

When you row another person across the river, you get there yourself.

Author: Fortune Cookie

Wherever you go, go with all your heart.

Author: Confucius

"It ain't over till it's over." Yogi Berra

"Give me a museum and I'll fill it."

- Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)

Friends are relatives you make for yourself.

Author: Eustache Deschamps

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

Winston Churchill

History is written by the victors.

Winston Churchill

History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.

Winston Churchill

However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.

Winston Churchill

It is a fine thing to be honest, but it is also very important to be right.

Winston Churchill

Be Somebody you would be proud to know.

Who you are begins with what you do.

No matter how far you go down the wrong road, you can always turn back.

Let your efforts rise above your excuses.

Respect is not a gift. You have to earn it.

Don't make excuses. Make improvements.

If you think someone could use a friend, be one.

Success: Don't just wish for it, work for it.

If you don't have time to do it right, you must have time to do it over.

Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?

Remember, no matter where you go, there you are.
Buckaroo Banzai

A mistake is evidence that somebody has tried to do something.

It is never too late to be what you might have been.
George Elliot

Our past is not our potential

I will act as if what I do makes a difference.
William James

My country is the world, and my religion is to do good.
Thomas Paine

Our life can be an accident or an adventure. The choice is ours.
Norm Howe

Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength.

A house divided against its self cannot stand.
Abraham Lincoln

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. **Thomas Edison**

Uncommon valor was a common virtue
Admiral Chester Nimitz

A morsel of genuine history is a rare thing, so as to be always valuable. **Thomas Jefferson**

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. **George Santayana**

The only history that is worth anything is the history we make today. **Henry Ford**

It is history that teaches us hope.
Robert E. Lee

The buck stops here.

Harry S. Truman

Love is not something to be understood; it can only be lived.

Dan Millman - Way of the Peaceful Warrior

There are no ordinary moments.

Dan Millman - Way of the Peaceful Warrior

Faith dares the soul to go farther than it can see.

William Clarke

Our lives are shaped not as much by our experiences, as by our expectations.

George Bernard Shaw

You can't cross the sea merely by staring at the water.

Rabindranath Tagore

Some think it's holding on that makes one strong; sometimes it's letting go.

Sylvia Robinson

Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

I use not only all the brains I have, but all I can borrow.

Woodrow Wilson

Be humble for you are made of earth.

Be noble for you are made of stars.

Serbian proverb

It's only possible to live happily ever after on a moment-to-moment basis.

Margaret Bonnano

Bigger Lines

When we accept tough jobs as a challenge and wade into them with joy and enthusiasm, miracles can happen.

Arland Gilbert

Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

Michael Jordan

One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do.
Henry Ford

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
Confucius

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.
Herm Albright

"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."
Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

"Each problem that I solved became a rule which served afterwards to solve other problems."
Rene Descartes (1596-1650), "Discours de la Methode"

If your friend is already dead, and being eaten by vultures, I think it's okay to feed some bits of your friend to one of the vultures, to teach him to do some tricks. But ONLY if you're serious about adopting the vulture.

Deep Thoughts (Saturday Night Live) Author: Jack Handey

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Winston Churchill

All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.

Winston Churchill

Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential. Winston Churchill

Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities... because it is the quality which guarantees all others.

Winston Churchill

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill

Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfils the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things.

Winston Churchill

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.

Winston Churchill

The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place; from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web.

Pablo Picasso

Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.

Pablo Picasso

The emotions are sometimes so strong that I work without knowing it. The strokes come like speech.

Vincent Van Gogh

I tell you, the more I think, the more I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.

Vincent Van Gogh

**Touch a rock and you touch the past.
Touch a flower and you touch the present.
Touch a child and you touch the future.**

Decide....whether or not the goal is worth the risks involved. If it is stop worrying....

Amelia Earhart

No sane man is unafraid in battle, but discipline produces in him a form of vicarious courage. **General George S. Patton**

“Socrates, why did you persist in running with me and doing all those leaps and bounds when you knew that they might kill you at any time?”

“Better to live until you die,” he said. “I am a warrior, so my way is action. I am a teacher, so I teach by example. Some day you may teach others as I have taught you – the you’ll understand that words are not enough; you must

**teach by example what you've realized through
experience."**

Dan Millman - Way of the Peaceful Warrior

“Milarepa had searched everywhere for enlightenment, but could find no answer – until one day, he saw an old man walking slowly down a mountain path, carrying a heavy sack. Immediately, Milarepa sensed that this old man knew the secret he had been desperately seeking for many years.

