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Introduction

I always loved Inspirational Quotes. I would read them. I would learn them. I would memorize them, and in many cases repeat them to myself over and over to gain strength and inspiration.

I would use them to inspire myself and my friends.

I would share them with my coworkers.

I would use them to entertain.

I would use them in presentations.

I would use them in my personal and professional writings.

I would use them just for fun.

For those of you that remember the TV show *The Honeymooners*, I would like to take you back to one of my favorite episodes. In that show, Ralph Kramden used a quote to get him through some trying times. It was “Pins and Needles, Needles and Pins, A Happy Man is a Man Who Grins.” It was a great episode. The wisdom that I got from Ralph 30 years ago was that words can inspire, words can soothe, words can motivate, and they don’t always have to be your own words.

I love inspirational quotes so much that I was inspired to write an Inspirational Quote book, but before I even got started, I asked myself the question: “Does the world need another inspirational quote book?” Does the world really need another place to find inspirational quotes? Aren’t there thousands of websites with inspirational quotes? Doesn’t Bartlett’s do the trick?

The answer that I came up with was yes, the world needs another Quote Book and I’d like to explain why.

My company, Self Improvement Online, Inc. publishes several email newsletters, several of them containing Inspirational or Motivational Quotes.

My daily or weekly challenge was to find new inspirational quotes. They were easy to find at first, but hard as the months and years rolled by.

I always asked myself, “Which are the best Inspirational Quotes? What will people respond to the most?” It is easy to find lots of inspirational quotes, but the challenge is finding the best inspirational quotes.

I was on a mission. My mission was to identify the most inspiring Inspirational Quotes available. This was going to be a challenge. It appeared to be extremely subjective. How could one person really go about identifying the most inspiring quotes? What exactly is an Inspiring Quote? Are proverbs quotes? Are short sayings quotes? Can short sayings be considered inspirational quotes? It was all very confusing.

How do we get objectivity? I thought the best approach would be to complete a survey. Let’s ask the people, “What are their most inspirational quotes?” We sent out a survey to over 200,000 of our Self Improvement Newsletter subscribers and asked them to tell us their top 3 Favorite Inspirational Quotes. We received back a list of over 3,000 different inspirational quotes. We then added over 1,500 more inspirational quotes from our own personal library.

The next challenge was to prioritize them. Which ones are most inspiring? Which ones are the best? Who was going to rank these for us?

Again, I turned to the masses. We would use the power of the Internet to prioritize these quotes. In simple terms, for each of the quotes on our list, we searched the universe of millions and millions of websites and counted how many times each exact quote came up on different websites.

Each time an exact quote was found on somebody’s website, they received one point. The quote found on the most websites on the Internet would be our official top Inspirational Quote.

For example, out of our list of 501 Inspirational Quotes was Quote # 68. It is “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”—Franklin D. Roosevelt. This exact quote can be found on 6,310 different websites on the Internet. Our # 1 Quote can be found on 331,410 different websites.

We decided to define the Most Inspirational as the Most Popular. This might not be true, but it seemed to be the most subjective system we could come up with.

These Top 501 Inspirational Quotes are really the most popular 501 inspirational Quotes on the Internet, but I preferred my title.

The only question left was to determine what makes something an Inspirational Quote. Are proverbs or sayings inspirational Quotes?

I started by looking up Inspirational. Something “Inspirational” was defined as or relating to inspiration. Not a very helpful definition.

Let’s move onto “Inspiration.” This was defined as “stimulation of the mind or emotions to a high level of feeling or activity, or as divine guidance or influence exerted directly on the mind and soul of humankind.” Now, we were getting somewhere.

A “Quotation” was simply defined as “A passage quoted.” These definitions gave us some guidance to define an Inspirational Quotation.

