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INTRODUCTION

*“If the mountain wasn’t rugged you
couldn’t climb it!”*

nex·us – a connection, a link, a tie /'neksəs/

Welcome to this collection of inspiring and anonymous quotes. These voices of wisdom, insights, and experience have been gathered from various sources and are meant to offer direction, inspiration, and motivation to readers from all walks of life. Whether you are seeking inspiration in your work and career, searching for guidance on your personal life journey, or desire deeper spiritual insight and fulfillment in your walk of faith, this collection of quotes has something for you.

While the authors of these quotes remain shrouded in mystery, their words carry an enduring power that transcends the limitations of attribution. Freed from the confines of individual identities, these quotes become portals to deeper truths, allowing us to investigate the vastness of human wisdom unencumbered by the distractions of fame and

reputation. The beauty of anonymous quotes is that they allow the reader to focus solely on the message without being distracted by the author's identity. These also allow the reader to apply the quote to their own life without any preconceived notions of the author's background or beliefs. Anonymous quotes have a universal appeal. They come from different people, cultures, and backgrounds, yet their messages are timely in today's culture and relevant to all of us.

The quotes in this book have been curated to touch on a variety of topics and offer insights into the human experience, reminding us of the power of positivity, perseverance, and faith. Some may resonate more strongly with you than others, but each quote has the potential to inspire, inform and uplift you.

In putting this collection of quotes together I reflected frequently on my fifty-year business career where many of those years were spent coaching, advising, and counseling hundreds of executives, professionals, skilled workers, educators, non-profit leaders, and ministry leaders. Those years confirmed my sense that nothing captures our collective attention as much as the nexus between life, work, and faith. In the modern world we often find ourselves caught in the whirlwind of our daily routines juggling the demands of our careers, the joys, hardships and

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responsibilities in our personal lives, and the spiritual beliefs that shape our innermost being and our faith. It is a delicate and intricate balance, one that at times can feel illusive, yet it is a balance that holds the key to a fulfilling and purpose driven life.

Work is not merely a means to earn a paycheck, but it is also a vehicle for self-expression, personal growth and contributing to the greater good of society. Our career can be a source of pride and accomplishment allowing us to utilize our talents, skills, and passions to make a positive impact on the world.

Simultaneously, our personal lives are a treasure trove of experiences, relationships and moments that enrich our journey. It is within our families, friendships, and personal pursuits that we find love, joy, and the sense of belonging that gives our life vibrant color. Our personal lives influence our work. A balanced and fulfilled individual is often a more productive and creative professional. When we prioritize our personal well-being and relationships, we bring a new sense of energy and dedication to our careers that calls us to greater success and satisfaction.

Yet, in the technologically driven, fast-paced world of our personal spheres, we are captured by the power, impact, and significance of our faith – the guiding force that shapes our values, beliefs, and moral compass. Our faith provides a driving

resource to help navigate life's challenges and make decisions that are in harmony with our values. Our faith guides us to be better parents, friends, and citizens, and enrich the lives of those around us. Faith provides us with a sense of purpose, a higher calling that transcends the mundane aspects of our lives. It draws us to focus on that deep longing in all of us for connection to the eternal, and to the God who created us.

I have given much thought to how these three elements – work, life, and faith – connect and influence one another and the answer seems to lie in the delicate interplay between them. The nexus between work, life, and faith, therefore, is not a fixed point but a dynamic and ever evolving connection. It is a journey of self-discovery, introspection, and alignment.

So, as we navigate the nexus between work, life, and faith, remember it is not a destination, but truly a lifelong pursuit. It is a pursuit that requires conscious choices and continuous growth. A journey that challenges us to be authentic, to live in accordance with our core values, and find a sense of eternal purpose in all that we do.

I urge you to embrace this journey and to seek that delicate balance between your work, life, and faith. Let your actions in one realm resonate with and amplify the others. In doing so, you can create a world where your professional success is not only

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measured by your achievements, but also by the positive impact you have on the lives of others, where your personal life is enriched by a deep sense of purpose, and where your faith becomes the guiding light that illuminates your path.

Hopefully this book will serve as a source of enjoyment, entertainment, comfort, inspiration, and motivation.

– **Ken Edmundson**

WORK

*“When choosing a career path,
don’t ask yourself if you are passionate
about what you will do – ask yourself if
you can become really, really good at
what you are about to do!”*

Work is an integral part of our lives, and it can bring us both challenges and rewards. Whether we love or loath our jobs, it’s important to remember that work plays a crucial role in the shaping of our identity, our sense of purpose, and our contribution to society.

The quotes in this section explore different aspects of work, from the importance of hard work and perseverance to the value of finding fulfillment and meaning in our careers. They remind us that work can be more than just a means to an end. It can be a source of creativity, growth, and fulfillment.

As you read these quotes, my hope is they will inspire you to reflect on your own relationship with

work and find ways to make it a more meaningful and enjoyable part of your life. Whether you are a student, professional, entrepreneur or an at-home working parent, these quotes offer fun and valuable insights and perspectives on the role of work in our lives.

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One person with passion is better than
40 people merely interested.

—

If your horse is dead, get off.

—

Courage in a leader is not found by defending your
position, but by understanding your people.

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Average leaders want to be left alone;
Good leaders want to be encouraged;
Great leaders want to be told the truth!

—

We compete with our brain not our backs,
so learning is the key.

—

If you want to be Superman,
you have to fly in bad weather.

Define your business goals clearly
so that others can see them as you do.

Focus on intention more and expectation less.
Don't get held hostage by the process.

People will crawl over broken glass for their vision
and their dreams, but not for your numbers.

The definition of insanity:
continuing to do what you have always done
and expecting the results to change.

The Clydesdale Affect. One Clydesdale can pull
4,000 pounds. Two can pull 24,000 pounds.

The difference between a great leader and
a lunatic is simply the number of people
who agree with him.

WORK

One of the most beautiful sunsets
have a few clouds in the sky.

—

Listening is learning.

—

We are going to continue having these meetings,
every day, until I find out why no one is getting
work done.

—

We passed over a lot of good people
to get the ones we hired.

—

If you want to get across an idea,
wrap it up in a person.

—

My boss frequently gets lost in thought . . .
that's because it's unfamiliar territory.

My boss said to me, 'What you see as a glass ceiling,
I see as a protective barrier'.

—

I see you've had no computer training. Although
that qualifies you for upper management, it means
you're under-qualified for our entry level positions.

—

If I knew where I was going to die,
I wouldn't go there.

—

The dysfunction you experience with those you
work with and witness throughout your company
starts with you.

—

No one washes a rental car.

—

Hidden in listen is silent . . .
not getting ready to speak.

