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What it lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do.

- Aristotle

How like a winter hath my absence been. From thee, the pleasure of the fleeting year! What freezings have I felt, what dark days seen, What old December's bareness everywhere!

- Shakespeare, William

I shall the effect of this good lesson keeps as watchman to my heart.

- Shakespeare, William

I care not, a man can die but once; we owe God and death.

- Shakespeare, William

All that live must die, passing through nature to eternity.

- Shakespeare, William

When workmen strive to do better than well, they do confound their skill in covetousness.

- Shakespeare, William

The voice of parents is the voice of gods, for to their children they are heaven's lieutenants.

- Shakespeare, William

He is not great who is not greatly good.

- Shakespeare, William

But O, how bitter a thing it is to look into happiness through another man's eyes.

- Shakespeare, William

Honesty is the best policy. If I lose mine honor, I lose myself.

- Shakespeare, William

Sometimes adversity is what you need to face in order to become successful.

- Ziglar, Zig

If you have enough push, you don't have to worry about the pull.

- Ziglar, Zig

You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win.

- Ziglar, Zig

If you don't see yourself as a winner, then you cannot perform as a winner.

- Ziglar, Zig

Failure is a detour, not a dead-end street.

- Ziglar, Zig

People who have good relationships at home are more effective in the marketplace.

- Ziglar, Zig

Building a better you is the first step to building a better America.

- Ziglar, Zig

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.

- Ziglar, Zig

A goal properly set is halfway reached.

- Ziglar, Zig

It's your aptitude, not just your attitude that determines your ultimate altitude.

- Ziglar, Zig

Many marriages would be better if the husband and the wife clearly understood that they are on the same side.

- Ziglar, Zig

Every sale has five basic obstacles: no need, no money, no hurry, no desire, no trust.

- Ziglar, Zig

The most important persuasion tool you have in your entire arsenal is integrity.

- Ziglar, Zig

Many people spend more time in planning the wedding than they do in planning the marriage

- Ziglar, Zig

You cannot climb the ladder of success dressed in the costume of failure.

- Ziglar, Zig

Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will.

- Ziglar, Zig

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.

- John Paul II

The beauty of the soul shines out when a man bears with composure one heavy mischance after another, not because he does not feel them, but because he is a man of high and heroic temper.

- Aristotle

We become just by performing just action, temperate by performing temperate actions, brave by performing brave action.

- Aristotle

Suffering becomes beautiful when anyone bears great calamities with cheerfulness, not through insensibility but through greatness of mind.

- Aristotle

If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.

- Brown, Les

You must choose the thoughts and actions that will lead you on to success.

- Allen, R. C.

To shun one's cross is to make it heavier.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

The mould of a man's fortune is in his own hands.

- Bacon, Francis

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you, never excuse yourself.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

A man, as a general rule, owes very little to what he is born with -- a man is what he makes of himself.

- Bell, Alexander Graham

Bear one another's burdens.

- Bible

Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required. [Luke 12:48]

- Bible

Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to

go, no one else.

- Brown, Les

You take on the responsibility for making your dream a reality.

- Brown, Les

Accept the consequences of your actions in order to become the agent of your mental, physical, spiritual and material success.

- Brown, Les

An individual without information can't take responsibility. An individual with information can't help but take responsibility.

- Carlzon, Jan

Accountability breeds response-ability.

- Covey, Stephen R.

The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.

- Didion, Joan

You will find men who want to be carried on the shoulders of others, who think that the world owes them a living. They don't seem to see that we must all lift together and pull

together.

- Ford, Henry

If you load responsibility on a man unworthy of it he will always betray himself.

- Heckscher, August

Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

Only he who believes is obedient and only he who is obedient believes.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

The joy of youth is to disobey; but the trouble is that there are no longer any orders.

- Cocteau, Jean

A god who let us prove his existence would be an idol.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

The mark of solitude is silence, as speech is the mark of community. Silence and speech have the same inner correspondence and difference as do solitude and community. One does not exist without the other. Right speech comes out of silence, and right silence comes out of speech.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

It is the nature, and the advantage, of strong people that they can bring out the crucial questions and form a clear opinion about them. The weak always have to decide between alternatives that are not their own.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. Government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth!

- Reagan, Ronald

Unemployment insurance is a pre-paid vacation for freeloaders.

- Reagan, Ronald

Wanting to work is so rare a merit that it should be encouraged.

- Lincoln, Abraham

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Bible

In oneself lies the whole world and if you know how to look and learn, the door is there and the key is in your hand. Nobody on earth can give you either the key or the door to open, except yourself.

- Krishnamurti, Jiddu

What you become directly influences what you get.

- Rohn, Jim

No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

- Mandela, Nelson

Listening is one of the deepest, most profound signs of loving -- listening to yourself and listening to others. Your heart goes out and wraps around them and God's spirit of loving embraces you both.

- Roger, John

An essential condition of listening to God is that the mind should not be distracted by thoughts of resentment, ill-temper, hatred or vengeance, all of which are comprised in the general term, the wrath of man.

- Tasker, R. V. G.

The less you talk, the more you're listened to.

- Buren, Abigail Van

Nature gave us one tongue and two ears so we could hear twice as much as we speak.

- Epictetus

Only if we can restrain ourselves is good conversation possible. Good talk rises upon much discipline.

- Erskine, John

One of the most valuable things we can do to heal one another is listen to each other's stories.

- Falls, Rebecca

Listen to life, and you will hear the voice of life crying, Be!

- Freeman, James Dillet

A person hears only what they understand.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.

- Hemingway, Ernest

The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges, and I believe in myself.

- Ali, Muhammad

If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started.

- Garvey, Marcus

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.

- Irving, Washington

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above them.

- Irving, Washington

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

- Koenig, Frederick

In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at last a drop which makes it run over. So in a series of kindness there is, at last, one which makes the heart run over.

- Boswell, James

Anytime you suffer a setback or disappointment, put your head down and plow ahead.

- Brown, Les

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. [Isaiah 48:10]

- Bible

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars.

- Gibran, Kahlil

Wisdom comes alone through suffering.

- Aeschylus

It is good for me that I was afflicted that I may learn Thy statutes. [Psalms 119:71]

- Bible

Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away blessed be the name of the Lord.

- Bible

Man cannot remake himself without suffering, for he is both the marble and the sculptor.

- Carrel, Alexis

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