In the end, we kept in the short sayings (pithy maxims), like “Anything Is Possible.” We also kept in some very long passages like the “Serenity Prayer,” God Grant Me the God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

In general, we excluded Inspirational Quotes that tied into a particular religious sect, whether that be a Christian quote, a Muslim quote, or a Hindu quote, but we did keep many of the general religious God references in (ie . Serenity Prayer).

During our research, we found out that the most popular Quotes were short sayings like “Do it Now,” and “Let’s Roll.” The longer more traditional inspirational quotes come out right behind.

We tried our best to find out the origin of each of the quotes, but nobody’s perfect. I apologize in advance for any mistakes that I might have made.

I want to finish off my introduction with one of my personal favorite quotes: “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”—Chinese Proverb (Quote # 97).

Enjoy your journey through the top 501 Inspirational Quotes.

1. Just Do it ! - Nike
2. Do it Now! - Napoleon Hill
3. Whatever it takes! - Origin Unknown
4. Carpe Diem. - Latin
5. Anything Is Possible. - Origin Unknown
6. Keep the Faith. - Origin Unknown
7. Practice makes perfect. - Origin Unknown
8. Believe in yourself. - Origin Unknown
9. It's never too late. - Origin Unknown
10. Don't quit. - Origin Unknown
11. Better late than never. - Proverb
12. Never Quit. - Origin Unknown
13. The show must go on. - Proverb
14. Let's Roll. - Todd Beamer
15. Seize the day. - Origin Unknown
16. Reach for the stars. - Origin Unknown
17. Be Here Now. - Ram Dass

18. No pain, No gain. - Origin Unknown
19. Know thyself. - Socrates
20. Count Your Blessings. - Og Mandino
21. Imagination is more important than knowledge. - Albert Einstein
22. Live life to the fullest. - Robert Louis Stevenson
23. Actions speak louder than words. - Proverb
24. Do or do not, there is no try. - Yoda
25. Don't sweat the small stuff. - Richard Carlson
26. Hunker down. - Origin Unknown
27. Experience is the best teacher. - Proverb
28. Follow Your Dreams. - Origin Unknown
29. I think therefore I am - Rene Descartes
30. Hope springs eternal. - Alexander Pope
31. This too, shall pass. - An Advisor to King Solomon
32. The best things in life are free. - Origin Unknown
33. The buck stops here. - Harry Truman
34. Love conquers all. - Virgil
35. Attitude is everything. - Origin Unknown
36. Live Your Dreams. - Les Brown
37. Laughter is the best medicine. - Origin Unknown

38. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. - The Bible
39. Necessity is the mother of invention. - Proverb
40. Hard work pays off. - Origin Unknown
41. Roll with the punches. - Origin Unknown
42. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. - Origin Unknown
43. Begin with the end in mind. - Stephen Covey
44. Be all you can be. - US Army
45. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- Eleanor Roosevelt
46. Life is what you make it. - Origin Unknown
47. A dream is a wish your heart makes. - The Supremes
48. Where there is a will, there is a way. - Origin Unknown
49. Every cloud has a silver lining. - Proverb
50. Many hands make light work. - Proverb
51. We must be the change we wish to see . - Mahatma Gandhi
52. Don't ever give up. - Origin Unknown
53. Be the best that you can be. - Origin Unknown
54. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. - Origin Unknown
55. Every dog has his day. - Proverb
56. No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. - Eleanor Roosevelt

57. God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. - Serenity Prayer
58. It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. - Antoine de Saint Exupery
59. If you can dream it, you can do it. - Walt Disney
60. Above all to thine own self be true. - William Shakespeare
61. Strike while the iron is hot. - Proverb
62. Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. - Mark Twain
63. Two roads diverged in a wood, and I ... I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. - Robert Frost
64. Work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt and dance like no one is watching - Satchel Paige
65. This above all, To Thine Own Self Be True. - William Shakespeare
66. What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
67. Success is a journey not a destination. - Ben Sweetland
68. The only thing we have to fear is fear itself. - Franklin D. Roosevelt
69. Feel the fear and do it anyway. - Susan Jeffers
70. There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is. - Albert Einstein
71. When the going gets tough the tough get going. - Joseph P. Kennedy

