athens who is credited as

one of the founders of Western philosophy, and as being the first moral philosopher of the Western ethical tradition of thought. An enigmatic figure, he authored no texts, and is known chiefly through the accounts of classical writers composing after his lifetime, particularly his students Plato and Xenophon. Other sources include the contemporaneous Antisthenes, Aristippus, and Aeschines of Sphettos. Aristophanes, a playwright, is the main contemporary author to have written plays mentioning Socrates during Socrates' lifetime, although a fragment of Ion of Chios' Travel Journal provides important information about Socrates' youth.

My Favourite Socrates Quotes

All wars are fought for the acquisition of wealth.

Are you not ashamed of heaping up the greatest amount of money and honour and reputation, and caring so little about wisdom and truth and the greatest improvement of the soul?

Bad men live that they may eat and drink, whereas good men eat and drink that they may live.

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in, continue firm and constant.

Be the kind of person that you want people to think you are.

By all means marry. If you get a good wife you will become happy, and if you get a bad one you will become a philosopher.

Call no man unhappy until he is married.

Do not do to others what angers you if done to you by others.

Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.

Every action has its pleasures and its price.

Falling down is not a failure. Failure comes when you stay where you have fallen.

Happiness is unrepentant pleasure.

Having the fewest wants, I am nearest to the gods.

He is rich who is content with the least; for contentment is the wealth of nature.

He who is not contented with what he has, would not be contented with what he would like to have.

How many are the things I can do without!

I am not an Athenian, nor a Greek, but a citizen of the world.

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

I know nothing except the fact of my ignorance.

I know that I am intelligent because I know that I know nothing.

I pray Thee, O God, that I may be beautiful within.

If a man is proud of his wealth, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it.

In childhood be modest, in youth temperate, in adulthood just, and in old age prudent.

Know thyself.

Let him that would move the world, first move himself.

Life contains but two tragedies. One is not to get your heart's desire; the other is to get it.

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes, and but one tongue-to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak.

No man has the right to be an amateur in the matter of physical training. It is a shame for a man to grow old without seeing the beauty and strength of which his body is capable.

Nothing is to be preferred before justice.

Ordinary people seem not to realize that those who really apply themselves in the right way to philosophy are directly and of their own accord preparing themselves for dying and death.

Prefer knowledge to wealth, for the one is transitory, the other perpetual.

Remember what is unbecoming to do is also unbecoming to speak of.

Remember, no human condition is ever permanent. Then you will not be overjoyed in good fortune nor too scornful in misfortune.

Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers.

Sometimes you put walls up not to keep people out, but to see who cares enough to break them down.

Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people.

The easiest and noblest way is not to be crushing others, but to be improving yourselves.

The greatest way to live with honour in this world is to be what we pretend to be.

The highest realms of thought are impossible to reach without first attaining an understanding of compassion.

The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance.

The secret of happiness, you see, is not found in seeking more, but in developing the capacity to enjoy less.

They are not only idle who do nothing, but they are idle also who might be better employed.

Think not those faithful who praise all thy words and actions, but those who kindly reprove thy faults.

Thou should eat to live; not live to eat.

Wars and revolutions and battles are due simply and solely to the body and its desires. All wars are undertaken for the acquisition of wealth; and the reason why we have to acquire wealth is the body, because we are slaves in its service.

We cannot live better than in seeking to become better.

When you want wisdom and insight as badly as you want to breathe, it is then you shall have it.

Be of good cheer about death, and know this of a truth, that no evil can happen to a good man, either in life or after death.

It is better to change an opinion than to persist in a wrong one.

Sometimes you put walls up not to keep people out, but to see who cares enough to break them down.

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

The unexamined life is not worth living.

True wisdom comes to each of us when we realize how little we understand about life, ourselves, and the world around us.

When the debate is lost, slander becomes the tool of the loser.