“Old man, please tell me what you know. What is enlightenment?”

“The old man smiled at him for a moment, and swung the heavy burden off his shoulders, and stood straight.”

“Yes, I see!” cried Milarepa. “My everlasting gratitude. But please, one question more. What is after enlightenment?”

“Smiling again, the old man picked up the sack once again, slung it over his shoulders, steadied his burden, and continued on his way.”

Dan Millman - Way of the Peaceful Warrior

“Don’t fade out on the ‘Amen!’”

Bishop James Baker

That is the message my grandmother sent me in the way she lived her life. At 94 years old she passed away still in charge of her faculties and while ready to go, she stayed with us long enough for all of her children and many of her grandchildren to come and say good bye. She left quite a legacy from starting college at 16 when women didn’t attend college, to performing at the Hollywood bowl in various dance troupes, to teaching over 10,000 children during her 33 years as a teacher, while raising three children. She traveled constantly and after my grandfather, her husband of 52 years passed away she continued to travel into her eighties, while giving book reviews and singing at church each Sunday. I hope I fair as well.

**In Loving Memory of Mary Blanchard
August 25, 1909 – September 3, 2003
Jeff Blanchard**

We are both burdened and blessed by the great responsibility of free will – the power of choice. Our future is determined, in large part, by the choices we make now.

We cannot always control our circumstances, but we can and do choose our response to whatever arises. Reclaiming the power of choice, we find the courage to live fully in the world.

Dan Millman – The laws of spirit

The universe does not judge us; it only provides consequences and lessons and opportunities to balance and learn through the law of cause and effect. Compassion is the recognition that we are each doing the best we can within the limits of our current beliefs and capacities.

Dan Millman – The laws of spirit

I want to live with my feet in Dixie, and my head in the cool cool North.

John Denver

Of all the words in Of Mice and Men the saddest are “it might have been.”

Cats Cradle

Smile; It makes people wonder what you are up to.

No guts, No Glory.

Dale Logie – My old football coach

I may be weird, but I'm having fun.

Jeff Blanchard

I don't think I said "I love you" near enough.

Dan Fogelberg

**Don't forget what happened to the man who got
everything he ever wanted...he lived happily ever after.
Willie Wonka**

**We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of the
dreams.**

Willie Wonka

**If the good Lord had intended us to walk, he would not
have invented roller skates.**

Willie Wonka

Adversity introduces a man to himself.

Opportunity is the enemy of commitment.

Wayne Wagner

Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am a diamond glinting on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle Autumn rain. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die.

Mama Chia – Journey of the Peaceful Warrior

There is no way to Peace, Peace is the way.

There is no way to happiness; happiness is the way.

There is no way to love; love is the way.

Dan Millman

True teachers use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own.

Nikos Kazantzakis

A young boy ran up to his teacher with tears in his eyes. The teacher asked, "What's wrong, dear?" The boy said, "I just found out I'll be in school until I'm eighteen". The teacher said, "That's not a problem. I have to stay here until I'm sixty-five!"

Milton Berle

A new teacher, trying to make use of her psychology courses, started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up."

After a few seconds, little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Johnny?"

"No Ma'am," he said, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself."

Loyal Jones

My teacher has a reading problem. He can't read my writing.

Leopold Fechtner

My history teacher was so old, he taught from memory.

Henny Youngman

I forgot what I was taught. I only remember what I have learned.

Patrick White

**I'll never learn how to spell. The teacher keeps changing
the words.**

Henny Youngman

**It is not the IQ but the I WILL that is most important in
education.**

**Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first,
the lesson afterward.**

Vernon Law

Act how you want to feel.

There is nothing to fear but fear itself.

Oingo Boingo

**The only safe and sure way to destroy an enemy is to make
him your friend.**

Abraham Lincoln

My country is the world, and my religion is to do good.

Thomas Paine

The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour.

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

**Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;**

**Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,**

**And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.**

**I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:**

**Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.**

Robert Frost

**Tim was so learned he could name a horse in nine
languages, and so ignorant that he bought a cow to ride
on.**

Benjamin Franklin

He that lieth down with dogs, shall rise up with fleas.