72. If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. - Henry David Thoreau
73. Destiny is not a matter of chance, It is a matter of choice. It is not something to be waited for, But rather something to be achieved. - William Jennings Bryan
74. It ain't over till it's over. - Yogi Berra
75. Lead follow or get out of the way! - Thomas Paine
76. The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart - Helen Keller
77. I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is to try to please everyone - - Bill Cosby
78. If at first you don't succeed skydiving is not for you. - Origin Unknown
79. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all. - Helen Keller
80. We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. - Sir Winston Churchill
81. If at first you don't succeed, try try again. - W.C Fields
82. Live with passion. - Anthony Robbins
83. When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice. - Indian Proverb
84. Don't dream it be it. - Rocky Horror Picture Show
85. The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will. - Vince Lombardi

86. Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead. - Louisa May Alcott
87. In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life - it goes on. - Robert Frost
88. The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed. - Albert Einstein
89. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit. - Aristotle
90. Be the change you want to see in the world. - Mahatma Gandhi
91. Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. - Mother Teresa
92. Today is the first day of the rest of your life - Origin Unknown
93. A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do. - Bob Dylan
94. Whatever you are be a good one. - Abraham Lincoln
95. Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. - Marianne Williamson
96. Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night. - Edgar Allen Poe
97. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. - Confucius
98. Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
99. Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals. - Henry Ford

100. Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. - Will Rogers
101. Give a man a fish and he will eat for the day, teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime. - Chinese Proverb
102. Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today. - James Dean
103. Whatever you can do, or dream you can, Begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it, Begin it now.
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
104. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend. - Albert Camus
105. Happiness Is A Choice. - Barry Neil Kaufman
106. Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
107. To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world. - Origin Unknown
108. Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive. - Elbert Hubbard
109. We are all in the gutter but some of us are looking at the stars. - Oscar Wilde
110. They can because they think they can. - Virgil
111. He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything. - Origin Unknown
112. There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit, - Robert Woodruff

113. Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear. - Ambrose Redmoon
114. The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. - Walter Bagehot
115. I am the captain of my soul. - William Ernest Henley
116. I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work. - Thomas Alva Edison
117. Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly. - Robert F. Kennedy
118. People don't care how much you know until they know how much they care. - John C. Maxwell
119. A life lived in fear is a life half lived. - Proverb
120. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
121. Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead. - David Farragut
122. Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. - Martin Luther King, Jr.
123. Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises. - Demosthenes
124. The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. - Martin Luther King, Jr.
125. It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog. - Mark Twain
126. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. - Henry David Thoreau

127. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity. - Albert Einstein
128. Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power. - Abraham Lincoln
129. If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always gotten. - Origin Unknown
130. He who hesitates is lost! - Proverb
131. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. - Calvin Coolidge
132. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. - Origin Unknown
133. 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. - Mark Twain
134. If one advances confidently in the direction of their goals and endeavors to live the life that they have imagined, they'll meet with success unexpected in common hours. - Henry David Thoreau
135. Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed. - Booker T. Washington
136. Winners never quit and quitters never win! - Vince Lombardi
137. Live Well... Laugh Often... Love Much. - Origin Unknown
138. Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration - Thomas Edison
139. Knowing is not enough we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

140. The best way to predict the future is to create it. - Peter F. Drucker
141. IF it is to be it is up to me. - Origin Unknown
142. Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. - John Wooden
143. Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work - Thomas Edison
144. Do what you can, with what you have, where you are! - Theodore Roosevelt
145. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. - The Bible
146. You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it, however. - Richard Bach
147. If there is a will , there is a way. - Origin Unknown
148. It's kind of fun to do the impossible. - Walt Disney
149. Never stop dreaming. - Origin Unknown
150. Pain is inevitable, suffering is optional. - Origin Unknown
151. If you refuse to accept anything but the best you very often get it. - Somerset Maugham
152. You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. - Eleanor Roosevelt
153. I believe that it is better to tell the truth than a lie. I believe it is better to be free than to be a slave. And I believe it is better to know than to be ignorant. - H.L. Mencken
154. There is no substitute for hard work. - Thomas Edison
155. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called Present. - Origin Unknown