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

Stephen Covey

Short Bio - Stephen Richards Covey (October 24, 1932 – July 16, 2012) was an American educator, author, businessman, and keynote speaker. His most popular book is *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. His other books include *First Things First*, *Principle-Centered Leadership*,

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families, The 8th Habit, and The Leader In Me — How Schools and Parents Around the World Are Inspiring Greatness, One Child at a Time. In 1996, Time magazine named him one of the 25 most influential people. He was a professor at the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University at the time of his death.

My Favourite Stephen Covey Quotes

If we keep doing what we are doing, we are going to keep getting what we are getting.

Live out of your imagination, not your history.

Every time you think the problem is 'out there,' that very thought is the problem.

I believe in this concept that you learn by teaching.

It takes a great deal of character strength to apologize quickly out of one's heart rather than out of pity. A person must possess himself and have a deep sense of security in fundamental principles and values in order to genuinely apologize.

Every human has four endowments – self-awareness, conscience, independent will and creative imagination. These give us the ultimate human freedom. The power to choose, to respond, to change.

There are three constants in life - change, choice and principles.

The key is not to prioritize what is on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities.

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

If you want small changes in your life, work on your attitude. But if you want big and primary changes, work on your paradigm.

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

You cannot talk your way out of problems you behave yourself into.

We become what we repeatedly do.

Seek first to understand, then to be understood.

The deepest desire of the human spirit is to be acknowledged.

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

We see the world not as it is, but as we are.

Strength lies in differences, not in similarities.

Listen with the intent to understand, not the intent to reply.

To learn something but not to do is really not to learn. To know something but not to do is really not to know.

Find your voice and inspire others to find theirs.

Begin with the end in mind.

Synergy is better than my way or your way. It is our way.

Theodore Roosevelt

Short Bio - Theodore Roosevelt Jr. (October 27, 1858 – January 6, 1919), often referred to as Teddy Roosevelt or his initials T. R., was an American statesman, conservationist, naturalist, historian, and writer, who served as the 26th president of the United States from 1901 to 1909. He previously served as 33rd governor of New York from 1899 to 1900 and the 25th vice president of the United States from March to September 1901. Roosevelt emerged as a leader of the Republican Party and became a driving force for the anti-trust policy while supporting Progressive Era policies in the early 20th century. His face is depicted on Mount Rushmore alongside fellow presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln.

My Favourite Theodore Roosevelt Quotes

I am a part of everything that I have read.

I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well.

The greatest doer must also be a great dreamer.

Let us rather run the risk of wearing out than rusting out.

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.

Keep your eyes on the stars but remember to keep your feet on the ground.

Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

Believe you can and you are halfway there.

Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can'. Then get busy and find out how to do it.

In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing.

I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do! That is character!

The only man who never makes mistakes is the man who never does anything.

Courage is not having the strength to go on; it is going on when you do not have the strength.

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you would not sit for a month.

Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you have got to start young.

Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind.

People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Thomas Carlyle

Short Bio - Thomas Carlyle (4 December 1795 – 5 February 1881) was a Scottish historian, satirical writer, essayist, translator, philosopher, mathematician, and teacher. In his book *On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and The Heroic in History* (1841), he argued that the actions of the “Great Man” play a key role in history, claiming that “the history of the world is but the biography of great men”. Other major works include *The French Revolution: A History*, 3 vols (1837) and *The History of Friedrich II of Prussia, Called Frederick the Great*, 6 vols (1858–65).

My Favourite Thomas Carlyle Quotes

A good book is the purest essence of a human soul.

The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.

The history of the world is but the biography of great men.

Thought once awakened does not again slumber.

What is all knowledge too but recorded experience?

Thomas Jefferson

Short Bio - Thomas Jefferson (April 13, 1743 – July 4, 1826) was an American statesman, diplomat, lawyer, architect, philosopher, and Founding Father who served as the third president of the United States from 1801 to 1809. He had previously served as the second vice president of the

United States between 1797 and 1801. The principal author of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson was a proponent of democracy, republicanism, and individual rights, motivating American colonists to break from the Kingdom of Great Britain and form a new nation; he produced formative documents and decisions at both the state and national levels.

