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The greatest obstacle to being heroic is the doubt whether one may not be going to prove one's self a fool; the truest heroism is to resist the doubt; and the profoundest wisdom, to know when it ought to be resisted, and when it be obeyed.

- Hawthorne, Nathaniel

The glue that holds all relationships together -- including the relationship between the leader and the led is trust, and trust is based on integrity.

- Tracy, Brian

You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you don't trust enough.

- Crane, Frank

The road to perseverance lies by doubt.

- Quarles, Francis

Doubt is the beginning, not the end, of wisdom.

- Iles, George

Doubt, of whatever kind, can be ended by action alone.

- Carlyle, Thomas

The sad truth is that excellence makes people nervous.

- Alexander, Shana

Nothing in the world is more flexible and yielding than water. Yet when it attacks the firm and the strong, none can withstand it, because they have no way to change it. So the flexible overcome the adamant, the yielding overcome the forceful. Everyone knows this, but no one can do it.

- Lao-Tzu

Absence -- that common cure of love.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

And what a delight it is to make friends with someone you have despised.

- Colette, Sidonie Gabrielle

Absence diminishes little passions and increases great ones, as wind extinguishes candles and fans a fire.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

No man is so perfect, so necessary to his friends, as to give them no cause to miss him less.

- Bruyere, Jean De La

Who so loves believes the impossible.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

To be among people one loves, that's sufficient; to dream, to speak to them, to be silent among them, to think of indifferent things; but among them, everything is equal.

- Bruyere, Jean De La

To love a thing means wanting it to live.

- Confucius

I love you, not for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you.

- Croft, Roy

Affection, like melancholy, magnifies trifles; but the magnifying of the one is like looking through a telescope at heavenly objects; that of the other, like enlarging monsters with a microscope.

- Hunt, Leigh

Strength is born in the deep silence of long-suffering hearts; not amid joy.

- Hemans, Felicia D.

Oh the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are -- chaff and grain together -- certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away

- Mulock, Dinah

Do not assume that she who seeks to comfort you now, lives untroubled among the simple and quiet words that sometimes do you good. Her life may also have much sadness and difficulty, that remains far beyond yours. Were it otherwise, she would never have been able to find these words.

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

A man should not strive to eliminate his complexes, but to get into accord with them; they are legitimately what directs his conduct in the world.

- Freud, Sigmund

Better mad with the rest of the world than wise alone.

- Gracian, Baltasar

Insanity is often the logic of an accurate mind overtasked.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Insanity in individuals is something rare -- but in groups, parties, nations, and epochs it is the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Those who know the least obey the best.

- Farquhar, George

Every great person has first learned how to obey, whom to obey, and when to obey.

- Ward, William A.

Immature love says: I love you because I need you. Mature love says: I need you because I love you.

- Fromm, Erich

I feel the capacity to care is the thing which gives life its deepest significance.

- Casals, Pablo

The individual is capable of both great compassion and great indifference. He has it within his means to nourish the former and outgrow the latter.

- Cousins, Norman

Compassion is the antitoxin of the soul: where there is compassion even the most poisonous impulses remain relatively harmless.

- Hoffer, Eric

There is nothing heavier than compassion. Not even one's own pain weighs so heavy as the pain one feels with someone, for someone, a pain intensified by the imagination and prolonged by a hundred echoes.

- Kundera, Milan

Free will and determinism are like a game of cards. The hand that is dealt you is determinism. The way you play your hand is free will.

- Cousins, Norman

Man has will, but woman has her way.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

The one who wills is the one who can.

- Proverb

I recommend limiting one's involvement in other people's lives to a pleasantly scant minimum. This may seem too stoical a position in these madly passionate times, but madly passionate people rarely make good on their madly passionate promises.

- Crisp, Quentin

Passion is the drunkenness of the mind.

- South, Bishop Robert

The only sin passion can commit is to be joyless.

- Sayers, Dorothy L.

The essential conditions of everything you do must be choice, love, passion.

- Boulanger, Nadia

Greater than the tread of mighty armies is an idea whose time has come.

- Hugo, Victor

Believe those who are seeking truth, doubt those who find it.

- Gide, Andre

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.

- Lamb, Charles

Neither evil tongues, rash judgments, nor the sneers of selfish men, nor greetings where no kindness is, nor all the dreary intercourse of daily life, shall ever prevail against us.

- Wordsworth, William

Beware thoughts that come in the night. They aren't turned properly; they come in askew, free of sense and restriction, deriving from the most remote of sources.

- Trogdon, William

Either I will find a way, or I will make one.

- Sidney, Sir Philip

A woman's whole life is a history of the affections. The heart is her world: it is there her ambition strives for empire; it is there her avarice seeks for hidden treasures. She sends forth her sympathies on adventure; she embarks her whole soul on the traffic of affection; and if shipwrecked, her case is hopeless -- for it is a bankruptcy of the heart.

- Irving, Washington

Of all ills that one endures, hope is a cheap and universal cure.

- Cowley, Abraham

There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in.

- Cohen, Leonard

The gods had condemned Sisyphus to ceaselessly rolling a rock to the top of a mountain, whence the stone would fall back of its own weight. They had thought with some reason that there is no more dreadful punishment than futile and hopeless labor.

- Camus, Albert

Life is indeed darkness save when there is urge, and all urge is blind save when there is knowledge, and all knowledge is vain save when there is work, and all work is empty save when there is love.

- Gibran, Kahlil

Depression is the inability to construct a future.

- May, Rollo

In addition to my other numerous acquaintances, I have one more intimate confidant. My depression is the most faithful mistress I have known -- no wonder, then, that I return the love.

- Kierkegaard, Søren

Evil spelled backward is live.

- Unknown, Source

Life must be lived forward, but can only be understood backwards.

- Kierkegaard, Søren

And nothing to look backward to with pride, and nothing to look forward to with hope.

- Frost, Robert

To look backward for a while is to refresh the eye, to restore it, and to render it the more fit for its prime function of looking forward.

- Barber, Margaret Fairless

All change is not growth; all movement is not forward.

- Glasgow, Ellen

The superior man blames himself. The inferior man blames others.

- Shula, Don

There is luxury in self-reproach. When we blame ourselves, we feel no one else has a right to blame us.

- Wilde, Oscar

No blame should attach to telling the truth. But it does, it does.

- Brookner, Anita

There is not grief that does not speak.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

Hope is itself a species of happiness, and, perhaps, the chief happiness which this world affords: but, like all other pleasures immoderately enjoyed, the excesses of hope must be expiated by pain; and expectations improperly indulged must end in disappointment.

- Johnson, Samuel

The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof.

- Kingsolver, Barbara

The person who lives by hope will die by despair.

- Proverb, Italian

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars.

- Clough, Arthur Hugh

Hope has a good memory, gratitude a bad one.

- Gracian, Baltasar

Hope is a waking dream.

- Aristotle

To live without Hope is to Cease to live.

- Dostoevsky, Fyodor

If it were not for hopes, the heart would break.

- Fuller, Thomas

Where no hope is left, is left no fear.

- Milton, John

Were it not for hope the heart would break.

- Proverb, Scottish

Extreme hopes are born from extreme misery.

- Russell, Bertrand

Kind thoughts are rarer than either kind words or deeds. They imply a great deal of thinking about others. This in itself is rare. But they also imply a great deal of thinking about others without the thoughts being criticisms. This is rarer still.

- Faber, Frederick W.

After all, one knows one's weak points so well, that it's rather bewildering to have the critics overlook them and invent others.

- Wharton, Edith

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