156. Faith can move mountains. - Origin Unknown
157. The reward of a thing well done is to have done it. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
158. If I am not for myself, who will be for me? Yet if I am for myself alone, of what good am I? - Hillel
159. You miss 100% of the shots you don't. - Wayne Gretzky
160. Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars. - Les Brown
161. The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor - Vince Lombardi
162. If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them. - Henry David Thoreau
163. For with God all things are possible. - The Bible
164. Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly. - Origin Unknown
165. If you build it, he will come. - Field of Dreams (Movie)
166. You can do what you want to do. - David Thomas
167. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. - Nelson Mandela
168. Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable. - Sydney Harris
169. Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace. - Amelia Earhart

170. There is no point at which you can say 'Well, I'm successful now. I might as well take a nap. - Carrie Fisher

171. Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. - Thomas Edison

172. To love what you do and feel that it matters, how on earth could anything be more fun! - Katherine Graham

173. Failing to plan is planning to fail. - Origin Unknown

174. The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good. - Samuel Johnson

175. A 'No' uttered from deepest conviction is better and greater than a 'Yes' merely uttered to please, or what is worse, to avoid trouble. - Mahatma Gandhi

176. 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 - Helen Keller

177. Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance. - Samuel Johnson

178. Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

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

180. Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused. - Origin Unknown

181. Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly. - St Francis of De Sales

182. To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe. - Anatole France

183. When life gives you lemons, Make Lemonade. - Origin Unknown
184. When the student is ready, the teacher will appear. - Buddhist Proverb
185. If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants. - Sir Isaac Newton
186. it is never too late to be what you might have been. - George Eliot
187. Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened. - Winston Churchill
188. Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow. - Helen Keller
189. Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value. - Albert Einstein
190. Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world. - Archimedes
191. Happiness is a state of mind. - Origin Unknown
192. Minds are like parachutes they only function when they are open. - Thomas Dewar
193. Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity. - General George S. Patton
194. The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a persons determination. - Tommy Lasorda
195. The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled. - Plutarch
196. You see things and you say, Why? But I dream things that never were and say, Why not? - George Bernard Shaw
197. A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. - Sir Winston Churchill

198. Argue for your limitations, and sure enough they're yours. - Richard Bach
199. It's always darkest before the dawn. - Origin Unknown
200. The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it. - John Ruskin
201. The most wasted of all days is one without laughter - E.E. Cummings
202. Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can't cross a chasm in two small jumps. - David Lloyd George
203. Some people come into our lives and quickly go, some stay for a while and leave footprints in our hearts, and we are never, ever the same. - Origin Unknown
204. The best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other. - Origin Unknown
205. Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff that life is made of. - Benjamin Franklin
206. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give the world your best anyway. - Mother Teresa
207. Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction. - Antoine de Saint-Exupery
208. Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort. - Franklin D. Roosevelt
209. The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand. - Vince Lombardi
210. You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself. - Galileo Galilei

211. You become what you think about. - Earl Nightingale
212. You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them. - Michael Jordan
213. The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible - Arthur C. Clarke
214. Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny. - Frank Outlaw
215. Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. - Confucius
216. And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. - Anais Nin
217. You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration. - James Allen
218. People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. - Maya Angelou
219. Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. - Origin Unknown
220. Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it. - Karl A. Menninger
221. The unexamined life is not worth living. - Socrates
222. Nothing happens unless first a dream. - Carl Sandburg
223. The road to success is always under construction. - Origin Unknown
224. The speed of the leader determines the rate of the pack. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