My Favourite Thomas Jefferson Quotes

Do not bite at the bait of pleasure, till you know there is no hook beneath it.

Do you want to know who you are? Do not ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you.

Honesty is the first chapter of the book wisdom.

I believe that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another.

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.

I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.

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

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

It does me no injury for my neighbour to say there are twenty gods or no god. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.

Never spend your money before you have earned it.

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

Peace and friendship with all mankind is our wisest policy, and I wish we may be permitted to pursue it.

The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers.

When angry, count to ten before you speak. If very angry, count to one hundred.

Tony Robbins

Short Bio - Anthony Jay Robbins (February 29, 1960) is an American author, coach, speaker, and philanthropist. Robbins is known for his infomercials, seminars, and self-help books including the books *Unlimited Power* (published in 1987) and *Awaken the Giant Within* (published in 1993). His seminars are organized through Robbins Research International.

My Favourite Tony Robbins Quotes

A real decision is measured by the fact that you have taken a new action. If there is no action, you have not truly decided.

Identify your problems but give your power and energy to solutions.

If you do what you have always done, you will get what you have always gotten.

In life you need either inspiration or desperation.

It is in your moments of decision that your destiny is shaped.

It is what you practice in private that you will be rewarded for in public.

Most people fail in life because they major in minor things.

Only those who have learned the power of sincere and selfless contribution experience life's deepest joy: true fulfillment.

Success is doing what you want to do, when you want, where you want, with whom you want, as much as you want.

Successful people ask better questions, and as a result, they get better answers.

The meeting of preparation with opportunity generates the offspring we call luck.

The only thing that is keeping you from getting what you want is the story you keep telling yourself.

We can change our lives. We can do, have, and be exactly what we wish.

When you are grateful fear disappears and abundance appears.

You see, in life, lots of people know what to do, but few people actually do what they know.

Knowing is not enough! You must act.

Your past does not equal your future.

Any time you sincerely want to make a change, the first thing you must do is to raise your standards.

If you talk about it, it is a dream, if you envision it, it is possible, but if you schedule it, it's real.

It is not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives, but what we do consistently. People are not lazy; they simply have impotent goals. That is goals that do not inspire them.

Success in life is the result of good judgment. Good judgment is usually the result of experience.

Experience is usually the result of bad judgment.

The quality of your life is the quality of your relationships.

Why live an ordinary life when you can live an extraordinary one.

You do not have to have a reason to feel good - you are alive; you can feel good for no reason at all!

Victor E. Frankl

Short Bio - Viktor Emil Frankl (26 March 1905 – 2 September 1997) was Austrian neurologist, psychiatrist, philosopher, author, and Holocaust survivor. He was the founder of logotherapy, a school of psychotherapy which describes a search for a life meaning as the central human motivational force. Logotherapy is part of existential and humanistic psychology theories. Frankl published 39 books. The autobiographical *Man's Search for Meaning*, a best-selling book, is based on his experiences in various Nazi concentration camps.

My Favourite Victor E. Frankl Quotes

Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.

Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of human freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.

Ultimately, man should not ask what the meaning of his life is, but rather he must recognize that it is he who is asked.

There is nothing in the world, I venture to say, that would so effectively help one to survive even the worst conditions as the knowledge that there is a meaning in one's life.

The quest for meaning is the key to mental health and human flourishing.

An abnormal reaction to an abnormal situation is normal behaviour.

The attempt to develop a sense of humour and to see things in a humorous light is some kind of a trick learned while mastering the art of living.

Humour was another of the soul's weapons in the fight for self-preservation.

Live as if you were living a second time, and as though you had acted wrongly the first time.

When we are no longer able to change a situation – we are challenged to change ourselves.

Faith is trust in ultimate meaning.

For the meaning of life differs from man to man, from day to day and from hour to hour What matters, therefore, is not the meaning of life in general but rather the specific meaning of a person's life at a given moment.

Pain is only bearable if we know it will end, not if we deny it exists.

Every human being has the freedom to change at any instant.