WORK

Try not to become a person of success,
but rather to become a person of value.

—

The elevator to success is out of order. You will have
to use the stairs . . . one step at a time.

—

The mind that made you sick
can also make you well.

—

What a peculiar privilege has this little agitation
of the brain, which we call 'thought'.

—

The problem with most people is that they think
with their hopes or fears or wishes,
rather than their minds.

—

If you want to know what a person values, observe
where they spend their time, energy or money.

I do not think there is any other quality
so essential to success of any kind as the
quality of perseverance. It overcomes
almost everything, even nature.

—

What you see in your mind's eye is what you get.
Proof: what you saw is pretty much what you got!

—

We are a sum of all of our experiences.

—

Smart is dumb, dumb is smart! Play dumb,
listen and ask questions to understand.

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The one who asks the questions is
the one who controls the conversation.

—

The ability to recognize, change and adapt to the
enemy to obtain victory is called 'GENIUS'!

WORK

When conflicts occur, try to analyze whether it is a behavior or values conflict. You can correct a person's behavior issues, you cannot correct a person's value issues

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You only have to be gutsy a few minutes a day.

—

How can we remember our ignorance, which our growth requires, when we are using only our knowledge all the time?

—

Deep capital beats cheap labor every time.

—

Through teaching others we find out how little we know.

—

Whatever picture you paint in your mind, the body goes to work to complete it.

Some people want to learn but not to be taught.

—

Leadership is about taking an organization to a place it would have not otherwise gone without you, in a value adding measurable way.

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Our greatest fear should not be one of failure, but succeeding at something that doesn't really matter.

—

A platoon leader doesn't get its platoon to go by getting up shouting and saying, I am smarter, I am bigger, I am stronger, I am the leader. He gets his men to go along with him because they want to do it for him, and they believe in him.

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No matter how good or successful you are or how clever or crafty you are, your business and its future is in the hands of the people you hire. To put it more dramatically, the fate of your business is actually in the hands of the youngest recruit on the staff.

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Trust is a three-legged stool, built on one's character, communication and competency.

Successful organizations in the 21st Century will have to become more like incubators of leadership. Wasting talent will become increasingly costly in a world of rapid change; developing that leadership will in turn demand flatter and leaner structures, along with less controlling, more risk-taking cultures.

Trust is defined as willingness of one party, 'The Trustor', to be vulnerable to the actions of another party, 'The Trustee', based on the expectations that the Trustee will perform an action important to the Trustor, regardless of the Trustor's ability to monitor or control the Trustee.

Mutual trust is a shared belief that you can depend on each other to achieve a common purpose.

I knew what I was doing, but what was I thinking.

—

The building of a strong and effective working relationship requires the building of trust. Trust is the expectancy of people that they can rely on your word. It is built through integrity and consistency in relationships. Trust is an emotional by-product of credibility.

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If you don't recruit your employees continuously, someone else will.

—

I knew that I was learning one of the most important lessons of my life, that instead of waiting for the perfect opportunity, I should work toward the realization that every opportunity is perfect.

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On average 38% of your employees would take another job if offered one! What are you doing to help them stay?

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People don't always resign when they quit.

—

Imagine what you could accomplish if you knew what your distinct natural abilities, core values, and lifetime goals were?

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Are your employees aligned with your future plans for them?

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You will lose the excitement of your employees' first day on the job if you are not in alignment with their goals.

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Are your employees' personal goals aligned with those of your company?
Do you know what their goals are?

Leadership development is about helping people grow, and if I can get my people as individuals growing, then I have a company that grows.

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A good strategic coach does not tell their clients what to think, they lead them through a proven roadmap based on success in the business world and in life that models the best experiences of other successful people.

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A person can choke to death a lot faster than they can starve to death.....same with a business.

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Building a successful career is only too late if you never start.

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An average career consists of 10 different jobs and 5 different companies from 3 different industries.

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At least 80% of white collar jobs, as we know them today, will either disappear entirely or be completely reconfigured beyond recognition --- in just the next 15 years.

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You can go somewhere or end up somewhere ... it is your choice. Sound familiar?

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Never, never burn a relationship bridge in business.

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If you find a prospect with no pain, they are probably not a prospect.

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Wouldn't you like to be as productive every week as you are the week before you go on a long vacation?

The essences of self is not something discovered through philosophical introspection – self is the essences waiting to be created - it is created through commitments that we make in life.

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Why do we insist on hiring the tallest midgets?

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In learning to make cold calls, your courage should always outstrip your confidence in the beginning.

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Many salespeople are the equivalent to vodka:
colorless, odorless, and tasteless

—

Be slow to understand.

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What causes a new employee to lose their enthusiasm from their first day?

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Be clear even if you cannot be certain.

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We hold on to our position based most often
on our interpretation of our experience.

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We don't learn from experience; we learn from our
interpretation of our experience.

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Quickly we arrive at solutions, only to find out that
because we didn't have enough information, we
create the next problem.

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When men are ruled by fear, they strive to prevent
the very changes that will abate it.

Always consider the other person as the smartest person in the world until they prove differently, not as the dumbest person in the world until they prove differently. This will allow you to move from ego to trust.

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Passion for something is not a prerequisite for choosing a career path.

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If you are not learning quickly and assimilating that learning into today's business environment, you will not only get left behind ... you will be forgotten ... are you okay with that?

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The last seven years have removed the imposters and the imitators from the business landscape; it is now a survival of the fastest learners.

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If you have not had an original thought for a while, then you've turned off your intuition.

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Best practices are great if you already know what should be done and why.

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How would you like your airline to have the same failure rate you do?

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Thinking that purpose is about what I am for, and concerns are what I am against. Fear sneaks in and I end up focusing on my concerns and getting what I don't want.

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Measure what matters, not what is easy.

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Begin a stop doing list, not a start doing list.

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Ask your team weekly what we should stop doing.

Daily decisions will be better if you know
where you are going long-term.

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No one will debate your 10-year goal, everyone will
debate your 100-day goal.

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The definition of a brand: The Grateful Dead are not
the best at what they do - they are the only ones that
do what they do.

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Start with a great team and keep them great.

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Who has been where you are going...might be a
good idea to meet them?

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It is not about who is running faster;
it is who is thinking faster.

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The reason most accounting, quality control,
production, administration departments don't like
salespeople is they see no discipline.
They comply; salespeople don't.

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Your opinion is usually the place
you got tired of thinking.

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I would rather pay to have my people trained and
worry about them leaving; rather than not pay to
train them and worry about them staying.

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Have you ever thought there would be a day when
people think a different way? And on that day, what
would you say if you still thought the other way?

