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“There is no such thing as *natural touch*. Touch is something you create by hitting
millions of golf balls.”
Lee Trevino pro golfer

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“It’s better to hang out with people better than you. Pick out associates whose
behavior is better than yours and you’ll drift in that direction.”
Warren Buffet CEO,
Berkshire Hathaway one of the greatest investors ever

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“Flaming enthusiasm, backed by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that
most frequently makes for success.”
Dale Carnegie (1888-1955)
seminar leader
author of “How to Win Friends and Influence People”

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“The moment you commit and quit holding back, all sorts of unforeseen incidents,
meetings, and material assistance will rise up to help you. The simple act of
commitment is a powerful magnet for help.”
Napoleon Hill (1883-1970)
author of “Think and Grow Rich”

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“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”
Howard Thurman (1900-1981)
clergyman, educator & activist

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“A goal without a plan is a wish.”

Vince Burke, DPT
physical therapist &
personal trainer extraordinaire

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“I am willing to put myself through anything -- temporary pain or discomfort means nothing to me as long as I can see that the experience will take me to a new level. I am interested in the unknown, and the only path to the unknown is through breaking barriers -- an often painful process.”

Diana Nyad
long-distance swimmer

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“Have you ever noticed that anyone driving slower than you is an idiot and anyone going faster than you is a maniac.”

George Carlin (1937-2008) comedian

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“The more grateful you are,
the more you will have to be grateful for.”

Geo Derice
motivational speaker
author of “The Thirst Is Real”

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“Turn your wounds into wisdom.”

Oprah Winfrey entertainer

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“You can get anything you want if you help enough people get what they want.”

Zig Ziglar (1926-2012)
motivational speaker

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“The best and fastest way to learn a sport is to watch and imitate a champion.”

Jean-Claude Killy
Olympic gold medalist in alpine skiing

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“You can only get good at chess if you love the game.”

Bobby Fischer (1943-2008)
the 11th world chess champion

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“If you want to be successful, find someone who has achieved the results you want and copy what they do and you’ll achieve the same results.”

Tony Robbins
motivational speaker

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“There is a brilliant child locked inside every student.”

Marva Collins
educator

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“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.”

Bob Spousta
crew coach

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“Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.” *George Washington Carver*
(1864-1943) botanist, educator & inventor

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“Gold medals aren’t really made of gold. They’re made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts.” *Dan Gable* Olympic gold medalist in wrestling

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“Don’t say you don’t have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein.”

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
writer

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“The price of excellence is discipline. The cost of mediocrity is disappointment.”

William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)
inspirational writer

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“Most of my major disappointments have turned out to be blessings in disguise. So whenever anything bad does happen to me, I kind of sit back and feel -- well, if I gave this enough time, it'll turn out that this was good, so I shouldn't worry about it too much.”

William Gaines (1922-1992)
publisher, “Mad” magazine

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“The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek.”

Joseph Campbell (1904-1987)
mythologist, author of “The Hero with a Thousand Faces”

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“It's easy to make a buck, but it's tough to make a difference.”

Tom Brokaw
television journalist

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“There will be those who will tell you that you can't make it because of how you look, because of the way you talk. We all have heard that – **I almost listened.**”

L. Douglas Wilder
politician (first African-American governor)

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“I do not sit down to work because I am inspired; I become inspired because I sit down to work.” *Oscar Hammerstein* (1895-1960)

Broadway lyricist for “The Sound of Music,” “Carousel,” “The King and I,”
“South Pacific” & “Oklahoma!”

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“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.” *Edith Wharton* (1882-1937)

novelist

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“It can be done.”

sign on the desk of Ronald Reagan (1911-2004)
40th President of the United States

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“Not everything that counts can be counted and not everything that can be counted counts.”

sign in the office of Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

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

Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896)

author of “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”

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“The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses – behind the lines, in the gym,
and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights.”

Muhammad Ali

“The Greatest”

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“We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. **Action always
generates inspiration.** Inspiration *seldom* generates action.”

Frank Tibolt (1897-1989)

author of “A Touch of Greatness”

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“She believed in dreams, all right, but she also believed in doing something about
them. When Prince Charming didn’t come along, she went over to the palace and
got him!”

Walt Disney

(explaining how Cinderella was different from Snow White)

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“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is
always to try just one more time.”

Thomas Edison (1847-1931)

world’s greatest inventor

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“There are many hard things in life. There is only one sad thing – giving up.”

Susan Butcher (1954-2006)

champion dogsled racer

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“The purpose of life is to discover your gifts. The meaning of life comes from
giving your gifts away.”

David Viscott, M.D. (1938-1996)

psychiatrist & radio talk-show host

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“All the happiness there is in this world arises from wishing *others* to be happy.
All the suffering there is in this world arises from wishing *oneself* to be happy.”