I do the unpleasant tasks before I do the pleasant ones.

When a man cannot find meaning, he numbs himself with pleasure.

Religion is the search for ultimate meaning.

Evermore people today have the means to live, but no meaning to live for.

Challenging the meaning of life is the truest expression of the state of being human.

When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to change ourselves.

Victor Hugo

Short Bio - Victor-Marie Hugo (26 February 1802 – 22 May 1885) was a French poet, novelist, and dramatist of the Romantic movement. During a literary career that spanned more than sixty years, he wrote abundantly in an exceptional variety of genres: lyrics, satires, epics, philosophical poems, epigrams, novels, history, critical essays, political speeches, funeral orations, diaries, letters public and private, as well as dramas in verse and prose. Hugo is considered to be one of the greatest and best-known French writers. Outside France, his most famous works are the novels *Les Misérables*, 1862, and *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*, 1831.

My Favourite Victor Hugo Quotes

Be as a bird perched on a frail branch that she feels bending beneath her, still she sings away all the same, knowing she has wings.

Change your opinions, keep to your principles; change your leaves, keep intact your roots.

Even the darkest night will end, and the sun will rise.

It is nothing to die. It is frightful not to live.

Not being heard is no reason for silence.

Our mind is enriched by what we receive, our heart by what we give.

People do not lack strength; they lack will.

The future has several names. For the weak, it is impossible; for the fainthearted, it is unknown; but for the valiant, it is ideal.

There is something more terrible than a hell of suffering – a hell of boredom.

Those who do not weep, do not see.

To put everything in balance is good, to put everything in harmony is better.

Vince Lombardi

Short Bio - Vincent Thomas Lombardi (June 11, 1913 – September 3, 1970) was an American football coach, and executive in the National Football League (NFL). He is best known as the head coach of the Green Bay Packers during the 1960s, where he led the team to three straight and five total NFL Championships in seven years, in addition to winning the first two Super Bowls at the conclusion of the 1966 and 1967 NFL seasons. He never had a losing season as a head coach in the NFL, compiling a regular season winning percentage of 72.8% (96–34–6), and 90% (9–1) in the postseason for an overall record of 105 wins, 35 losses, and 6 ties in the NFL.

My Favourite Vince Lombardi Quotes

Character is just another word for having a perfectly disciplined and educated will.

Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence.

Excellence must be pursued, it must be wooed with all of one's might and every bit of effort that we have each day there's a new encounter, each week is a new challenge.

Fatigue makes cowards of us all.

If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?

If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm.

It's not whether you get knocked down, its whether you get back up.

Once you learn to quit, it becomes a habit.

Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.

The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender.

The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.

The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

Winners never quit and quitters never win.

Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing. You don't win once in a while. You don't do things right once in a while. You do them right all the time. Winning is habit.

Voltaire

Short Bio - François-Marie Arouet (21 November 1694 – 30 May 1778), known by his nom de plume Voltaire was a French Enlightenment writer, historian, and philosopher famous for his wit, as well as his advocacy of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and separation of church and state. Voltaire was a versatile and prolific writer, producing works in almost every literary form, including plays, poems, novels, essays, histories, and scientific expositions. He wrote more than 20,000 letters and 2,000 books and pamphlets. He was one of the first authors to become renowned and commercially successful internationally. He was an outspoken advocate of civil liberties, and he was at constant risk from the strict censorship laws of the Catholic French monarchy.

My Favourite Voltaire Quotes

Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

Cherish those who seek the truth but beware of those who find it.

Common sense is not so common.

Don't think money does everything or you are going to end up doing everything for money.

Doubt is an uncomfortable condition, but certainty is a ridiculous one.

Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do.

If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him.

It is clear that the individual who persecutes a man, his brother, because he is not of the same opinion, is a monster.

It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong.

It is forbidden to kill; therefore, all murderers are punished unless they kill in large numbers and to the sound of trumpets.

Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers.

Let us cultivate our garden.

May God defend me from my friends: I can defend myself from my enemies.