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Do not attempt to do a thing unless you are sure of
yourself; but do not relinquish it simply because
someone else is not sure of you.

Throughout our lives we are taught standard patterns of expected thinking. These patterns influence our laws, politics and religions. In short, they become our reality, our truth. So naturally, whenever they are challenged and better results occur, the outcome can have a great impact. Ultimately, accepted practices give way to different forms of thinking and another right way of doing things is born, causing us to readjust our thinking and adapt to a new reality.

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As it turns out, my business is entirely about you!

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Passion in your work is an outcome not a prerequisite. It comes from being really, really good at something, enjoying the people you do it with, the location you live in, receiving emotional and financial reward from what you do, and most importantly sensing a purpose in what you do.

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Those who would like to have something they have never had, will have to do something well that they have not done yet.

Give something a name, and it will happen.

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Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.

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Innovation is the creation of the new or the re-arranging of the old in a new way.

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The world leaders in innovation and creativity will also be the world leaders in everything else.

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The innovation point is the pivotal moment when talented and motivated people see the opportunity to act on their ideas and dreams.

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Never underestimate the power of stupid people in a large group. One stupid person can magnify through lots of people.

You don't have to think positive or engage in positive mental attitude at work, although that would be a tremendous boost to your performance. If you will just stop thinking negatively, you will see a major improvement immediately.

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Simply focus on what you want and stop focusing on what you don't want. Focus on the possibility, not the problems. Consider the opportunities, not the obstacles!

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Your income will typically be within 10% of the amount of the 5 people you associate with the most.

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Nothing has meaning except the meaning you give it.

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People are empowered 16 hours a day, it is the other 8 hours at work that can be very frustrating.

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You don't know where you are going until you
know where you are right now.

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In choosing a career realize that less than 1% of all humans have a predetermined passion for anything and those are almost always artist, musicians, and a few athletes. The rest of us must find something we can get really, really good at, work constantly to improve, enjoy the people we do it with, the place we exist, see progress and reward in our efforts, and most importantly sense purpose in what we do...
passion will follow.

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If your employees know the impact of what you are asking them to do, they are more likely willing to commit and invest their time.

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Your wealth can only grow
to the extent that you do.

Questions we ask ourselves are critical
to achieving our aspirations.

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Clarity is the ability to see and hear things
without prejudice or distortion.

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What the mind can see and believe, it can achieve,
whether good or bad. Be careful what you think.

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When you connect with people and make them feel
important, you are much more likely to become
friends or do business with them.

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Everyone wants more autonomy. People who are
really, really good at what they do have the most
autonomy – how much autonomy do you enjoy? If
it is not enough, get better at what you do.

What is the real difference between rich people and poor people? They both work hard; there is no discernible difference in studies that show any were raised differently than the others; there is no research that indicates education, IQ or upbringing have any cumulative impact or decided impact. It is simply the way they think. People who are wealthy have decided they deserve to be wealthy, and they think accordingly. People who are not wealthy work just as hard, are just as smart and have just as many positives and negatives in their upbringing, but their thinking is typically that of being unworthy.

To win friends and influence people, become genuinely interested in other people. The person who controls the conversation isn't the one talking, it is the one asking questions and actively listening.

Every goal must have a specific completion date. The word someday is equivalent to failure.

Leaders are communication predators.

No matter what you do or what kind of company you run, you are first and foremost in the people business.

When setting a goal, don't assume you need to know how to get there before starting the journey. You will figure that out along the way.

I never met anyone who is really good at their work and has a clear purpose in what they are doing that complains about the amount of money they are being paid.

When you live in stress, life is the cause, and you are the effect. When you live without stress, you are the cause, and life is the effect.

The poor and low achievers and the rich and high achievers share one thing in common – they both believe strongly that is where they belong.

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Purpose in your work can be found at the intersection of doing well and doing good.

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Any desire persistently held in my mind will eventually find a way to obtain the object in which it is perceived.

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The subconscious mind makes no distinction between destructive and constructive thought impulses. It works with the material we feed it, through our own thought impulses. The subconscious mind will convert it into reality.

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You are currently experiencing all the success that your desire and commitment will allow.

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The earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.

Leaders refuse to be led only by the
'understandings' they happen to have of things.

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Success isn't easy – but it's fun!

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If you copy from one person, it's plagiarism. If you
copy from more than one person, it's research.

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We are at our very best and we are happiest when
we are fully engaged in work we enjoy on the
journey toward the goal we've established for
ourselves. It gives meaning to our time off and
comfort to our sleep. It makes everything else in life
wonderful and worthwhile.

—

All work done mindfully rounds us out
and helps complete us as persons.

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Always you have been told that work is a curse and labor a misfortune. But I say to you that when you work, you fulfill a part of God's intended purpose assigned to you and in keeping yourself with labor, you are in truth loving life.

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Remember every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence.

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The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today.

—

The choice of a work community defines our lives and identities more powerfully than our choice of a suburb or a senator or even a house or a vacation destination. Yet many people look on a job only as a necessary evil, the unavoidable means of achieving a desired standard of living. They don't expect principled management, just a generous paycheck. They don't expect to get meaning and spiritual sustenance from a job, just to spend by far the greatest part of their waking hours working at it.

Good work habits help develop an internal toughness and a self-confident attitude that will sustain you through every adversity and temporary discouragement.

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I want to be thoroughly used up when I die,
for the harder I work, the more I live.

—

No person who is enthusiastic about his work has anything to fear from life. All the opportunities in the world are waiting to be grasped by people who are in love with what they're doing.

—

When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

—

We honor life when we work. The type of work is not important: the fact of work is. All work feeds the soul if it is honest and done to the best of our abilities and if it brings joy to others.

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Our work is the shoreline where our soul
meets the outer world, a place where our love
can be made visible.

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Work joyfully and peacefully, knowing that right
thoughts and right efforts will inevitably
bring about right results.

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Work is the very fire where we are baked to
perfection, and like the master of the fire itself, we
add the essential ingredient and fulfillment when we
walk into the flames ourselves and fuel the
transformation of ordinary, everyday forms into the
exquisite and the rare.

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Your chances of success are directly proportional to
the degree of pleasure you desire from what you do.
Face that fact squarely or get out.

Work with others as much as possible. By working with others, you tap into knowledge, strengths and new ways of looking at things. Focus on forming alliances that can work for you now and in the future. The more eyes, ears, and, of course, brains working on something increases the odds of a favorable outcome. Being part of a team lets each person bring their own unique strength to the issue, while having their individual 'needs development' area covered by someone else.

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Purpose is driven by passion and learning to achieve significance and impact.

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In the average organization, communication and politicking are essentially two aspects of the same thing.

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Innovation and change are the lifeblood of progress.