Benjamin Franklin

Diligence in the mother of good luck.

Benjamin Franklin

A good example is the best sermon.

Benjamin Franklin

**If you will not hear reason, She'll surely rap you on the
knuckles.**

Benjamin Franklin

Be mindful of the past.

Benjamin Franklin

I say “try” – if we never try, we shall never succeed.

Abraham Lincoln

I am charged with making too many mistakes on the side of mercy.

Abraham Lincoln

He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help.

Abraham Lincoln

Let us have faith that the right makes might and in that faith do our duty as we understand it.

Abraham Lincoln

Some things are legally right, but are not necessarily morally right

Abraham Lincoln

I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.

Abraham Lincoln

Towering genius disdains a beaten path.
Abraham Lincoln

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.
Abraham Lincoln

With the fearful strain that is on me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die.
Abraham Lincoln

Laughter...the joyous, beautiful, universal evergreen of life.
Abraham Lincoln

Red Tape Cutter – A Story about Abraham Lincoln

An aide entered to find the President counting greenbacks.

“What are you doing?” asked the astonished aide.

“A porter at the treasury Department is laid up with smallpox,”

Lincoln explained. “He is owed back wages, so I am what you call

‘Cutting through all the red tape’ to give what’s his due.

The Richmond Redeemer

The first positive proof that the Civil War had ended was a wire from Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy,

saying that the Confederacy officials and army had abandoned the city.

While Stanton, Lincoln's Secretary of War, was away visiting troops, Lincoln ignored Stanton's recommendations and decided to visit Richmond. When the steamship landed at the Richmond harbor, he made his way to the town, only to find he was mobbed by former slaves who recognized him and fell on their knees before him, exclaiming their thanks over their deliverance.

Besides "Mr. President," some of the other phrases of address were "Savior" and "Redeemer."

Lincoln answered their cries with an order: "Don't kneel to me – it isn't right!"

"You must kneel to God only," he continued, "and thank Him for the liberty you now enjoy. I am but God's humble instrument, but you may rest assured, that as long as I live, you shall have all the rights which God has given to every other free citizen of the Republic."

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate – we cannot consecrate - we cannot hallow- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of their devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln

SUCCESS

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social

condition; to know even one life has created easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Voice

**There is a voice inside of you
That whispers all day long,
“I feel that this is right for me,
I know that *this* is wrong.”
No teacher, preacher, parent, friend
Or wise man can decide
What’s tight for you—just listen to
The voice that speaks inside.**

Shel Silverstein

Never allow your own comfort to keep you from giving comfort to others.

**This world is an imperfect place, but it is the best of all possible worlds.
Those who don’t have the courage to respond often have the nerve to complain.**

SYBIL THE MAGICIAN’S LAST SHOW

**Magical Sybil was much too cheap
To buy her rabbit a carrot.
He grew so thin, just bones and skin,
So starved he couldn’t bear it—**

**And so, as she reached into her hat
To grab him by the ears,
She felt a tug, she felt a pull,
And WHAP—she disappeared,
“The greatest act we’ve ever seen,”
We cheered for Magical Sybil.
But all that remained was a hat and a cape
And the sound of a bunny
Goin’, “Nibble...nibble...nibble.”
Shel Silverstein**

**“Happiness is not a reward, it is a consequence.”
“Suffering is not a punishment, it is a result.” Robert
Ingersoll**

**The worst thing you can do to someone in distress is to offer
advice.**

**There is nothing to be gained by judging someone whose
poor choices have led
to suffering.**

An Innocent Freedom Writer

**A young black boy filled with innocence and care,
looking for someone, but not one is there.**

**His first day of school, the father's not around,
to comfort his son when he's sad and down.**

**Looks up to his brother who knows money and power,
watching his back every single hour.**

**An innocent boy is now twelve years of age,
and finds himself locked up in a human-sized cage.**

**An innocent young man is now a criminal mind,
having nightmares of murders every single time.**

**But this time you'll think this fool should see the light,
but he's jumped in a gang and they nickname him "Snipe."**

Kicked out of the house and left in the cold.

Have you been through this at eleven years old?

**He says to himself "no one cares for me,"
then makes his bed in a old park tree.**

The next time a park bench, how long can it last?

