

## Quotes

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1. This thing that we call 'failure' is not the falling down, but the staying down.  
[Mary Pickford](#) (1893 – 1979, American movie actress)
2. Knowledge is power.  
[Sir Francis Bacon](#) (1561 – 1626, English philosopher; advocate of inductive reasoning in science)
3. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?  
[Bible](#), Mark 8:36
4. There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.  
[William Shakespeare](#) (1564 – 1616, English dramatist) *Hamlet*, Act 2 scene 2
5. The mind is its own place, and it itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.  
[John Milton](#) (1608 – 1674, English poet)
6. Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.  
[Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi](#) (1893-1986, Hungarian-born American biochemist, Nobel Prize in Medicine 1937)
7. As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well used brings a happy death.  
[Leonardo Da Vinci](#) (1452 – 1519, Italian architect, engineer, painter, & sculptor)
8. Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.  
[Albert Einstein](#) (1879 – 1955, German-born American physicist; discovered special relativity 1905 & general relativity 1915-1916; Nobel Prize in Physics 1921)
9. If one masters one thing well, one has at the same time insight into many things.  
[Vincent van Gogh](#) (1853 – 1890, Dutch Post-Impressionist Painter)
10. Life is no brief candle to me; it is a sort of splendid torch which I've 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](#) (1856 – 1950, Irish dramatist & socialist)

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11. Give me where to stand, and I will move the earth.  
[Archimedes](#) (287 BC – 212 BC, Greek inventor, mathematician, & physicist; discovered principles of buoyancy & the lever)
12. Don't be discouraged by a failure. It can be a positive experience. Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which we shall afterwards carefully avoid.  
[John Keats](#) (1795 – 1821, English lyric poet)
13. Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.  
[Sir Winston Churchill](#) (1874 – 1965, British politician; British prime minister 1940-1945, 1951-1955; Nobel Prize in Literature 1953)
14. Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.  
[Thomas A. Edison](#) (1847 – 1931, US inventor; invented electric light 1879)
15. Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing.  
[Abraham Lincoln](#) (1809 – 1865, 16th president of US 1861-1865)
16. If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.  
[Albert Einstein](#) (1879 – 1955), *Observer*, Jan. 15, 1950
17. Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.  
[Albert Einstein](#) (1879 – 1955)
18. A great secret of success is to go through life as a man who never gets used up.  
[Albert Schweitzer](#) (1875 – 1965, French missionary, musicologist, philosopher, & physician; Nobel Prize in Peace 1952)
19. A discovery is said to be an accident meeting a prepared mind.  
[Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi](#) (1893 – 1986)
20. The man of virtue makes the difficulty to be overcome his first business, and success only a subsequent consideration.  
[Confucius](#) (551 BC – 479 BC, Chinese philosopher & reformer; teachings known as Confucianism & compiled as "Analects"), *The Confucian Analects*

21. Cogito ergo sum. (I think; therefore I am.)  
[Rene Descartes](#) (1596 – 1650, French mathematician & philosopher; founded analytic geometry)
22. A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.  
[Sir Francis Bacon](#) (1561 – 1626, English philosopher; advocate of inductive reasoning in science)
23. You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.  
[Albert Schweitzer](#) (1875 – 1965)
24. Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.  
[Kahlil Gibran](#) (1883 – 1931, Lebanese artist & poet in US; wrote mystical poetry collection *The Prophet* 1923)
25. We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.  
[Sir Winston Churchill](#) (1874 – 1965)
26. If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their own happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have paradise in a few years.  
[Bertrand Russell](#) (1872 – 1970, English author, humanist, logician, mathematician, pacifist, & philosopher; tried to reduce mathematics to axioms; stater & eponym of Russell's paradox 1902; co-wrote *Principia Mathematica* 1903; Nobel Prize in Literature 1950)
27. 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.  
[Helen Keller](#) (1880 – 1968, US blind & deaf educator)
28. Man is the artificer of his own happiness.  
[Henry David Thoreau](#) (1817 – 1862, US author of Transcendentalist movement, wrote *Walden*), Journal, January 21, 1838
29. The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance, the wise grows it under his feet.  
James Oppenheim (1882 – 1932, American poet, author and editor)
30. Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember.  
[Oscar Levant](#) (1906 – 1972, American pianist, author, comedian and actor)