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Big jobs usually go to those who prove
their ability to outgrow small ones.

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Diamonds are nothing more than
chunks of coal that stuck to their jobs.

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Far and away the best prize that life offers is the
chance to work hard at work worth doing.

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The more I give myself permission to live in the
moment and enjoy it without feeling guilty . . .
the better I feel about the quality of my work.

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The Three Rules of Work:
Out of clutter, find Simplicity.
From discord, find Harmony.
In difficulty, find Opportunity.

Stop fighting your creative spirit that is struggling to break free inside you. You will not be the person you were meant to be until you free this creative spirit and find ways to put it to use. Freeing your creative spirit will not send you into financial ruin or cause havoc with your life, if you acknowledge the creative side of you and find ways to gradually blend it into your thought process. What will happen is that you will find happiness you didn't know existed.

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The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential ... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

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No applications accepted ... only commitments.

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... many more people fail than succeed – and the main reason for this is that a technique that is not supported by a superior understanding of why things work the way they do is a technique that will likely fail – and fail consistently.

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The master in the art of living makes little distinction between his work and his play, his labor and his leisure, his mind and his body, his information and his recreation, his love and his religion. He hardly knows which is which. He simply pursues his vision of excellence at whatever he does, leaving others to decide whether he is working or playing. To him he's always doing both.

In a high-performance organization, people say what they mean and mean what they say.

When it comes to unproductive employees, you have three choices; teach them, tolerate them or terminate them....don't try to come up with a fourth.

... effectively 87% of everything you hear in a classroom is forgotten and, therefore, ineffective if not supported by the immediate and constant reinforcement of application.

Don't send a duck to eagle school.

—

In sales, how you say it and believe it has a great deal to do with how your prospect responds.

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Why would anyone want to buy from you?
If you can answer this question, you've created
a significant dominant advantage over
most other salespeople.

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Everybody is born with determination and talent,
but only a few people use it to the maximum.

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In comparing salespeople, don't look at their sales;
look at their behavior.

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Prospects love buying, but they
generally hate salespeople.

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Salespeople restructure their minds to fit the prospect's world, rather than vice versa.

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If you don't have the sale before you send the proposal, you don't have the sale!

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Most of the time we are not selling,
we are politicking.

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The reason prospects are important to a salesperson:
it's the best predictor of future income.

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A sales process will automatically design itself
unless you act to create one!

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Our bravery to ask good questions in a sales call is
directly related to how full our prospect pipeline is.

Features and benefits selling is about you –
pain is about them.

—

Features and benefits selling guarantees
you are setting up a debate between you
and your prospect.

—

There is no correlation between sales knowledge and
one's ability to execute what they know.

—

A sale is made every call – either you sell them, or
they sell you on a reason they cannot buy.

—

The two most powerful words
in selling are 'what if'.

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What does a lack of prospecting cost you
--- not the company --- you!

It's one thing to have a belief. It's another thing to pass it along to your prospects.

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Closing a sale is not an event;
it is just part of the process.

—

There comes a time in every sales process when the salesperson must do something to get the business; at that point, they can do what the client really needs, or they can do what is comfortable.
Most do what is comfortable.

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Unsuccessful selling is usually the result of a salesperson taking the course of least resistance.
Successful selling is usually the result of a salesperson taking the course of least resistance – the difference is having a selling system that works.

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When it comes to getting prospects, speed wins.

Prospecting is selling Twinkies to adults.

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If you think prospecting is tough,
try finding a new job.

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I have met a lot of Houdini salespeople – they just
disappear in the middle of a sales conversation.

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Low income and no prospects are
the penalty boxes for sales.

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Given time, a buyer will always tell you
how to sell him.

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Every employee walks around with the initials
MMFI on their forehead – Make Me Feel Important.

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Interviewing the wrong person can be as costly
as hiring the wrong person.

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How can you know the right person to hire if you
don't know the right person to interview?

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There is often psychological impact
with no numerical backing.

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There has never been a better time to call a prospect
than right now.

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The value of your product is equal
to the cost of your customer's problem.

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A leader with great vision and bad eyesight will
miss the critical turns needed along the way.

Nobody wants your product. Nobody wants your service. They only want what your product or service will do for them right now.

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Great salespeople think about creating what is possible with their prospects, not what should be.

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Salespeople are chief orchestrators of interpretations.

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We are all experts in affirmations. The key to success lies in giving yourself positive affirmations.

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Great salespeople close more business than average salespeople.

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A sale is simply a series of a few events repeated numerous times in various settings.

LIFE

“It’s never too late to have a happy childhood!”

This section is dedicated to some of the most inspiring and thought-provoking quotes that have been shared by wise individuals throughout history. Life is a journey of ups and downs, challenges, and opportunities, and requires us to make the very best from it.

The quotes in this section touch on different aspects of life from the importance of gratitude and self-reflection to the value of resilience and perseverance. They offer insights and wisdom to help us navigate through the complexities of life to find meaning and purpose.

As you read through these quotes, my hope is they will inspire you to embrace the beauty of your life, appreciate the present moment, and learn from the challenges and lessons that come your way. Remember, life is a precious gift from God, and it’s up to us to make the most of it and leave a positive impact on others.

Purpose is what I am doing when I am at my best,
doing what matters the most for someone else.

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Life is drawing without an eraser.

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Isn't it funny how people love options
but hate commitments.

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When I argue with reality, I lose
but only 100% of the time.

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When faced with suffering in your life,
don't try to get over it, try to make room for it

—

Is it fun to be you?

LIFE

When the cold front of time meets the warm front of unrealized dreams there will be a thunderstorm of purpose in your life, the likes of which will change you forever.

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Things that never have happened before,
happen all the time.

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Science is organized knowledge.
Wisdom is organized life.

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As we get older goals become increasingly less satisfying and require more and more to satisfy, so we are forced to confront the question of 'what is my purpose'.

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If you are fearful of anything external, the emotion is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it, and this you can revoke at any moment.

Never defend a 'truth'.

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You will always suffer either the pain of discipline or
the pain of regret....but you get to choose.

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The greatest teacher in life is silence.

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People are goal seekers and goals are driven by
either fear or incentives to achieve recognition or
security. Ego is recognition and money is security. In
the end we become the richest most popular person
in the cemetery.

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Slow down to speed up.

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The result of fear is to prevent you from processing
your most clear and accurate thoughts at anywhere
near maximum efficiency.

It's envy not greed that drives most people.

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Fear is a psychological condition created as a result of a conversation you are having with yourself in the moment about something that has transpired in your past, either real or perceived, which you now believe will occur again in the future, perhaps even worse.