Will be forget this dreadful, dreadful past!

**He goes to Wilson High with messed – up trail,
and meets a guardian angel named Erin Gruell.**

He learns about the Holocaust, Anne Frank and the Jews.

Now the time comes that he should choose.

He meets Anna, Terri, Tommy, and others.

These are the innocent boy's new sisters and brothers.

A 0.5 now a 2.8.

Change is good, for those who wait.

**He's back to innocence, but still has fear,
that death is upon him drawing near.**

But people say it's hard to see,

This life of emotions is all about me.

All this is true, because I'm not a liar

Just a brokenhearted male with a label – Freedom Writer!

**Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;
Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st.**

**So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.**

Shakespeare

Impression: Le Reveillon

**The sky is laced with fitful red,
The circling mists and shadows flee,
The dawn is rising from the sea,
Like a white lady from her bed.**

**And jagged brazen arrows fall
Athwart the feathers of the night,
And long wave of yellow light
Breaks silently on tower and hall,**

**And spreading wide across the wold
Wakes into flight some fluttering bird,**

**And all the chestnut tops are stirred,
And all the branches streaked with gold.
Oscar Wilde**

**You will never get better if you only pursue a life that is
easier.**

**The character traits worth having are those you acquired
at the cost of personal sacrifice.**

If you believe in others they will believe in themselves.

**In everything set them an example by doing what is good.
Titus 2:7**

**Little drops of water, little grains of sand; make the mighty
ocean, and the pleasant land. Julia Carnoy**

**It is better to finish something than to start it. It is better
to be patient than to be proud. Ecclesiastes 7:8**

Most loneliness results from insulation rather than isolation. James Dobson

Head knowledge is important but heart knowledge is imperative.

Anything is possible if a person believes. Mark 9:23

Faith is the quiet place within us where we don't get whiplash every time life tosses us wave.

As iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a friend. Proverbs 27:17

Encourage one another daily, as long as it is today. Hebrews 3:13

Even if you live to be a hundred, never stop seeing the world through a child's eyes.

When everything is wrong we move along
All American Rejects

**Sing with me, sing for the year, sing for the laugh and sing
for the tear**

Aerosmith

Imagine all the people sharing all the world

John Lennon

**When all the broken hearted people in the world agree,
there will be an answer; let it be**

The Beatles

I find it very, very easy to be true

Johnny Cash

Even the best fall down sometimes

Howie Day

It isn't hard to hold when it shines like gold.

The Killers

It's times like these you learn to live again.

Foo Fighters

Put your faith in what you most believe in.

Phil Collins

I'll never let you fall. I'll stand up for you forever. I'll be there for you through it all even if saving you sends me to heaven.

Red Jumpsuit Apparatus

Don't write yourself off yet. Just try your best, try everything you can. Don't worry what they tell themselves when you're away.

Jimmy Eat World

I want who'll stand by my side And give me support.

Depeche Mode

And I don't want the world to see me, 'cause I don't think that they'd understand. When everything's made to be broken, I just want you to know who I am.

Goo Goo Dolls

Lightning crashes a new mother cries. This moment she's been waiting for. The angel opens her eyes; Pale blue colored iris. Presents the circle and puts the glory out to hide.

Live

It's all decided for us. This world has only one sweet moment set aside for us.

Queen

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

Martin Luther King, jr.

My life is my message.

Gandhi

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Abraham Lincoln

Health, happiness and success depend upon the fighting spirit of each person. The big thing is not what happens to us in life - but what we do about what happens to us.

George Allen

And we should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once. And we should call every truth false which was not accompanied by at least one laugh.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow that talent.

Erica Jong

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

Vincent Lombardi

A person who aims at nothing is sure to hit it.

He is richest who is content with the least, for content is the wealth of nature.

Socrates

One who is injured ought not to return the injury, for on no account can it be right to do an injustice; and it is not right to return an injury, or to do evil to any man, however much we have suffered from him.

Socrates

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.

Daniel J. Boorstin

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Malcolm Forbes

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm schizophrenic, and so am I.

Oscar Levant

You can turn painful situations around through laughter. If you can find humor in anything, even poverty, you can survive it.

Bill Cosby

Fire and Ice

**Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.**

**From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.**

**But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate**

**To say that for destruction ice
Is also great**

And would suffice.

Robert Frost