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The sad truth is that excellence makes people nervous.

- Alexander, Shana

Often the test of courage is not to die but to live.

- Alfieri, Vittorio, Conte Di

It requires more courage to suffer than to die.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

A lot of people do not muster the courage to live their dreams because they are afraid to die.

- Brown, Les

I advise you to say your dream is possible and then overcome all inconveniences, ignore all the hassles and take a running leap through the hoop, even if it is in flames.

- Brown, Les

The ideal man bears the accidents of life with dignity and grace, making the best of circumstances.

- Aristotle

Whether you be man or woman you will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.

- Allen, James

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that 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. Discover.

- Twain, Mark

By learning you will teach, by teaching you will learn.

- Proverb, Latin

Very few people are ambitious in the sense of having a specific image of what they want to achieve. Most people's sights are only toward the next run, the next increment of money.

- Bardwick, Judith M.

Great ambition is the passion of a great character. Those endowed with it may perform very good or very bad acts. All depends on the principles which direct them.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Courage brother, do not stumble, though thy path be dark as night: There is a star to

guide the humble, Trust in God, and do the right. Let the road be dark and dreary and its end far out of sight. Face it bravely, strong or weary. Trust in God, and do the right.

- Macleod, Norman

The strangest, most generous, and proudest of all virtues is true courage.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

Father, may these people have the vision to see, the faith to accept the truth, the courage to stand by that which they know is right.

- Unknown, Source

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the conquest of it.

- Unknown, Source

One who lacks courage to start has already finished

- Unknown, Source

Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared.

- Rickenbacker, Edward Vernon

Courage is sometimes frail as hope is frail: a fragile shoot between two stones that grows brave toward the sun though warmth and brightness fail, striving and faith the only strength it knows.

- Rodman, Frances

It takes far less courage to kill yourself than it takes to make yourself wake up one more time. It is harder to stay where you are than to get out.

- Rossner, Judith

If I were asked to give what I consider the single most useful bit of advice for all humanity it would be this: Expect trouble as an inevitable part of life and when it comes, hold you head high, look it squarely in the eye and say, I will be bigger than you. You cannot defeat me.

- Landers, Ann

Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death.

- Wilson, Earl

He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.

- Ali, Muhammad

If you don't fail now and again, it's a sign you're playing it safe.

- Allen, Woody

Our lives improve only when we take chances -- and the first and most difficult risk we can take is to be honest with ourselves.

- Anderson, Walter

Most people live and die with their music still unplayed. They never dare to try.

- Ash, Mary Kay

What kind of man would live where there is no daring? I don't believe in taking foolish chances but nothing can be accomplished without taking any chance at all.

- Lindbergh, Charles A.

Risk more than others think is safe. Care more than others think is wise. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible.

- Maxim, Cadet

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.

- Keller, Helen

I am responsible. Although I may not be able to prevent the worst from happening, I am responsible for my attitude toward the inevitable misfortunes that darken life. Bad things do happen; how I respond to them defines my character and the quality of my life. I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness, immobilized by the gravity of my loss, or I can choose to rise from the pain and treasure the most precious gift I have ? life itself.

- Anderson, Walter

One of the most difficult things everyone has to learn is that for your entire life you must keep fighting and adjusting if you hope to survive. No matter who you are or what your position is you must keep fighting for whatever it is you desire to achieve.

- Allen, George

If I had to select one quality, one personal characteristic that I regard as being most highly correlated with success, whatever the field, I would pick the trait of persistence. Determination. The will to endure to the end, to get knocked down seventy times and get up off the floor saying, Here comes number seventy-one!

- DeVos, Richard M.

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.

- Gingrich, Newt

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

- Epictetus

Customs and convictions change; respectable people are the last to know, or to admit, the change, and the ones most offended by fresh reflections of the facts in the mirror of art.

- Updike, John

When it is a question of God's almighty Spirit, never say, I can't.

- Chambers, Oswald

The person born with a talent they are meant to use will find their greatest happiness in using it.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Life has been compared to a race, but the allusion improves by observing, that the most swift are usually the least manageable and the most likely to stray from the course. Great abilities have always been less serviceable to the possessors than moderate ones.

- Goldsmith, Oliver

In every adversity there lies the seed of an equivalent advantage. In every defeat is a lesson showing you how to win the victory next time.