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It is a shame that we have transitioned from a society that took great pride in investing in the best to one that brags about how little we paid for something that's just good enough.

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We often meet our destiny on the road we take to avoid it.

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Ask yourself regularly, "what have I changed my mind about recently?"

Everyone has the exact love life,
career, and family they want.

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What happens when you have déjà vu
and amnesia at the same time?

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Think big, act small.

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Lack of forgiveness drowns out any fire
or desire in a relationship.

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I could understand physics better
if electrons had feelings.

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Two topics impact every person, whether you
are interested or not: health and money.

LIFE

Few things stay the same for very long, that's why
you can't treat historians as prophets.

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History never repeats itself, but man always does.

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I have no talents. I am, however,
passionately curious.

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We seldom think of what we have,
but always think about what we miss.

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Don't cry because it is over now,
laugh because it happened.

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The more precisely you plan,
the harder destiny will hit you.

One's dignity may be assaulted, vandalized
and cruelly mocked, but cannot be taken
away unless it is surrendered.

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Be neither rational or irrational, just be reasonable.

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It's what you learn after you know
it all that really counts.

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A person who doubts himself is like a man who
would enlist in the ranks of his enemies
and bear arms against himself, he makes his failures
certain by himself being the first person
to be convinced of it.

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A friend is defined as someone who is
happy to see you and has no immediate plans
for your improvement.

If you do not know what your priorities are,
someone else will determine them for you.

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We see the world through the windows of our
attitudes and we each see differently.

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When someone suggests what you should do, check
to see if they do it themselves.

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People want to be independent more
than they want to be rich.

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Good decisions aren't always rational.
At some point you might need to decide
between being happy and being right.

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You cannot build a permanent base in your life on
principles that are temporary; it is like cooking
everything in sugar.

What something 'means' depends on the
question it answers ... for that person.

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I have never witnessed a spontaneous
recovery from incompetence.

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In order to trust, you inherently have to risk.

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Information and what you
need to know are unrelated.

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We are what we think about,
but the thinking is up to us.

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The sage has got it by what he feels,
not by what he sees.

LIFE

Perhaps there is nothing new under the sun, but there are a lot of old things we need to remember.

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Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the men of old, seek what they sought.

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Education is not preparation for life,
education is life itself.

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Unless we change the direction we are heading,
we might end up where we are going.

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Abraham Lincoln: Failed in business on first attempt. Defeated for Legislature 1832. Again failed in business 1833. Elected to Legislature 1834. Defeated in election for Speaker 1838. Defeated for Elector 1840. Defeated for Congress 1843. Elected to Congress 1846. Defeated for Vice President 1856. Defeated for Senate 1858. Elected President of United States of America 1860.

I keep trying the same thing and
I can't get the results I want.

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It's not the answers that show us the way, but rather
the questions.

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Perhaps the best answer is a better question.

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Often it's not divided focus that's the problem;
sometimes it's more total lack of focus.

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It is not a sacrifice when you give
a lesser value for a greater one.

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A byproduct of loving all of your thoughts
is that you get to be happy.

LIFE

You cannot confer a benefit on an
unwilling or incapable person.

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If you don't know what you want, all
communication is equal.

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You do not see the world
as it is. You see the world as you are.

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Life isn't fair but it's still good,
so don't waste time hating anyone.

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You cannot not 'communicate'.

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Try to make at least three people smile each day.

Learn to quote yourself.

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Forgive everyone for everything.

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Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.

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We are all victims of other victims.

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What other people think of you
is none of your business.

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No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

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There is no 'intelligence' where there
is no destination.

LIFE

Perhaps the most difficult challenge in life is to go through life without a burden to carry.

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Goals are where life makes up its mind.

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Knowing the difference between who you are and what you do is a critical difference in life.

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Do you plan your life, or does your life plan you?

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Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form an opinion without working to dig up facts.

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If you truly want to take a step toward eliminating negative thinking, just simply stop judging people.

Most people can't tell you what you need to know.
They can only tell you what they know.
This includes you.

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If you are not a servant of your cause,
you will be a victim of others' influence.

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A decision, no matter how arrived at,
is no better than the implementer.

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Dream more while you are awake.

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Some people climb the ladder of success,
and some people walk under it.

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I am sorry if I ever gave you the impression your
input would have any effect on my decision.

Confrontation is a search for the truth.

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Time heals almost everything. Give time ... time.

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Frame every so-called disaster with these words:
'in five years, will this matter?'

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We don't fear change, we fear losing value
for ourselves because of change.

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Your job won't take care of you when you are sick.
Your friends will ... stay in touch.

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It is not enough to achieve success. The genius is
leading a balanced life in the midst of success!

You cannot build a reputation
on what you intend to do.

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High self-worth is necessary for high net worth.

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If you can find a path with no obstacles,
it probably doesn't lead anywhere.

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Each night before you go to bed, complete the
following statement: 'I am thankful for _____.'

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It's what we know that often keeps us
from learning what we need to know.

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Most of what we say about ourselves in the
negative, we say in the first person. What we say
that's positive, we say in the plural.

LIFE

Failure is not falling down; failure is not getting up.

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Risk is defined as letting go of something you are certain of, to take hold of something you are not sure of but believe is better than what you've got.

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People find what they look for.
Look for the good in the world.

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Take heed of the tongue because words are previews of things to come. If something isn't what you want, don't say it.

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If you help enough people get what they want, you will get everything you want.

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Striving for excellence motivates you;
striving for perfection is demoralizing.

If a man happens to find himself, he has a mansion
in which he can inhabit with dignity
all the days of his life.

—

The soul is dyed by the color of its leisure hours.

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The supreme excellence is not to win a hundred
victories in a hundred battles. The supreme
excellence is to subdue the armies of your enemies
without even having to fight them.

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It is easier to believe what you need,
than what you know!

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The Platinum Rule: Do unto others as they
would have you do unto them.

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Your concept lags behind your ability.

LIFE

If leaders get input democratically on key decisions,
they can implement autocratically.

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Goals are where life makes up its mind.

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In life you must decide what is most important –
what you know or what you don't know?

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In our life we decide what we can do by deciding
what we cannot do, which is the reverse of an
effective system.

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Frustration and fear do not come from failure; they
come from not knowing how to correct it.

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Image Gap: the difference between where you think
you are versus where you really are.

It is with the heart that one can see clearly,
for what is essential is invisible to the eye.

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When men are ruled by fear, they strive to prevent
the very changes that will evade it.

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Thinking that PURPOSE is about what I am for, and
concerns are what I am against, fear sneaks in and I
end up focusing on my concerns and getting what I
don't want.

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Focus on what is right, not who is right.

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I know that you believe you understand what you
think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what
you heard is not what I meant.