225. Never give in -- never, never, never, never - Sir Winston Churchill
226. Never try to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time, and it annoys the pig - Mark Twain
227. Procrastination is the thief of time. - Edward Young
228. Some people dream of success while others wake up and work hard at it. - Origin Unknown
229. If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't. If you'd like to win, but think you can't It's almost a cinch you won t. Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man; But soon or late the man who wins is the one who thinks he can. - Origin Unknown
230. Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. - George Bernard Shaw
231. Many receive advice, only the wise profit from it. - Publilius Syrus
232. It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change. - Charles Darwin
233. There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there. - Indira Gandhi
234. There is nothing to fear, but fear itself. - Franklin D. Roosevelt
235. Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right. - Henry Ford
236. How you respond to the challenge in the second half will determine what you become after the game, whether you are a winner or a loser. - Lou Holtz
237. Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance. - Confucius
238. To succeed... you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you. - Tony Dorsett

239. Do what you love and the money will follow - Marsha Sinetar
240. Where there's life, there's hope. - Terence
241. Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. - The Bible
242. The harder I work, the luckier I get. - Samuel Goldwyn
243. The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper. - Eden Phillpotts
244. Well done is better than well said. - Benjamin Franklin
245. Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly. - Langston Hughes
246. Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you'll help them to become what they are capable of becoming. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
247. When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on. - Franklin D. Roosevelt
248. Problems cannot be solved at the same level of awareness that created them. - Albert Einstein
249. Change comes from within. - Origin Unknown
250. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. - Leo Buscaglia
251. When you come to the edge of all the light you know and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing one of two things will happen: There will be something solid to stand on or you will be taught to fly. - Barbara Winter

252. It is not enough to have a good mind, the main thing is to use it well. - Rene Descartes

253. If you advance confidently in the direction of your dreams and endeavor to leave the life which you have imagined, you will you will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. - Henry David Thoreau

254. Good judgement comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgement. - Jim Horning

255. The Main Thing is to Keep The Main Thing The Main Thing. - Stephen Covey

256. When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. - Mark Twain

257. People are like stained glass windows, they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within. - Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

258. The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it. - Chinese proverb

259. Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself. - Leo Tolstoy

260. Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare. - Japanese Proverb

261. It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt. - Abraham Lincoln

262. Opportunities multiply as they are seized. - Sun Tzu

263. Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing. - Helen Keller

264. The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. - Origin Unknown
265. Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof. - John Kenneth Galbraith
266. Come to the edge. We can't. We're afraid. We can't. We will fall! Come to the edge. And they came. And he pushed them. And they flew. - Guillaume Apollinaire
267. He who stops being better stops being good. - Oliver Cromwell
268. To succeed you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you. - Tony Dorsett
269. The time is always right to do what is right. - Martin Luther King, Jr.
270. If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail. - Abraham Maslow
271. Smile! and the world will smile with you! - Origin Unknown
272. It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help. - Judith Martin
273. It is better to have loved and lost than to never have loved. - Alfred Lord Tennyson
274. I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to my fellow-creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again. - William Penn
275. I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor. - Henry David Thoreau

276. 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. - Thomas Jefferson
277. If you don't like something, change it, If you can't change it, change your attitude. - Maya Angelou
278. The sun WILL come up tomorrow - Origin Unknown
279. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations - George Bernard Shaw
280. You are what you think you are. - Bob Richards
281. Tough times never last but tough people do. - Robert Schuller
282. Wisdom is knowing what to do next. - David Starr Jordan
283. Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him. - Aldous Huxley
284. Your talent is God's gift to you. - Leo Buscaglia
285. When it is dark enough, you can see the stars. - Charles A. Beard
286. Always do right; this will gratify some and astonish the rest. - Mark Twain
287. Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life. - Origin Unknown
288. Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life. - Burton Hills
289. We will either find a way or make one. - Hannibal
290. You can do anything you put your mind to. - Origin Unknown
291. The only good luck many great men ever had was being born with the ability and determination to overcome bad luck. - Channing Pollock