Men are equal; it is not birth but virtue that makes the difference.

Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always throw stones at those who are showing a new road.

The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater is their power to harm us.

The mirror is a worthless invention. The only way to truly see yourself is in the reflection of someone else's eyes.

The more often a stupidity is repeated, the more it gets the appearance of wisdom.

Think for yourself and let others enjoy the privilege of doing so too.

Those who can make you believe absurdities; can make you commit atrocities.

Warren Buffett

Short Bio - Warren Edward Buffett (August 30, 1930) is an American investor, business tycoon, philanthropist, and the chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway. He is considered one of the most successful investors in the world and has a net worth of over US\$85.6 billion as of December 2020, making him the world's fourth-wealthiest person.

My Favourite Warren Buffett Quotes

Every decade or so, dark clouds will fill the economic skies, and they will briefly rain gold.

It's far better to buy a wonderful company at a fair price than a fair company at a wonderful price.

Just buy something for less than it's worth.

Price is what you pay. Value is what you get.

The important thing is to know what you know and know what you don't know.

The sillier the market's behaviour, the greater the opportunity for the business-like investor.

Uncertainty actually is the friend of the buyer of long-term values.

Whether we're talking about socks or stocks, I like buying quality merchandise when it is marked down.

You cannot make a good deal with a bad person.

You only learn who has been swimming naked when the tide goes out.

It's better to hang out with people better than you. Pick out associates whose behaviour is better than yours and you'll drift in that direction.

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

Rule No1: Never lose money. Rule No2: Never forget rule No1.
Risk comes from not knowing what you're doing.

Our favourite holding period is forever.

Wayne Dyer

Short Bio - Wayne Walter Dyer (May 10, 1940 – August 29, 2015) was an American self-help and spiritual author and a motivational speaker. His first book, *Your Erroneous Zones* (1976), is one of the best-selling books of all time, with an estimated 100 million copies sold to date.

My Favourite Wayne Dyer Quotes

Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.

Everything is either an opportunity to grow or an obstacle to keep you from growing. You get to choose.

How people treat you is their karma; how you react is yours.

I am thankful to all those who said no. It's because of them, I did it myself.

I would rather be hated for who I am than loved for who I'm not.

If we focus on what's ugly, we attract more ugliness into our thoughts, and then into our emotions, and ultimately into our lives.

It's easy to be a critic, but being a doer requires effort, risk, and change.

Judgments prevent us from seeing the good that lies beyond appearances.

Peace is the result of retraining your mind to process life as it is, rather than as you think it should be.

The highest form of ignorance is when you reject something you don't know anything about.

The state of your life is nothing more than a reflection of the state of your mind.

There's no scarcity of opportunity to make a living at what you love. There is only a scarcity of resolve to make it happen.

When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way.

When you judge another, you do not define them, you define yourself.

When you're at peace with yourself and love yourself, it is virtually impossible to do things to yourself that are destructive.

You are not stuck where you are unless you decide to be.

You cannot always control what goes on outside. But you can always control what goes on inside.

You don't need to be better than anyone else, you just need to be better than you used to be.

William James

Short Bio - William James (January 11, 1842 – August 26, 1910) was an American philosopher and psychologist, and the first educator to offer a psychology course in the United States. James is considered to be a leading thinker of the late nineteenth century, one of the most influential philosophers of the United States, and the “Father of American psychology”.

My Favourite William James Quotes

A sense of humour is just common-sense dancing.

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact.

Facts' are the bounds of human knowledge, set for it, not by it.

He who refuses to embrace a unique opportunity loses the prize as surely as if he had failed.

Human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind.

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

If you can change your mind, you can change your life.

If you care enough for a result, you will most certainly attain it.

If you want a quality, act as if you already had it.

In any project the important factor is your belief. Without belief, there can be no successful outcome.

Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out they've got a second.

One of the greatest discoveries of our time is that a man can alter the state of their life by altering the state of their mind.