LIFE

Clutching slows the flow, clenching chills the spirit,
clinging loses grace and closing lessens me.
Relaxing lets me go, reflecting slows my pace and
releasing makes it so.

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When you are uncertain about where you're going
in life – life goes slowly. When you are clear about
your purpose – it speeds up.

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A support group is nothing more than an incinerator
for head trash.

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How people 'understand' something is defined
exclusively by what they do about it.

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Interpretations are the only 'facts'
you will ever have.

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You have to believe something in order to see it.

Since when did ignorance become a point of view?

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It takes a long time to cultivate instant obedience.

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There are no mistakes in life . . . only lessons,
but lessons will be repeated until learned!

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Everybody is born with a determination and talent,
but only a few people use it.

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If you don't like change, you're going to like
irrelevance even less.

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How you do anything is how you do everything.

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Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.

LIFE

Before you hit the jackpot,
you have to put a coin in the machine.

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Happiness is when what you think, what you say,
and what you do are in harmony.

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Whenever you find yourself on the side of the
majority, it is time to pause and reflect.

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All things in the universe have a language. It is not
they who must learn to speak, it is we.

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If you want to live longer you have to give up the
things that make you want to live longer.

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A life with purpose is the purpose of life.

You have the right to remain silent, anything you say
will be misquoted and then used against you.

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We may not have it all together,
but together we have it all.

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Success is always part luck and part hard work, but
luck is very friendly with hard work.

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Happiness = Reality - Expectations

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The most noble thing on earth is the man or woman
who truly aspires to the higher life
and is making all the sincere efforts
he or she can to arrive there.

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Your purpose is to understand the cranking
of the machine inside you that goes on
without your knowledge.

LIFE

It is good to dream, but it is better to dream and work. Faith is mighty, but action with faith is mightier. Desiring is helpful, but work and desire are invincible.

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Learning is the ability to apply knowledge to your situation.

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The size of the future you actually experience will largely be determined by one factor: the people you choose to connect with. When you invite people who are truly committed to growth into every aspect of your life, your own potential for growth becomes truly unlimited.

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It takes two to create a human truth: one to utter it, another to believe it.

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Some communication is referential.
All communication is consequential.

All communication begins
and ends with interpretations.

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What you can't understand, you won't understand.

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In a time of change, it is learners who inherit the
future, the learned find themselves equipped to live
only in a world that no longer exists.

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Math is not that important. If you are right 90% of
the time, who cares about the other 5%.

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If you want to enjoy life more,
simply stop judging others.

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Always return something borrowed better than it
was when you took it.

LIFE

If the mountain was not rugged,
you could not climb it.

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If you dress in the dark, it doesn't matter what you
wear as long as you stay in the dark.

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When you say 'yes' to something, you must say 'no'
to something else.

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Thinking is attitude; doing is skill;
and being is results.

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Frustration and fear do not come from failure – they
come from not knowing how to correct it.

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Rules without relationships equal rebellion.

Ideas have consequences.

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Most of us are content to just live
in well decorated caves.

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The logic of worldly success rests on a fallacy: the
strange error that our perfection depends on the
thoughts, opinions and applause of other men. A
weird life it is indeed to be living always in
somebody else's imagination, as if they were the
only place in which one could at last become real!

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The redwoods have shallow roots. They survive by
tying their roots together so the one closest to the
water feeds the others.

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Don't book a concert at Carnegie Hall if you have
not yet learned to play Chopsticks.

LIFE

Assessing that you don't have what it takes to face
what you cannot escape can make you feel
unprepared, alone, anxious and fearful.

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There is no comfort in the growth zone; and there is
no growth in the comfort zone.

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From the sidelines when the human spirit does
amazing things, often it looks as if the person had a
vision. The reality is more. 'Once the heart is
engaged, the Vision had the person!'

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We are what we repeatedly do.

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I am more comfortable being miserable
than not knowing what's next.

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When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.

Do you live a life of design or a life of default?

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A ship in the harbor is safe,
but that's not why they are built.

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In a strong wind, even turkeys can fly!

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I didn't say it was your fault.
I said I was going to blame it on you.

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What happens, happens for a reason.

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Knowing what to end is often more important than
what to begin.

LIFE

The greatest events are not the loudest,
but the quiet hours.

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As you grow older you either do it gracefully or
bitterly...you choose.

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The most difficult lesson to learn is which bridge in
life to use or which one to break off.

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Everybody sees how you seem,
however, only some know who you are.

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When you are uncertain in life, it goes slow.
When you are on purpose, it speeds up.

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Opportunity is missed by most people because it is
dressed in overalls and looks like work.

We are all given the same 24 hours in each day. How we spend our time will determine the degree of our success and, in large measure, our independence.

The irony of commitment is that it's deeply liberating – in work, in play, in love. The act frees you from the tyranny of your internal critic, from the fear that likes to dress itself up and parade around as rational hesitation. To commit is to remove your head as the barrier to your life.

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures or successes, or what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skills. We can't change our past. We can't change the fact that people act in a certain way. We have no control over the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

LIFE

If stupidity got us into this mess,
then why can't it get us out?

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One comes finally to believe whatever one repeats to oneself, whether the statement to be true or false. If a person repeats a lie over and over, they will eventually accept the lie as true. Every person is what they are because of the dominating thoughts they permit to occupy their mind.

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I came here to sing a song, but I spent my life
stringing and unstringing my instrument.

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Hold life with a loose grip.

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I heard and I forgot;
I saw and I remembered;
I did and I understood!

When pursuing a goal, it is important to know if you
are being pushed or pulled.

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I will never leave my wife, and if she decides to
leave me, I am going with her.

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Even if you're on the right track,
you'll get run over if you just sit there.

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If you did not know how old you were or how much
money you had, what would you attempt?

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Experience is the hardest kind of teacher. It gives
you the test first, and the lesson afterward.

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Marriage is not the big date – it is for life.

LIFE

The most expensive time is that time in your life
between when you make a decision
and when you act on it.

Knowing the difference between a problem and a
fact of life is important. Problems you can solve,
facts of life you must accept.

Every time you face a problem and overcome it, you
become a better person. Everyone has problems –
that's a fact of life! However, positive thinkers turn
their problems into opportunities. Be a positive
thinker and don't turn down opportunity when it
comes looking for you.

It's been my observation that people are just as
happy as they make up their minds to be.

Even the longest night surrenders to the day.

Love doesn't require two people to look
at each other, but that they look together
in the same direction.

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The only way out is through.

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If you're not dead yet, you've not failed yet.

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Life is the childhood of our immortality.

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I rather be fulfilled in life than successful.

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We are often captured by the prison
of two competing ideas.