292. If a man does his best, what else is there? - General George S. Patton
293. The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.
- Mark Twain
294. What we see depends mainly on what we look for. - Sir John Lubbock
295. You Create Your Reality. - Origin Unknown
296. A ship in harbor is safe -- but that is not what ships are for. - John A. Shedd
297. People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in the world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and if they can't find them, make them. - George Bernard Shaw
298. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results - Albert Einstein
299. Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all. - Dale Carnegie
300. Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death. - James F. Bymes
301. Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage - Anais Nin
302. Dreams are renewable no matter what our age - Dale Turner
303. The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain. - Dolly Parton
304. Our life is what our thoughts make it. - Marcus Aurelius
305. The greatest mistake you can make in life is continually fearing that you'll make one. - Elbert Hubbard

306. One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man. - Elbert Hubbard

307. What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail? - Robert Schuller

308. Most people are about as happy as they make up their mind to be. - Abraham Lincoln

309. What doesn't kill me, makes me stronger. - Friedrich Nietzsche

310. Better to light a candle than curse the darkness. - Eleanor Roosevelt

311. You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

313. Give me a place to stand and I will move the earth. - Aristotle

314. Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it. - Danny Kaye

315. Things do not change we change. - Henry David Thoreau

316. There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval. - George Santayana

317. The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary. - Vince Lombardi

318. Happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you. - Nathaniel Hawthorne

319. The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. - William A. Ward

320. Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best - Henry Van Dyke
321. Love is a bird, she needs to fly. - Madonna
322. There is no way to happiness, happiness is the way. - Origin Unknown
323. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it. - William A. Ward
324. Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want. - Dan Stanford
325. If opportunity doesn't knock build a door. - Milton Berle
326. And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye. - Antoine de Saint-Exupery
327. It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities. - Professor Albus Dumbledore (Harry Potter Movie)
328. The mind has exactly the same power as the hands: not merely to grasp the world, but to change it - Colin Wilson
329. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant. - Martin Luther King, Jr.
330. Change your thoughts, change your life. - James Allen
331. If not us, who, if not now, when? - Origin Unknown
332. The grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence. Fences have nothing to do with it. The grass is greenest where it is watered. When crossing over fences, carry water with you and tend the grass wherever you may be. - Origin Unknown
333. You can have everything in life you want if you'll just help enough other people get what they want. - Zig Ziglar

334. How we spend our days is of course how we spend our lives. - Annie Dillard
335. This is the beginning of a new day - Origin Unknown
336. In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. - Abraham Lincoln
337. Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though chequered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory or defeat. - Theodore Roosevelt
338. The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind. - William James
339. You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today. - Abraham Lincoln
340. When one door closes another opens, but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us. - Alexander Graham Bell
341. Your attitude determines your altitude. - Zig Ziglar
342. The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time. - Abraham Lincoln
343. God doesn't make junk. - Origin Unknown
344. You only get out what you put in. - Origin Unknown
345. Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. - Sir Winston Churchill
346. There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. - Albert Einstein

347. We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing. - George Bernard Shaw
348. I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble. - Helen Keller
349. We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
350. You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. - Kahlil Gibran
351. Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them? - Abraham Lincoln
352. Personally, I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught. - Sir Winston Churchill
353. A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn. - Origin Unknown
354. Everything is okay in the end. If it's not okay, then it's not the end. - Origin Unknown
355. It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow. - Robert H. Goddard
356. When love and skill work together expect a masterpiece. - John Ruskin
357. There are no secrets to success it is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure. - Colin Powell
358. There is no security on this Earth, there is only opportunity. - General Douglas MacArthur
359. The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet. - J. Robert Oppenheimer
360. Success Leaves Clues - Jim Rohn