Shantideva (687-763)
Indian Buddhist scholar

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“Aerodynamically, the bumble bee shouldn’t be able to fly, but the bumble bee
doesn’t know it, so it goes on flying anyway.”

Mary Kay Ash (1918-2001)
founder, Mary Kay Cosmetics

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“People who are unable to motivate themselves must be content with mediocrity.”

Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919)
industrialist & philanthropist

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“Failure is success if we learn from it.”

Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990)
publisher, “Forbes” magazine

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“Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.”

Neale Donald Walsch
writer

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“Most obstacles melt away when we make up our minds to walk boldly through
them.”

Orison Swett Marden (1850-1924)
founder, “Success Magazine”

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“A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same
person.”

Mignon McLaughlin (1913-1983)
writer

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“Good timber does not grow with ease. The stronger the wind,
the stronger the trees.”

J. Willard Marriott

founder, The Marriott Corporation

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“Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them
come true.”

Leon Suenens (1904-1996)

clergyman

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“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

philosopher

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“In playing ball, or in life, a person occasionally gets the opportunity to do
something great. When that time comes, only two things matter: being prepared to
seize the moment and having the courage to take your best swing.”

Hank Aaron

Hall-of-Fame baseball player

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“Problems are only opportunities in work clothes.”

Henry J. Kaiser (1882-1967)

father of modern American shipbuilding

“**Do** the thing and you will **have** the power.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

philosopher

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“Lack of money is no obstacle. Lack of an idea is an obstacle.”

Ken “Dr. Fad” Hakuta

inventor

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“The biggest things are often the easiest to do because there is so little
competition.”

William Van Horne (1843-1915)

president, Canadian Pacific Railway

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“I focused on making that first store a success, then I moved on to the second store, the third and the fourth. You start and learn and build and keep changing your goals as you achieve them.

Bill Rosenberg (1916-2002)
founder, Dunkin’ Donuts

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“Set your sights high -- the higher the better. Expect the most wonderful things to happen -- not in the future but right now! Realize that nothing is too good.”

Eileen Caddy
co-founder, Findhorn

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“When your heart is in your dreams no request is too extreme.”

Jiminy
Cricket Disney movie star

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“*Consumers* are statistics. *Customers* are people.”

Stanley Marcus (1905-2002)
CEO, Neiman Marcus

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“Tough times never last, but tough people do.”

Reverend Robert H. Schuller
Televangelist

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“You have to play a long time to be able to play like yourself.”

Miles Davis (1926-1991)
trumpeter & composer

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“If you have a company with an itsy-bitsy vision – you have an itsy-bitsy company.”

Anita Roddick (1942-2007)
founder, The Body Shop

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“Whoever invented the first wheel was smart. The guy who invented the other three was a genius.”

Sid Caesar
comedian

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead (1901-1978)
anthropologist

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“Skill and confidence are an unconquerable army.”

George Herbert (1593-1633)
Anglican priest

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“When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.”

John Ruskin (1819-1900)
Writer

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“Give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.”

Madeline Bridges (1844-1920)
poet

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“If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.”

Dolly Parton
entertainer

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“If you use your skill and imagination to see how much you can give for a dollar instead of how *little* you can give for a dollar -- you are bound to succeed.”

Henry Ford (1863-1947)
founder, Ford Motor Company

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“Long-range goals keep you from being frustrated by short-term failures.”

James Cash Penney (1875-1971)
founder, J.C. Penney stores

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“Opportunities are often things you haven’t noticed the first time around.”

Catherine Deneuve
actor

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“Mistakes are the usual bridge between inexperience and wisdom.”

Phyllis Theroux

journalist

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“Deep within man dwell those slumbering powers; powers that would astonish him, that he never dreamed of possessing, forces that would revolutionize his life if aroused and put into action.”

Orison Swett Marden (1850-1924)

founder, “Success Magazine”

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“The first and most important thing about goals is having one.”

Geoffrey Abert (1079-1142)

philosopher

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“Don’t count the days, make the days count.”

Ed Agresta

motivational speaker

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“It is not the years in your life, but the life in your years that counts.”

Adlai Stevenson (1900-1965)

politician

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“The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn’t being said.”

Peter Drucker (1909-2005)

“The Man Who Invented Management”

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“Never confuse a single defeat with a final defeat.”

F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940)

author of “The Great Gatsby”

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

William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)
inspirational writer

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“Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.”

Walter Elliott (1842-1928)
Roman Catholic priest

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“Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.”

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)
physicist

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“Good habits are worth being fanatical about.”

John Irving
writer & amateur wrestler

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“Do your work with your whole heart and you will succeed -- there’s so little competition.”

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)
author of “A Message to Garcia”

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“It wasn’t raining when Noah build the Ark.”