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The most certain way to get is to first give.

LIFE

Having a clear and meaningful purpose in life raises your focus and energy to its highest possible level.

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Always be the best person you can be
in the situation you are in.

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Self control is the difference
in courage and passivity.

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Spend more time on your obituary
than on your resumé.

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There is always something radically wrong with a situation in which those who have too much are indifferent to those who have too little. This is often a sign that the society in which it occurs is hastening to its ruin.

It's important to know the difference between a problem and a fact of life. A problem is something you can change, a fact of life is something you must accept.

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Whether you like it or not, believe it or not, resist it or not, you become a lot more like your parents as you get older.

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A few very close friends are better than a thousand acquaintances.

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One should choose their parents very carefully.

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Love heals a broken heart better than time.

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It is okay to cry.

Goals are good but motivated by fear or incentive to achieve recognition or security for ourself. Purpose is motivated by passion and learning to achieve significance and good for others.

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Everyone is limited at many skills but great at others....and remember so is everyone else.

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If you are blank on the answer, then you will form a solution that is shaped by the blank.

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The pull to something is far more powerful than the push from something.

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The language of bitter people is sarcasm.

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If you did not know how old you were and how much money you had, what would you attempt?

The end of a conversation is much more
important than the beginning.

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Five Questions Guide the Trajectory
of a Person's Life:

Spiritual - what is the highest power in my life?
Education – what have I learned?
Relationships – who am I connected to?
Values – what principles guide me?
Experience – what decisions have I made?

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Treat people you meet the first time as the smartest
person you have ever met until they prove
otherwise, rather than the dumbest person you have
ever met until they prove otherwise....you will find
you make more friends.

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We never tell our parents, spouses, kids, grandkids
and friends that we love them enough times.

LIFE

A person's true character is defined by who that person is when no one is watching.

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Going to a funeral of a friend reminds you of what is important in life.

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It is good once a year for you as a family to visit bankruptcy court and juvenile delinquency court and just observe.

The Decades of Life

20's – The Curious Decade (*Enjoy but learn*)

Experiencing and testing a variety of the many new adult life realities; careers, marriage, friends, responsibilities. Often called the "kid in the candy store" decade.

30's – The Values Decade (*Setting life's guard rails*)

First real testing of personal values – making important life and career decisions that will follow you and impact the rest of your life.

40's – The Pressure Decade (*Focus and push through*)

Nothing new and exciting happening in life; you have reached your peak income, family, career demands. It's the mid-point of the marathon.

50's – The Purpose Decade (*Deciding life's greater meaning*)

First realization you have less life in front of you than behind; beginning to consider what you are accomplishing in life that really matters.

60's – The Wisdom Decade (*A second childhood*)

Consider how to give more back; mentoring, sharing – new found joy and energy with arrival of grandkids. A calming sense of being more settled.

70's – The Grace Decade (*Live to show grace, not bitterness*)

Growing with dignity; healing old wounds.
Renewing important past connections and saying
goodbye to others.

80's – The Lucky Legacy Decade (*Allow others to honor and help you*)

Feeling fortunate to make it this far – preparing to
leave it all behind correctly. Observing more than
engaging.

FAITH

*“If I knew what God knows, I would agree
what God does in best!”*

This section is dedicated to some of the most inspiring quotes that have been shared by faith leaders and thinkers throughout history. Faith is a deeply personal and meaningful aspect of human existence that has been explored and celebrated throughout the ages. It is a search for the divine, the exploration of our spirit, souls, and bodies, and the recognition of our inner connectiveness with all of God’s creation. The pursuit of spiritual fulfillment is an essential part of many people’s lives.

One of the most beautiful ways to explore and deepen our spiritual journey is through the wisdom and inspiration of spiritual quotes. These powerful words touch our souls, uplift our spirits, and remind us of the truths that connect us all.

These quotes speak to the deep yearning within us all for connection, love, and meaning. They will

give guidance and inspiration to navigate the challenges and joys of the life before us.

Whether you are seeking solace, wisdom, or simply a moment of reflection, these quotes will encourage you on your journey towards a more profound understanding of yourself, the world around you, and our Creator.

FAITH

God is more ready to bestow his blessings on us
than we are to receive them.

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Stillness, solitude and silence can allow you
to hear God more clearly.

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The gospel afflicts the comfortable
and comforts the afflicted.

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Christ went to the cross because he loved us,
not so he could love us.

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Deciding how much sin you can live with in your
life is like deciding how much poison you
can drink without dying.

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The opposite of fear is not courage but faith. No one
has enough courage to face life each day, but faith is
able to triumph fear.

Praise is not about feeling good or happy;
it is a response to what we sense God is doing
in us at that moment.

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What makes Christianity different than any other
religion in the world is grace.

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When making a decision, if your choice does not
violate scripture or offend others, then proceed.

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When you stand for Christ it weakens Satan,
and when you fail to stand for Christ
it strengthens Satan.

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I should always be more concerned
with God's view of me than others.

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Our suffering can either make us bitter or better.

FAITH

The reason Christians oppose abortion, racism
and homosexuality is because God created
life, race and gender.

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God uses your kids to teach you more
than you are teaching them.

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God is the potter, we are the clay, and
our kids are often the putty knives He uses to
shape and mold us.

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Faith in God begins by simply
taking him at His word.

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The two most important questions
a person must answer in their life.

1. Is God who the Bible says he is?
2. Are you who Jesus says you are?

Jesus prayed the greatest prayer ever prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and was told 'No'.

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The biggest fool of all is the person who bothers about lots of things yet neglects their own spiritual development.

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A true friend is not the one who takes your hand, but the one who touches your heart.

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God either controls both your direction and destination....or He controls neither.

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God is serious about hating pride, and there is a good reason for that.

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If something of spiritual significance is happening in your life, others will be drawn to it.

FAITH

The only thing God left out of the Bible was your
opinion.

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There should be an obvious connection between
what you say and how you live.

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Honesty, patience, integrity and a loving spirit are
more important than money, power and fame.

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God's word is true, His promises are real, and you
can trust your life to this.

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The more we are like Christ, the more we will be
treated like Christ.

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Bloom where you are planted.

It is harder to get a person lost
than it is to get them saved.

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We confess our sins in order to stay connected to the
body of Christ, not to separate us from it.

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If you fear God, you will not fear anything else.

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Perhaps God would want you to become acquainted
with many different people in the course of your life,
so that when you meet the right ones you can
appreciate and be grateful for them.

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Faith puts our hope outside of our fear.

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When you choose a road to follow, you must also
accept where that road ends.

FAITH

Jesus responds to your thoughts, not your words.

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What you think, you become.