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31. The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter.  
[Mark Twain](#) (1835 – 1910, US humorist, novelist, short story author, and wit; wrote novels *Tom Sawyer* 1876, *Huckleberry Finn* 1884, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* 1889)
32. Health is not valued till sickness comes.  
[Thomas Fuller](#) (1608 – 1661, English clergyman & historian; wrote *The History of the Holy War* 1639, *Church History of Britain* 1655, unfinished *History of the Worthies of Britain*), *Gnomologia*, 1732
33. Imagination is more important than knowledge...  
[Albert Einstein](#) (1879 – 1955)
34. Everything you can imagine is real.  
[Pablo Picasso](#) (1881 – 1973, Spanish Cubist painter; father of modern art)
35. When you know a thing, to hold that you know it; and when you do not know a thing, to allow that you do not know it - this is knowledge.  
[Confucius](#) (551 BC – 479 BC), *The Confucian Analects*
36. Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.  
[Abigail Adams](#) (1744 – 1818, US wife of John Adams 1764), 1780
37. Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous.  
[Confucius](#) (551 BC – 479 BC), *The Confucian Analects*
38. That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something you've understood all your life, but in a new way.  
[Doris Lessing](#) (1919 – , British writer)
39. 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.  
[Theodore Roosevelt](#) (1858 – 1919, US diplomat & politician; governor of New York 1899-1901; vice-president of US 1901; 26th president of US 1901-1909; Nobel Prize in Peace 1906; Progressive (Bull Moose) presidential candidate 1912)
40. The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger - but recognize the opportunity.  
[Richard M. Nixon](#) (1913 – 1994, US Republican politician; vice-president of US 1953–1961; Republican presidential candidate 1960; 37th president of US 1969–1974; opened US relations with China; resigned over Watergate scandal)

41. Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.  
[Thomas A. Edison](#) (1847 – 1931, US inventor; invented electric light 1879)
42. Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds.  
[Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) (1882 – 1945, US Democratic politician; Democratic vice-presidential candidate 1920; governor of New York 1929-1933; 32nd president of US 1933-1945; founded New Deal program), Pan American Day address, April 15, 1939
43. Did you ever observe to whom the accidents happen? Chance favors only the prepared mind.  
[Louis Pasteur](#) (1822 – 1895, French biologist & bacteriologist; proposed germ theory of disease; explained fermentation; founder of bacteriology)
44. Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.  
[William Jennings Bryan](#) (1860 – 1925, US lawyer, orator, & politician; delivered Cross of Gold speech 1896; Democratic presidential candidate 1896, 1800, 1808; Secretary of State 1913-1915; prosecutor in Scopes trial)
45. The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts.  
[Bertrand Russell](#) (1872 – 1970, British author, humanist, logician, mathematician, pacifist, & philosopher; tried to reduce mathematics to axioms; stater & eponym of Russell's paradox 1902; co-wrote *Principia Mathematica* 1903; Nobel Prize in Literature 1950)
46. Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life.  
[Immanuel Kant](#) (1724 – 1804, German philosopher; proposed categorical imperative; wrote *Critique of Pure Reason* 1781, *Critique of Practical Reason* 1788, *Metaphysics of Morals* 1797)
47. It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.  
[Mahatma Gandhi](#) (1869 – 1948, Indian ascetic & nationalist leader; assassinated)

48. Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.  
Theodore Roosevelt (1858 – 1919, US diplomat & politician; governor of New York 1899–1901; vice-president of US 1901; 26th president of US 1901–1909; Nobel Prize in Peace 1906; Progressive (Bull Moose) presidential candidate 1912), Speech in New York, September 7, 1903
49. Genius is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration.  
Thomas A. Edison (1847 – 1931), *Harper's Monthly*, 1932
50. I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.  
Thomas Jefferson (1743 – 1826, US diplomat, politician, & scholar; wrote Declaration of Independence 1776; 1st Secretary of State 1789-1793; vice-president of US 1797-1801; 3rd president of US 1801-1809)
51. Work saves us from three great evils: boredom, vice and need.  
Voltaire (1694 – 1778, French author, humanist, rationalist, & satirist; leading philosopher of the Enlightenment; wrote *Candide*, *Zadig*, *La Henriade*, *Discourse on Man*), *Candide*, 1759
52. The great French Marshall Lyautey once asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree was slow growing and would not reach maturity for 100 years. The Marshall replied, 'In that case, there is no time to lose; plant it this afternoon!'  
John F. Kennedy (1917 – 1963, US Democratic politician; 35th president of US 1961-1963; assassinated)
53. Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.  
Charles W. Eliot (1834 – 1926, US educator; president of Harvard University 1869-1909), *The Happy Life*, 1896
54. The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.  
Mark Twain (1835 – 1910, US humorist, novelist, short story author, and wit; wrote novels *Tom Sawyer* 1876, *Huckleberry Finn* 1884, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* 1889)

55. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested: that is, some books are to be read only in parts, others to be read, but not curiously, and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention.

[Sir Francis Bacon](#) (1561 – 1626, English philosopher; advocate of inductive reasoning in science)

56. Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

[Sir Richard Steele](#) (1672 – 1729, Irish writer, an essayist, dramatist, journalist, and politician.)

57. When I read a book I seem to read it with my eyes only, but now and then I come across a passage, perhaps only a phrase, which has a meaning for me, and it becomes part of me.

[W. Somerset Maugham](#) (1874 – 1965, English (French-born) dramatist & novelist; wrote "Of Human Bondage" 1915, "The Moon and Sixpence" 1919, "Cakes and Ale" 1930, "The Razor's Edge" 1945, short story "Rain"), *Of Human Bondage*, 1915

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

[Abraham Lincoln](#) (1809 – 1865, US lawyer, orator, & Republican politician; 16th president of US 1861-1865; delivered Gettysburg Address 1863; assassinated), *Lincoln's Own Stories*

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

[Abraham Lincoln](#) (1809 – 1865)

60. Shallow men believe in luck. Strong men believe in cause and effect.

[Ralph Waldo Emerson](#) (1803 – 1882, US essayist & poet; wrote *The Conduct of Life* 1860, *Society and Solitude* 1870, *Letters and Social Aims* 1876)

61. Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb.

[Sir Winston Churchill](#) (1874 – 1965, British politician; British prime minister 1940–1945, 1951–1955; Nobel Prize in Literature 1953)

62. Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.  
Mortimer J. Adler (1902 – 2001, U.S. philosopher and educator)
63. 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 (1880 – 1968, US blind & deaf educator )
64. A man's character is his fate.  
Heraclitus (540 BC – 480 BC, Greek philosopher), *On the Universe*
65. While there's life, there's hope.  
Cicero (106 BC – 43 BC, Roman author, orator, & politician), *Ad Atticum*
66. 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.  
Theodore Roosevelt (1858 – 1919. US diplomat & politician; governor of New York 1899-1901; vice-president of US 1901; 26th president of US 1901-1909; Nobel Prize in Peace 1906; Progressive (Bull Moose) presidential candidate 1912), Speech in New York, September 7, 1903)
67. If I have ever made any valuable discoveries, it has been owing more to patient attention, than to any other talent.  
Isaac Newton (1642 – 1727, English mathematician & physicist; discovered calculus, law of gravitation, laws of classical dynamics, composition of white light; father of classical physics; wrote *Principia Mathematica Philosophiae Naturalis* 1687)
68. I don't think of the past. The only thing that matters is the everlasting present.  
W. Somerset Maugham (1874 – 1965, English (French-born) dramatist & novelist; wrote *Of Human Bondage* 1915, *The Moon and Sixpence* 1919, *Cakes and Ale* 1930, *The Razor's Edge* 1945, short story *Rain*), *The Moon and Sixpence*
69. Victory belongs to the most persevering.  
Napoleon Bonaparte (1769 – 1821, French general & politician; French emperor 1804-1815; Italian king 1805 – 1821; won battles of Austerlitz 1805, Borodino 1812; defeated at battle of Waterloo 1815)
70. Never to suffer would never to have been blessed.  
Edgar Allan Poe (1809 – 1849, US short story author, editor, & poet; father of mystery story; wrote poems "The Raven", "Annabel Lee", short stories "The Tell-Tale Heart", "The Purloined Letter", "The Pit and the Pendulum")