361. What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight-it's the size of the fight in the dog. - Dwight D. Eisenhower
362. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm. . . . As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others. - Audrey Hepburn
363. The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials. - Confucius
364. If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. - Benjamin Franklin
365. Live as if your were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. - Mahatma Gandhi
366. First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do. - Epictetus
367. How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these. - George Washington Carver
368. Live out of your imagination, not your history. - Stephen Covey
369. The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it. - Origin Unknown
370. It's not whether you get knocked down; it's whether you get back up. - Vince Lombardi
371. Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. - Thomas Jefferson
372. Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant. - Robert Louis Stevenson

373. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. - Origin Unknown

374. One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar. - Helen Keller

375. Be bold, and mighty forces will come to your aid. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

376. Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one. - John Lennon

377. I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much. - Mother Teresa

378. We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about. - Charles Kingsley

379. It's a funny thing about life; if You refuse to accept anything but the best-You very often get it. - W.Somerset Maugham

380. Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go. - William Feather

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

382. In the arena of human life the honors and rewards fall to those who show their good qualities in action - Aristotle

383. You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist. - Golda Meir

384. Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action. - Benjamin Disraeli

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

386. Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done. - Josh Billings
387. You don't get to choose how you're going to die, only how you're going to live. - Joan Baez
388. O Captain! My Captain! our fearful trip is done. - Walt Whitman
389. Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love. - Lao Tzu
390. What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
391. When I examine myself and my methods of thought, I come to the conclusion that the gift of fantasy has meant more to me than my talent for absorbing positive knowledge. - Albert Einstein
392. Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out. - Art Linkletter
393. To live a creative life we must lose our fear of being wrong. - Joseph Chilton Pearce
394. Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is? - Mark Twain
395. Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony - Mahatma Gandhi
396. The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender. - Vince Lombardi
397. Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.. - Albert Schweitzer
398. From what we get, we can make a living: what we give, however makes a life. - Arthur Ashe
399. It's never too late to be what you might have been. - George Eliot

400. Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them. - Ann Landers
401. The man who has no imagination has no wings. - Muhamed Ali
402. Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your the blueprints of your ultimate achievements. - Napoleon Hill
403. Only that day dawns to which we are awake. - Henry David Thoreau
404. You can have anything you want ? if you want it badly enough. You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose. - Abraham Lincoln
405. Problems are only opportunities in work clothes. - Henry Kaiser
406. Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending. - Carl Bard
407. Love like you've never been hurt, dance like no one is watching, live as though heaven is on earth. - Satchel Paige
408. The only gift is a portion of thyself. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
409. I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past. - Thomas Jefferson
410. Success doesn't come to you you go to it. - Marva Collins
411. You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm. - Colette
412. Get busy living or get busy dying. - Stephen King
413. The greater the obstacle the more glory. - Moliere
414. When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems you cannot hold on a minute longer, never give up then for that is just the place and time the tide will turn. - Harriet Beecher Stowe

415. We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open. - Jawaharlal Nehru
416. We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
417. Little strokes fell great oaks. - Benjamin Franklin
418. The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards. - Anatole France
419. The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining. - John F. Kennedy
420. Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit. - Conrad Hilton
421. I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart. - Anne Frank
422. Live life with passion. - Origin Unknown
423. The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it. - Moliere
424. When I hear somebody sigh, Life is hard, I am always tempted to ask, Compared to what? - Sydney Harris
425. If we all did the things we are capable of doing we would literally astound ourselves. - Thomas Edison
426. Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding. - Kahil Gibran
427. If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't buy. - Origin Unknown
428. It's not what happens to you; it's what you do about it that makes the difference. - W. Mitchell

429. Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside of them was superior to circumstance. - Bruce Barton
430. Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent. - Marilyn Vos Savant
431. Great oaks from little acorns grow - Proverb
432. It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer. - Albert Einstein
433. You will never find time for anything. If you want time you must make it. - Charles Buxton
434. You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose site of the shore. - Origin Unknown
435. Don't hide your light under a bushel. - The Bible
436. Slow but steady wins the race. - Origin Unknown
437. The best things in life are not things. - Origin Unknown
438. Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing. - Vince Lombardi
439. I am a great believer in luck and I find that the harder I work the more I have of it. - Thomas Jefferson
440. The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible. - Oscar Wilde
441. There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want, and after that to to enjoy it. - Logan Pearsall Smith
442. If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living. - Gail Sheehy

443. Excellence is the result of caring more than others think wise, risking more than others think safe, dreaming more than others think practical, and expecting more than others think possible. - Origin Unknown
444. He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes. He who does not ask a question remains a fool forever. - Chinese Proverb
445. Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light. - Albert Schweitzer
446. Every man dies. Not every man truly lives - Braveheart (Movie)
447. Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence. - Helen Keller
448. It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
449. When God closes a door, he opens a window. - Origin Unknown
450. What you are is God's gift to you: what you become is your gift to god. - Anthony Dalla Villa
451. Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, Certainly I can! - and get busy and find out how to do it - Theodore Roosevelt
452. Nothing is impossible to a willing heart. - John Keywood
453. Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it - Margaret Thatcher
454. You must do the things you think you cannot do. - Eleanor Roosevelt
455. Every day in every way I am getting better and better. - Origin Unknown
456. You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs. - Origin Unknown

457. Victory belongs to the most persevering. - Napoleon Bonaparte
458. Great minds have purposes others have wishes. - Washington Irving
459. Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity. - Louis Pasteur
460. If you think you can, or you think you can't, you're probably right. - Henry Ford
461. No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit. - Helen Keller
462. The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it open. - Arnold Glasgow
463. Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength. - Mahatma Gandhi
464. The great end of life is not knowledge but action. - Thomas Henry Huxley
465. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are. - John Wooden
466. The past does not equal the future. - Anthony Robbins
467. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. - Martin Luther King, Jr.
468. A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes. - Hugh Downs
469. You must be the change you want to see in the world. - Mahatma Gandhi

470. A man can succeed at almost anything for which he has unlimited enthusiasm. - Charles M. Schwab
471. We have not yet begun to fight. - John Paul Jones
472. Don't let your fears stand in the way of your dreams! - Origin Unknown
473. The future belongs to those who prepare for it today. - Malcolm X
474. Success is not the key to happiness, Happiness is the key to success. - Albert Schweitzer
475. People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing. - Dale Carnegie
476. Practice does not make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect. - Vince Lombardi
477. The important thing is this: to be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become. - Maharishi Mahesh Yogi
478. What you can do, or dream you can, begin it; boldness has genius, power and magic in it. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
479. Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still. - Chinese Proverb
480. He who never made a mistake never made a discovery. - Samuel Smiles
481. Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade? - Benjamin Franklin
482. If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

483. Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time - Marion Wright Edelman
484. Don't go through life grow through life - Eric Butterworth
485. Treat a man as he is and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he can and should be and he will become as he can and should be. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
486. 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. - Henry Ford
487. Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood. - Helen Keller
488. The harder you fall the higher you bounce. - Horace
489. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself. - William Faulkner
490. Education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire. - William Yeats
491. Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve. - Napoleon Hill
492. Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out. - Robert Collier
493. Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently. - Henry Ford
494. Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip. - Will Rogers
495. No one knows what he can do until he tries - Publilius Syrus
496. Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. - Harold Whitman

- 497. Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think. - Benjamin Disraeli
- 498. Seek first to understand, then be understood - Stephen Covey
- 499. This is the first day.... of the rest of your life - Origin Unknown
- 500. You are today where your thoughts have brought - James Allen
- 501. Our aspirations are our possibilities. - Robert Browning