Success or failure depends more upon attitude than upon capacity successful men act as though they have accomplished or are enjoying something. Soon it becomes a reality. Act, look, feel successful, conduct yourself accordingly, and you will be amazed at the positive results.

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated.

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes.

The greatest weapon against stress is our ability to choose one thought over another.

The path to cheerfulness is to sit cheerfully and to act and speak as if cheerfulness were already there.

There is no more miserable human being than one in whom nothing is habitual but indecision.

We are like islands in the sea, separate on the surface but connected in the deep.

When you have to make a choice and don't make it, that is in itself a choice.

Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task.

William Shakespeare

Short Bio - William Shakespeare (26 April 1564 – 23 April 1616) was an English playwright, poet, and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's greatest dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon" (or simply "the Bard"). His extant works, including collaborations, consist of some 39 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems, and a few other verses, some of uncertain authorship. His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright. They also continue to be studied and reinterpreted.

My Favourite William Shakespeare Quotes

All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages.

An overflow of good converts to bad.

Better a witty fool than a foolish wit.

Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.

Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once.

God has given you one face, and you make yourself another.

How poor are they that have not patience! What wound did ever heal but by degrees?

If music be the food of love, play on.

It is a wise father that knows his own child.

Listen to many, speak to a few.

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

No legacy is so rich as honesty.

The empty vessel makes the loudest sound.

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves.

There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so.

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cries.

Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind.

Winston Churchill

Short Bio - Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, (30 November 1874 – 24 January 1965) was a British statesman, army officer, and writer. He was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945, during the Second World War, and again from 1951 to 1955. Apart from two years between 1922 and 1924, Churchill was a Member of Parliament (MP) from 1900 to 1964 and represented a total of five constituencies. Ideologically an economic liberal and imperialist, he was for most of his career a member of the Conservative Party, as leader from 1940 to 1955. He was a member of the Liberal Party from 1904 to 1924.

My Favourite Winston Churchill Quotes

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

For myself I am an optimist — it does not seem to be much use being anything else.

I have in my life concentrated more on self-expression than self-denial.

I like things to happen, and if they don't happen, I like to make them happen.

I never 'worry' about action, but only about inaction.

If you're going through hell, keep going.

It is better to be making the news than taking it; to be an actor rather than a critic.

Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense.

Nourish your hopes, but do not overlook realities.

One always measures friendships by how they show up in bad weather.

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

The empires of the future are the empires of the mind.

Things are not always right because they are hard, but if they are right one must not mind if they are also hard.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.

You must look at facts because they look at you.

Yoda

Short Bio - Yoda is a fictional character in the Star Wars universe, first appearing in the 1980 film *The Empire Strikes Back*. He is a small, green humanoid alien who is powerful with the Force and served as Grandmaster of the Jedi Order. Yoda has become an iconic figure in popular culture due to his distinct pattern of speech and role as a wise mentor.

My Favourite Yoda Quotes

A Jedi uses the Force for knowledge and defence, never for attack.

Always two there are, no more, no less. A master and an apprentice.

Attachment leads to jealousy. The shadow of greed, that is.

Control, control, you must learn control!

Judge me by my size, do you?

Patience you must have, my young padawan.

To answer power with power, the Jedi way this is not.

When you look at the dark side, careful you must be. For the dark side looks back.

No! Try not! Do or do not, there is no try.

Zig Ziglar

Short Bio - Hilary Hinton “Zig” Ziglar (November 6, 1926 – November 28, 2012) was an American author, salesman, and motivational speaker.

My Favourite Zig Ziglar Quotes

A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could.

FEAR has two meanings: ‘Forget Everything And Run’ or ‘Face Everything And Rise.’ The choice is yours.

If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time.

If you go out looking for friends, you’re going to find they are very scarce. If you go out to be a friend, you’ll find them everywhere.

Lack of direction, not lack of time, is the problem. We all have twenty-four-hour days.

Many marriages would be better if the husband and wife clearly understood that they’re on the same side.

Motivation gets you going, and habit gets you there.

Outstanding people have one thing in common: an absolute sense of mission. People often say that motivation doesn’t last. Well, neither does bathing – that’s why we recommend it daily.

