THE BEST QUOTES !!!!!!!!

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To send a letter is a good way to go somewhere without moving anything but your heart. ~Phyllis Theroux

Never write a letter while you are angry. ~Chinese Proverb

It seems a long time since the morning mail could be called correspondence. ~Jacques Barzun, God's Country and Mine, 1954

I am tired, Beloved,
of chafing my heart against
the want of you;
of squeezing it into little inkdrops,
And posting it.
Letter writing is the only device for combining solitude with good company. ~Lord Byron

What a wonderful thing is the mail, capable of conveying across continents a warm human hand-clasp. ~Author Unknown

It takes two to write a letter as much as it takes two to make a quarrel. ~Elizabeth Drew

And none will hear the postman’s knock
Without a quickening of the heart.
For who can bear to feel himself forgotten?
~W.H. Auden

The best time to frame an answer to the letters of a friend, is the moment you receive them. Then the warmth of friendship, and the intelligence received, most forcibly cooperate. ~William Shenstone

What a lot we lost when we stopped writing letters. You can’t reread a phone call. ~Liz Carpenter

Sir, more than kisses, letters mingle souls; for, thus friends absent speak. ~John Donne
Or don’t you like to write letters. I do because it’s such a swell way to keep from working and yet feel you’ve
done something. ~Ernest Hemingway

A strange volume of real life in the daily packet of the postman. Eternal love and instant payment! ~Douglas
Jerrold, The Postman’s Budget

If you must reread old love letters, better pick a room without mirrors. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Second
Neurotic’s Notebook, 1966

The one good thing about not seeing you is that I can write you letters. ~Svetlana Alliluyeva

We lay aside letters never to read them again, and at last we destroy them out of discretion, and so disappears
the most beautiful, the most immediate breath of life, irrecoverable for ourselves and for others. ~Johann
Wolfgang von Goethe

Correspondences are like small clothes before the invention of suspenders; it is impossible to keep them up.
~Sydney Smith

I have received no more than one or two letters in my life that were worth the postage. ~Henry David
Thoreau, Walden

A letter always seemed to me like immortality because it is the mind alone without corporeal friend. ~Emily
I consider it a good rule for letter-writing to leave unmentioned what the recipient already knows, and instead tell him something new. ~Sigmund Freud

The age of technology has both revived the use of writing and provided ever more reasons for its spiritual solace. Emails are letters, after all, more lasting than phone calls, even if many of them r 2 cursory 4 u. ~Anna Quindlen

A woman seldom writes her Mind, but in her Postscript. ~Richard Steele, Spectator

When a man sends you an impudent letter, sit right down and give it back to him with interest ten times compounded, and then throw both letters in the wastebasket. ~Elbert Hubbard

The talent of writing agreeable letters is peculiarly female. ~Henry Tilney

Letters are among the most significant memorial a person can leave behind them. ~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Grammar is the grave of letters. ~Elbert Hubbard
When he wrote a letter, he would put that which was most material in the postscript, as if it had been a by-matter. ~Francis Bacon, "Of Cunning," Essays

Letters are above all useful as a means of expressing the ideal self; and no other method of communication is quite so good for this purpose. In letters we can reform without practice, beg without humiliation, snip and shape embarrassing experiences to the measure of our own desires... ~Elizabeth Hardwick

Then there’s the joy of getting your desk clean, and knowing that all your letters are answered, and you can see the wood on it again. ~Lady Bird Johnson

In old age we are like a batch of letters that someone has sent. We are no longer in the passing, we have arrived. ~Knut Hamsun

A woman’s best love letters are always written to the man she is betraying. ~Lawrence Durrell

Friends will write me letters. They run out of room on the front of the letter. They write "over" on the bottom of the letter. Like I’m that much of a moron. Like I need that there. Because if it wasn’t there, I’d get to the bottom of the page: "And so Kathy and I went shopping and we..." That’s the craziest thing! I don’t know why she would just end it that way. ~Ellen DeGeneres

One of the pleasures of reading old letters is the knowledge that they need no answer. ~Lord Byron
There must be millions of people all over the world who never get any love letters... I could be their leader.
~Charlie Brown

In a man’s letters you know, Madam, his soul lies naked, his letters are only the mirror of his breast, whatever passes within him is shown undisguised in its natural process. Nothing is inverted, nothing distorted, you see systems in their elements, you discover actions in their motives. ~Samuel Johnson

The post office has a great charm at one point of our lives. When you have lived to my age, you will begin to think letters are never worth going through the rain for. ~Jane Austen

My songs are just little letters to me. ~Ani Difranco

Chain letters are the postal equivalent of intestinal flu: you get it and pass it along to your friends. ~Bob Garfield

A friendship can weather most things and thrive in thin soil; but it needs a little mulch of letters and phone calls and small, silly presents every so often - just to save it from drying out completely. ~Pam Brown

If you are in doubt whether to write a letter or not, don’t. And the advice applies to many doubts in life besides that of letter writing. ~Edward Bulwer Lytton

A letter is an unannounced visit, the postman the agent of rude surprises. One ought to reserve an hour a week
for receiving letters and afterwards take a bath. ~Friedrich Nietzsche

Never write a letter if you can help it, and never destroy one! ~John A. MacDonald

I wonder if Eve could write letters in Paradise! But, poor Eve, she had no one to write to - no one to whom to tell what Eden was, no beloved child to whom her love traveled through any or all space. Poor Eve! ~Catharine M. Sedgwick

I hold that the parentheses are by far the most important parts of a non-business letter. ~D.H. Lawrence

I sometimes think one of the great blessings we shall enjoy in heaven, will be to receive letters by every post and never be obliged to reply to them. ~Washington Irving

*A Letter is a Joy of Earth -
It is denied the Gods
~Emily Dickinson, 1885

His sayings are generally like women’s letters; all the pith is in the postscriptt. ~William Hazlitt

O ay, letters - I had letters - I am persecuted with letters - I hate letters - nobody knows how to write letters; and yet one has ‘em, one does not know why - they serve one to pin up one’s hair. ~William Congreve, *The Way of the World*, spoken by the character Mrs Millamant
Mr Witwould: 
“Pray, madam, do you pin up your hair with all your letters? I find I must keep copies.”