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Jesus knew the difference in the betrayal
of Judas and the denial of Peter.

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If Christians obey the two commands of
Matthew 22: 37-40, then all other commands
will take care of themselves.

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‘Hugging the Parade’ is a phrase that reminds us to
love people as they come and go in our life.

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Our faith looks back; our hope looks forward;
our love looks upward.

Noah worked 40 years to accomplish what the world thought was foolish. What is God calling you to do that the world considers foolish?

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Whatever captures the wonder of your heart will control you.

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How much Gospel do you need to hear before it affects your life?

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The reason we need the gospel week after week is because we forget the gospel week after week.

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Death did not overcome Jesus, he stalked death. He pursued death and conquered it.

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The message of the cross is that you can kill, but that is not death.

FAITH

God was on both sides of the Red Sea.

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The Old Testament is come and see –
the New Testament is go and tell.

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Never allow your theology to be dictated
by your circumstances.

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Our weakness qualifies us for God's strength.

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Circumstances are not permanent;
Pain is not permanent; Death is not permanent
God is permanent.

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Never allow your circumstances to question the
character of God, rather always view your
circumstances in light of the character of God.

The only thing I contributed to my salvation
is that I got lost.

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We should never pray with expectation
but pray with expectancy.

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My faith needs to inform my feelings.

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We live our lives based on time.
God calls us to live in light of eternity.

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Biblical wisdom is seeing things as God sees them.

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Our faith is demonstrated by two things:
our actions and our endurance.

FAITH

In our hearts all of us want to called servants,
but none of want to be treated like one.

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Loneliness is the pain of being alone.
Solitude is the joy of being alone.

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Do you have possessions or
do your possession have you?

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Devotional doubt is when Christians cry out
'Lord I believe; please help my doubt.'

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God grants us the ability to believe and to suffer –
you can't get one without the other.

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God wants our highest good,
and we want our immediate good.

If I knew what God knows,
I would agree what God does is best.

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How much hope can you bench press?

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Death is an acquired trait.

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Happiness is public domain, but joy is copyrighted
by Jesus Christ – anyone can be happy but only
Christians can know joy.

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Your convictions must outweigh your addictions,
or the scale of life will tilt against you.

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Two things Christians are expressly prohibited from
doing: Making idols, and taking vengeance

FAITH

The Gospel sings and it stings; it heals; and it hurts;
it protects; and penetrates.

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You should never say less or more
about yourself than the Bible does.

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Love your neighbors and love your enemies – and as
it turns out, they are often the same people.

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The Bible never says listen; it always says hear.
When you listen, your mind wanders.
When you hear, you understand.

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You can tell a lot about what a person values by
what makes them laugh and what makes them cry.

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Your character is where God
works on your holiness.

As a Christian, you can choose the venture, you can choose whether to get involved, but you cannot choose what it will cost you.

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Scripture is able to humble us without humiliating us at the same time.

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Meaninglessness in life comes as much from weariness of pleasure as it does from weariness of pain and suffering.

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In our culture we clap and dance when we get, not when we give.

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Most Christians focus on preserving their life – Christ was focused on giving it away.

FAITH

Keep the distinction sharp between ministry and spiritual customer service – ministry requires you depend totally on the Lord.

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Spiritual adolescence is when the Christian believes they know more than God.

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Wherever you go, you take the Holy Spirit with you. Therefore, wherever you go, you make that place sacred.

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Sin will always take you further than you want to go; keep you longer than you want to stay; and cost you more than you want to pay.

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God holds a patent on your life – you are a created being.

Christ loves you passionately,
purely and consistently.

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The world loves Christ; they just hate Christians.
Wonder why?

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The absence of evidence is not
necessarily the evidence of absence.

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If you have no meaning in life, then you will do
things that are meaningless.

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Are you giving evidence that you have never come
to terms with the gospel?

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When it comes to evangelism, are you more
concerned about Christ being rejected or you being
rejected? Christ can handle rejection if you can.

FAITH

Death is Satan's ultimate weapon.

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Time + Applied Truth = Maturity

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God has a plan. You have a plan.
Your plan doesn't matter.

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God paid for us....did He pay too much?

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Reading the entire book of Proverbs
at least once a year will remind you how easy
it is to decide right from wrong.

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God parted the Red Sea, and He also made it dry.

Don't ever interpret the silence of God
for the indifference of God.

Typically the lost don't want to hear the message of
the cross and the Christian does not want to offend
by telling it.

When you lose the vocabulary for sin,
you also lose the glossary for grace.

Prejudice is a great time saver – you can form an
opinion without working to dig up facts.

Faith is living without scheming.

Not all things are good, but all things work together
for good....now say it in the first person.

FAITH

You can like Christ and not be like Christ.

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All important truth is exclusive!

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Who are you when no one is looking?

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God is likened to the sun – you can't look at it, but
because of it you can see everything else.

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Seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness and all things
shall be added unto you.

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It is never right to do wrong to do right – it is the
same as 'what they don't know won't hurt them.'

The purpose of theology is doxology – we study to
praise, not the other way around.

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Jesus never asks a question
because He needs the information.

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As Godly men and leaders of our family, we will be
tired – it requires early mornings and late nights
with the Lord.....alone.

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How effective can we commend to another that
which we ourselves do not cherish?

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He is God – you are not – get it straight.

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We spend more time planning a family vacation
than we do planning where we will spend eternity.

FAITH

No one speaks with greater authority and more specificity than those not inhibited with the facts.

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Satan's goal is not to make you hate God.
Satan's goal is to make you forget God.

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If you fear God, you won't fear anything else.

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Greed says I want. Pride says I deserve.

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Don't let your stated theology (belief)
and your functional theology (actions)
separate in desperate times.

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Hope is a person and His name is Jesus.

Man's hope says you are safe.
God's hope says you are secure.

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Don't become a victim of man's laws,
rather be victorious in Christ's grace.

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Christians don't just go around once,
we only die once, we live forever.

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A half truth masquerading as the whole truth
becomes a complete untruth.

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To the One who changes the times and the seasons;
to the One who removes kings and raises them up;
To the One who gives wisdom to the wise;
and to the One who placed eternity in the
hearts of every man be honor and glory
and dominion forever more.

FAITH

When it comes to how God uses me in life, I want to die tired and broke, not rich and rested. Fully used up for His purpose and His glory!

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"On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand" is a full prayer.

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God still reigns; the church is still precious; the Bible is still relevant; our mission on earth is still clear; our focus is still heaven; God still answers prayers; our eternity is still secure; and although normal is not coming back, Jesus is.

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God didn't predetermine whether you were worthy or unworthy ... that comes after you get here.

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Every time you admire something in nature, you are worshiping the Creator.

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