Rich people have small TVs and big libraries, and poor people have small libraries and big TVs.

Some of us learn from other people’s mistakes and the rest of us have to be other people.

Some people find fault like there is a reward for it.

The chief cause of failure and unhappiness is trading what you want most for what you want right now.

The more you are grateful for what you have the more you will have to be grateful for.

When you are tough on yourself, life is going to be infinitely easier on you.

You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.

You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life.

You were born to win, but to be a winner you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win.

Favourites

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds - Albert Einstein.

I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious - Albert Einstein.

Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world - Albert Einstein.

Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives – choice, not chance, determines your destiny – Aristotle.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail - Benjamin Franklin.

Many people die at twenty-five and aren't buried until they are seventy-five - Benjamin Franklin.

To succeed, always remember that the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing - Brendan Burchard.

Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation, for your character is what you are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are - Dale Carnegie.

Vision without execution is just hallucination - Henry Ford.

Wrong does not cease to be wrong because the majority share in it - Leo Tolstoy.

You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing, there will be no results - Mahatma Gandhi.

The true man wants two things: danger and play. For that reason, he wants woman, as the most dangerous plaything – Nietzsche.

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism - Norman Vincent Peale.

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go - Oscar Wilde.

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about - Oscar Wilde.

To define is to limit - Oscar Wilde.

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all - Oscar Wilde.

We live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities - Oscar Wilde.

Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood - Oscar Wilde.

What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The only way to have a friend is to be one - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

To be great is to be misunderstood - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

People do not seem to realise that their opinion of the world is also a confession of their character - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

It is possible that the scrupulously honest man may not grow rich so fast as the unscrupulous and dishonest one; but the success will be of a truer kind, earned without fraud or injustice. And even though a man should for a time be unsuccessful, still he must be honest: better lose all and save character. For character is itself a fortune - Samuel Smiles.

It's not enough to have a dream unless you're willing to pursue it. It's not enough to know what's right unless you're strong enough to do it. It's not enough to learn the truth unless you also learn to live it. It's not enough to reach for love, unless you care enough to give it. Men who are resolved to find a way for themselves will always find opportunities enough; and if they do not find them, they will make them - Samuel Smiles.

Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility - Sigmund Freud.

The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer, despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul, is 'What does a woman want?' Sigmund Freud.

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing – Socrates.

Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task - William James.

Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind - William Shakespeare.

No! Try not! Do or do not, there is no try – Yoda.

The most creative act you will ever undertake is the act of creating yourself - Deepak Chopra.

The reading of all good books is like a conversation with the finest minds of past centuries -
Descartes.

OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS NOT THAT WE ARE INADEQUATE. OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS THAT WE ARE POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE. IT IS OUR LIGHT, ^{NOT OUR DARKNESS}

THAT MOST FRIGHTENS US. WE ASK OURSELVES, WHO AM I TO BE

**BRILLIANT,
GORGEOUS,
TALENTED,
FABULOUS?**

ACTUALLY, WHO ARE YOU NOT TO BE? YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD. YOUR PLAYING SMALL DOES NOT SERVE THE WORLD.

THERE IS NOTHING ENLIGHTENED ABOUT SHRINKING SO THAT OTHER PEOPLE WON'T FEEL INSECURE AROUND YOU.

WE ARE ALL MEANT TO SHINE, AS CHILDREN DO. WE WERE BORN TO MAKE MANIFEST THE GLORY OF GOD THAT IS WITHIN US. IT'S NOT JUST IN SOME OF US; IT'S IN EVERYONE.

AND AS WE LET OUR OWN LIGHT SHINE, WE UNCONSCIOUSLY GIVE OTHER PEOPLE PERMISSION TO DO THE SAME.

AS WE ARE ^{LIBERATED FROM OUR OWN FEAR, OUR PRESENCE AUTOMATICALLY} LIBERATES OTHERS.

———— MARIANNE WILLIAMSON ————