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Love comes when manipulation stops; when you think more about the other person than about his or her reactions to you. When you dare to reveal yourself fully. When you dare to be vulnerable.

- Brothers, Dr. Joyce

The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure, but from hope to hope.

- Johnson, Samuel

Of all the needs (there are none imaginary) a lonely child has, the one that must be satisfied, if there is going to be hope and a hope of wholeness, is the unshaken need for an unshakable God.

- Angelou, Maya

I do not love you

I do not love you as if you were salt-rose, or topaz,

or the arrow of carnations the fire shoots off.

I love you as certain dark things are to be loved,

in secret, between the shadow and the soul.

I love you as the plant that never blooms

but carries in itself the light of hidden flowers;

thanks to your love a certain solid fragrance,

risen from the earth, lives darkly in my body.

I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where.

I love you straightforwardly, without complexities or pride;

so I love you because I know no other way

that this: where I does not exist, nor you,

so close that your hand on my chest is my hand,

so close that your eyes close as I fall asleep.

- Neruda, Pablo

If you want happiness for an hour -- take a nap. If you want happiness for a day -- go fishing. If you want happiness for a month -- get married. If you want happiness for a year -- inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime -- help someone else.

- Proverb, Chinese

Act happy, feel happy, be happy, without a reason in the world. Then you can love, and do what you will.

- Millman, Dan

Happiness is the absence of the striving for happiness.

- Chuang Tzu

To love is to place our happiness in the happiness of another.

- Leibniz, Gottfried Wilhelm Von

Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy.

- Apollinaire, Guillaume

Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

- Keller, Helen

Many people think that if they were only in some other place, or had some other job, they would be happy. Well, that is doubtful. So get as much happiness out of what you are doing as you can and don't put off being happy until some future date.

- Carnegie, Dale

Happiness is not a brilliant climax to years of grim struggle and anxiety. It is a long succession of little decisions simply to be happy in the moment.

- Walters, J. Donald

Happiness comes more from loving than being loved; and often when our affection seems wounded it is only our vanity bleeding. To love, and to be hurt often, and to love again -- this is the brave and happy life.

- Buckrose, J.E

I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it.

- Marx, Groucho

Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response.

- Barthel, Mildred

Love comes from blindness, friendship from knowledge.

- Bussy-Rabutin, Comte De

The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.

- Mother Teresa

The longest absence is less perilous to love than the terrible trials of incessant proximity.

- Ouida

There are some people who live in a dream world, and there are some who face reality; and then there are those who turn one into the other.

- Everett, Douglas

He who is plenteously provided for from within, needs but little from without.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that.

- Peale, Norman Vincent

I am always doing things I can't do, that's how I get to do them.

- Picasso, Pablo

What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality.

- Rank, Otto

Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it.

- Thatcher, Margaret

You can't aim a duck to death.

- Boardman, Gael

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds; all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

- Hale, Edward Everett

Sometimes your medicine bottle has on it, Shake well before using. That is what God has to do with some of His people. He has to shake them well before they are ever usable.

- Havner, Vance

Be still my heart; thou hast known worse than this.

- Homer

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

- Croft, Roy

Love (understood as the desire of good for another) is in fact so unnatural a phenomenon that it can scarcely repeat itself, the soul being unable to become virgin again and not having energy enough to cast itself out again into the ocean of another's soul.

- Joyce, James

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

- Levine, Stephen

If you wish to be loved; Love!

- Seneca

Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love. Everything is, everything exists, only because I love. Everything is united by it alone. Love is God, and to die means that I, a particle of love, shall return to the general and eternal source.

- Tolstoy, Count Leo

It is not helpful to help a friend by putting coins in his pockets when he has got holes in his pockets.

- Hurd, Douglas

Happiness never lays its finger on its pulse.

- Smith, Adam

Only man clogs his happiness with care, destroying what is, with thoughts of what may be.

- Dryden, John

Anxiety is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.

- Roche, Arthur Somers

I have a very strong feeling that the opposite of love is not hate -- it's apathy. It's not giving a damn.

- Buscaglia, Leo

The men who succeed are the efficient few. They are the few who have the ambition and will power to develop themselves.

- Casson, Herbert N.

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

No one ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him; it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required, that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction.

- Adams, Charles Francis

Certain is it that there is no kind of affection so purely angelic as of a father to a daughter. In love to our wives there is desire; to our sons, ambition; but to our daughters there is something which there are no words to express.

- Addison, Joseph

Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by doubling our joys, and dividing our grief.

- Addison, Joseph

He that is discontented in one place will seldom be content in another.

- Aesop

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

- Aesop

You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him.

- Aikman, Leo

Men are anxious to improve their circumstances, but are unwilling to improve themselves; they therefore remain bound.

- Allen, James

He who would be useful, strong, and happy must cease to be a passive receptacle for the negative, beggarly, and impure streams of thought; and as a wise householder commands his servants and invites his guests, so must he learn to command his desires and to say, with authority, what thoughts he shall admit into the mansion of his soul.

- Allen, James

For true success ask yourself these four questions: Why? Why not? Why not me? Why not now?

- Allen, James

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

- Allen, James

Circumstances do not make the man, they reveal him.

- Allen, James

Every choice moves us closer to or farther away from something. Where are your choices taking your life? What do your behaviors demonstrate that you are saying yes or no to in life?

- Allenbaugh, Eric

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

Every day you waste is one you can never make up.

- Allen, George

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