Howard Ruff
editor, “The Ruff Times”

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“It’s *choice* not *chance* that determines your destiny.

Jean Nidetch
founder, Weight Watchers

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“Anything’s possible if you’ve got enough nerve.”

J.K. Rowling
author of the “Harry Potter” series

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“It’s not that I’m smart. It’s just that I stay with problems longer.”

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

physicist

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“If you haven’t got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.”

Bob Hope (1903-2003)

comedian & movie star

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“To finish first you must first finish!”

Rick Mears

race car driver

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“The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.”

Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993)

minister, author of “The Power of Positive Thinking”

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“Everything I’ve ever done was out of fear of being mediocre.”

Chet Atkins (1924-2001)

country music star

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“Without promotion something terrible happens – NOTHING!”

P.T. Barnum (1810-1891)

showman & businessman

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“Toughness is in the soul and spirit, not in the muscles.”

Alex Karras

pro football player

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“Most of the time you will fail, but you will also occasionally succeed. Those occasional successes make all the hard work and sacrifice worthwhile.”

Dean Kamen

Inventor

89

“You will never change your life until you change something you do daily.”

Mike Murdock

televangelist

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“One of life’s great rules is this: The more you give, the more you get.

William H. Danforth (1870-1956)

founder, Ralston Purina Company

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“Hating people is like burning down your own house to get rid of a rat.”

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

clergyman

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“Knowledge is power, but enthusiasm pulls the switch.”

Ivern Ball

writer

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“You have enemies? Good. That means you’ve stood up for something, sometime in your life. *Winston Churchill* (1874-1965)

British prime minister

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“If you’re going through hell — keep going.”

Winton Churchill (1874-1965)

British hero of World War II

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“I want to die young at a ripe old age.”

Ashley Montagu, Ph.D. (1905-1999)

Anthropologist

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“You will either step forward into growth or you will step backward into safety.”

Abraham Maslow, Ph.D. (1908-1970)

founder, the field of humanistic psychology

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“The great lesson... is that the sacred is in the ordinary, that it is to be found in one’s daily life in one’s neighbors, friends, and family, in one’s back yard.”

Abraham Maslow, Ph.D. (1908-1970)

originator, Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

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“The highest compliment you can pay me is to say that I work hard every day and that I never dog it.”

Wayne Gretzky

“The Great One”

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“After all these years, I am still involved in the process of self-discovery. It’s better to explore life and make mistakes than to play it safe. **Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life.**”

Sophia Loren

Italian actor

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“It is impossible to win the great prizes of life without running risks.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)

26th U.S. pres

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“Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment.”

Rita Mae Brown

author of “Rubyfruit Jungle”

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“I’ve been absolutely terrified every moment of my life – and I’ve never let it keep me from doing a single thing I wanted to do.”

Georgia O’Keeffe (1887-1986)

artist

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“It isn’t where you came from; it’s where you’re going to that counts.”

Ella Fitzgerald (1917-1996)

singer

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“We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be.

Kurt Vonnegut (1922-2007)

Novelist

105

“Work is more fun than fun.”

Noel Coward (1899-1973)

English playwright

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“I am not the smartest or most talented person in the world, but I succeeded because I keep going, and going, and going.”

Sylvester Stallone

“Rocky”

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“It’s not whether you get knocked down, it’s whether you get up.”

Vince Lombardi (1913-1970)

greatest pro football coach ever

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“They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do and something to hope for.”

Allan K. Chalmers, D.D. (1897-1972)

minister and educator

“Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response.”

Mildred Barthel

poet

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“If 50 million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.”

Anatole France (1844-1924)

Nobel Prize winner in Literature

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“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others, at whatever cost.”

Arthur Ashe (1943-1993)

pro tennis player

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“If people knew how hard I have had to work to gain my mastery, it wouldn’t seem wonderful at all.”

Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni (1475-1564)
Italian artist, poet & architect

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“Success is NOT the key to happiness. Happiness IS the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”

Albert Schweitzer, M.D. (1875-1965)
physician, philosopher & humanitarian

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“Kindness is the only investment that never fails.”

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)
writer, naturalist & activist

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“Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you.”

Aldous Huxley (1894-1963) English writer
author of “Brave New World”

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

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)
civil rights activist

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“I don’t divide the world into the weak and the strong or the success and the failures . . . I divide the world into the learners and the non-learners.”

Benjamin Barber, Ph.D.
political theorist

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Let’s end with a very famous passage many motivational speakers use. It’s currently being used in advertisements for Cadillac. From a speech given on April 23, 1910 in Paris

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“If you can give your son or daughter only one gift – let it be enthusiasm.”

Bruce Barton (1886-1967)
writer and advertising executive

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“I couldn’t out-height them so I had to out-hustle them.”

Jill Jeffrey
five-foot tall pro basketball player

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“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)
26th President of the United States