- Collier, Robert

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

- Epictetus

Only a man who knows what it is like to be defeated can reach down to the bottom of his soul and come up with the extra ounce of power it takes to win when the match is even.

- Ali, Muhammad

The man who can drive himself further once the effort gets painful is the man who will win.

- Bannister, Roger

What this power is I cannot say; all I know is that it exists and it becomes available only when a man is in that state of mind in which he knows exactly what he wants and is fully determined not to quit until he finds it.

- Bell, Alexander Graham

I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you? [Nehemiah 6:3]

- Bible

So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work. [Nehemiah 4:6]

- Bible

No man can fight his way to the top and stay at the top without exercising the fullest measure of grit, courage, determination, resolution. Every man who gets anywhere does so because he has first firmly resolved to progress in the world and then has enough stick-to-it-tiveness to transform his resolution into reality. Without resolution, no man can win any worthwhile place among his fellow men.

- Forbes, B. C.

Determination that just won't quit -- that's what it takes.

- Foyt, A. J.

If your determination is fixed, I do not counsel you to despair. Few things are impossible to diligence and skill. Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance.

- Johnson, Samuel

The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination.

- Lasorda, Tommy

Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way.

- Lincoln, Abraham

I will go anywhere, provided it be forward.

- Livingstone, David

I have no greater joy then to hear that my children walk in truth. [John 4]

- Bible

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! [Philippians 4:4]

- Bible

There is nothing that makes its way more directly to the soul than beauty.

- Addison, Joseph

Let there be nothing within thee that is not very beautiful and very gentle, and there will be nothing without thee that is not beautiful and softened by the spell of thy presence.

- Allen, James

Beauty is one of the rare things that do not lead to doubt of God.

- Anouilh, Jean

Personal beauty is a greater recommendation than any letter of reference.

- Aristotle

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

- Bard, Carl

Nothing is as real as a dream. The world can change around you, but your dream will not. Responsibilities need not erase it. Duties need not obscure it. Because the dream is within you, no one can take it away.

- Clancy, Tom

In order to excel, you must be completely dedicated to your chosen sport. You must also be prepared to work hard and be willing to accept destructive criticism. Without 100 percent dedication, you won't be able to do this.

- Mays, Willie

The average girl would rather have beauty than brains because she knows the average man can see much better than he can think.

- Unknown, Source

Destiny is not a 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.

- Bryan, William Jennings

Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

- Wooden, John

I know of no more disagreeable situation than to be left feeling generally angry without anybody in particular to be angry at.

- Colby, Frank Moore

He that would be angry and sin not, must not be angry with anything but sin.

- Secker, Thomas

The broad general rule is that a man is about as big as the things that make him angry.

- Unknown, Source

When angry, count to ten before you speak. If very angry, count to one hundred.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The size of a man is measured by the size of the thing that makes him angry.

- Unknown, Source

Thoughts are things; they have tremendous power. Thoughts of doubt and fear are pathways to failure. When you conquer negative attitudes of doubt and fear you conquer failure. Thoughts crystallize into habit and habit solidifies into circumstances.

- Adams, Bryan

A man is literally what he thinks

- Allen, James

All that you accomplish or fail to accomplish with your life is the direct result of your thoughts.

- Allen, James

Our life is what our thoughts make it. A man will find that as he alters his thoughts toward things and other people, things and other people will alter towards him.

- Allen, James

You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you.

- Allen, James

Thought is a kind of opium; it can intoxicate us, while still broad awake; it can make transparent the mountains and everything that exists.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

It is the power of thought that gives man power over nature.

- Anderson, Hans Christian

You live with your thoughts -- so be careful what they are.

- Arrington, Eva

To desire is to obtain; to aspire is to achieve.

- Allen, James

The law of harvest is to reap more than you sow. Sow an act, and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny.

- Allen, James

In all human affairs there are efforts, and there are results, and the strength of effort is the measure of the results.

- Allen, James

You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.

- Allen, James

Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work body and soul.

- Buxton, Charles

Zeal without knowledge is the sister of folly.

- Davies, Sir John

Let a good person do good deeds with the same zeal that an evil person does bad ones.

- Rokeach, Shalom

Evil is done without effort, naturally, it is the working of fate; good is always the product of an art.

- Baudelaire, Charles

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