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71. Time is a fixed income and, as with any income, the real problem facing most of us is how to live successfully within our daily allotment.  
Lady Margaret B. Johnstone (born before 1640, British noblewoman)
72. What we love to do we find time to do.  
John L. Spalding (1840 – 1916, the first Bishop of Peoria)
73. The bad news is time flies. The good news is you are the pilot.  
Michael Althsuler
74. Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.  
Albert Schweitzer (1875 – 1965)
75. 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.  
George Bernard Shaw (1856 – 1950)
76. Failure is not the only punishment for laziness; there is also the success of others.  
Jules Renard (1864 – 1910, French author)
77. Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.  
Jules Renard (1864 – 1910, French author)
78. Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives.  
William James (1842 – 1910, US Pragmatist philosopher & psychologist)
79. I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.  
Martha Washington (1732 – 1802, US wife of George Washington 1759)
80. Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It's the transition that's troublesome.  
Isaac Asimov (1920 – 1992, US science fiction novelist & scholar)
81. Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.  
Cicero (106 BC – 43 BC, Roman author, orator, & politician), *Pro Plancio*, 54 B.C.

82. Death is nothing to us, since when we are, death has not come, and when death has come, we are not.  
[Epicurus](#) (341 BC – 270 BC ,Greek philosopher), from *Diogenes Laertius, Lives of Eminent Philosophers*
83. Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.  
[Epicurus](#) (341 BC – 270 BC ,Greek philosopher)
84. Good habits result from resisting temptation.  
Ancient Proverb
85. Nothing endures but change.  
[Heraclitus](#) (540 BC – 480 BC, Greek philosopher), from *Diogenes Laertius, Lives of Eminent Philosophers*
86. Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh.  
[George Bernard Shaw](#) (1856 – 1950, Irish dramatist & socialist)
87. The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.  
[George Bernard Shaw](#) (1856 - 1950), *Man and Superman* (1903), act I
88. The more freedom we enjoy, the greater the responsibility we bear, toward others as well as ourselves.  
[Oscar Arias Sanchez](#) (1941 – , Costa Rican politician)
89. The deeper sorrow carves into your being the more joy you can contain.  
[Kahlil Gibran](#) (1883 – 1931, Lebanese artist & poet in US)
90. Our character...is an omen of our destiny, and the more integrity we have and keep, the simpler and nobler that destiny is likely to be.  
[George Santayana](#) (1863 – 1952), *"The German Mind: A Philosophical Diagnosis"*
91. The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.  
[Epicurus](#) (341 BC – 270 BC ,Greek philosopher)
92. We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world.  
[Helen Keller](#) (1880 – 1968)

93. Things won are done; joy's soul lies in the doing.  
[William Shakespeare](#) (1564 – 1616), *Troilus and Cressida*, Act 1, Scene 2
94. The best way to predict the future is to invent it.  
[Alan Kay](#) (1940 – , American computer scientist, known for his early pioneering work on object-oriented programming and windowing graphical user interface design)
95. Life wouldn't be worth living if I worried over the future as well as the present.  
[W. Somerset Maugham](#) (1874 – 1965), *Of Human Bondage*, 1915
96. Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.  
[Mother Teresa](#) (1910 – 1997, Indian (Albanian-born) humanitarian & missionary)
97. We need men who can dream of things that never were.  
[John F. Kennedy](#) (1917 – 1963), speech in Dublin, Ireland, June 28, 1963
98. There is nothing like dream to create the future. Utopia to-day, flesh and blood tomorrow.  
[Victor Hugo](#) (1802 – 1885, French dramatist, novelist, & poet), *Les Miserables*, 1862
99. It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow.  
[Aesop](#) (620 BC – 560 BC, Greek slave & fable author) *The Ant and the Grasshopper*
100. Union gives strength.  
[Aesop](#) (620 BC – 560 BC) *The Bundle of Sticks*
101. Slow and steady wins the race.  
[Aesop](#) (620 BC – 560 BC) *The Hare and the Tortoise*
102. It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations.  
[Sir Winston Churchill](#) (1874 – 1965), *My Early Life*, 1930