Mrs Millamant: 
“Only with those in verse.... I never pin up my hair with prose.”

~William Congreve, The Way of the World

In the faces of men and women I see God, and in my own face in the glass, I find letters from God dropped in the street, and every one is signed by God’s name. And I leave them where they are, for I know that wherever I go, others will punctually come for ever and ever. ~Walt Whitman

Politeness is as much concerned in answering letters within a reasonable time, as it is in returning a bow, immediately. ~Lord Chesterfield

The art of art, the glory of expression and the sunshine of the light of letters, is simplicity. ~Walt Whitman

In an age like ours, which is not given to letter-writing, we forget what an important part it used to play in people’s lives. ~Anatole Broyard

To acknowledge the receipt of letters is always proper, to remove doubts of their miscarriage. ~George Washington
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Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. ~Albert Einstein

Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good. ~Joe Paterno

If at first you don't succeed, do it like your mother told you. ~Author Unknown

Eighty percent of success is showing up. ~Woody Allen

As you climb the ladder of success, be sure it's leaning against the right building. ~Quoted in P.S. I Love You, compiled by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average. ~M.H. Alderson

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. ~Winston Churchill

What is success? It is a toy balloon among children armed with pins. ~Gene Fowler

We never know, believe me, when we have succeeded best. ~Miguel de Unamuno, Essays and Soliloquies, 1925

Sometimes I worry about being a success in a mediocre world. ~Lily Tomlin
I couldn’t wait for success... so I went ahead without it. ~Jonathan Winters

There is no point at which you can say, “Well, I’m successful now. I might as well take a nap.” ~Carrie Fisher

Don’t aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally. ~David Frost

Some people dream of success... while others wake up and work hard at it. ~Author Unknown

Success: To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded! ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Try to discover
The road to success
And you’ll seek but never find,
But blaze your own path
And the road to success
Will trail right behind.
~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

In order to succeed you must fail, so that you know what not to do the next time. ~Anthony J. D’Angelo, The College Blue Book

I dread success. To have succeeded is to have finished one’s business on earth, like the male spider, who is killed by the female the moment he has succeeded in courtship. I like a state of continual becoming, with a goal in front and not behind. ~George Bernard Shaw, 28 August 1896
Those who have succeeded at anything and don’t mention luck are kidding themselves. ~Larry King

Success has made failures of many men. ~Cindy Adams

Some aspects of success seem rather silly as death approaches. ~Donald A. Miller

Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it. ~Author Unknown

That man is successful who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much, who has gained the respect of the intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth’s beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had. ~Robert Louis Stevenson

Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles. ~Walter Cronkite

The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success. ~Author Unknown

Pray that success will not come any faster than you are able to endure it. ~Elbert Hubbard

The moral flabbiness born of the b*tch-goddess SUCCESS. That - with the squalid interpretation put on the word success - is our national disease. ~William James, 11 September 1906

The closer one gets to the top, the more one finds there is no “top.” ~Nancy Barcus

Something in human nature causes us to start slacking off at our moment of greatest accomplishment. As you become successful, you will need a great deal of self-discipline not to lose your sense of balance, humility, and
commitment. ~Ross Perot

Smarts and action are on the same side of the equation where the sum is success. ~Garrett Hazel

Success is blocked by concentrating on it and planning for it.... Success is shy - it won't come out while you're watching. ~Tennessee Williams

Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go. ~William Feather

There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way. ~Christopher Morley

How do you achieve success? Well, for one thing, you don't define it before you achieve it. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success. ~Irving Berlin

Success is simply a matter of luck. Ask any failure. ~Earl Wilson

Success will never be a big step in the future, success is a small step taken just now. ~Jonatan Mårtensson

Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success. ~Dale Carnegie

There is no success but your own success. ~Terri Guillemets

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to success is more important than any other one thing. ~Abraham Lincoln
Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get. ~Author Unknown

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome. ~Booker T. Washington

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom. ~George Smith Patton

It is wise to keep in mind that no success or failure is necessarily final. ~Author Unknown

How can they say my life is not a success? Have I not for more than sixty years got enough to eat and escaped being eaten? ~Logan Smith

Success and failure. We think of them as opposites, but they're really not. They're companions - the hero and the sidekick. ~Laurence Shames

The man who has done his level best, and who is conscious that he has done his best, is a success, even though the world may write him down as a failure. ~B.C. Forbes

The road to success is wherever people need another road. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

If at first you don’t succeed, skydiving is not for you. ~Arthur McAuliff (Thanks, Fernanda)

If at first you don’t succeed, failure may be your style. ~Quentin Crisp

If at first you don’t succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried. ~Author Unknown
If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again. Then give up. There’s no use in being a damn fool about it. ~W.C. Fields

If at first you do succeed - try to hide your astonishment. ~Author Unknown

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. ~Thomas à Kempis, *Imitation of Christ*, c.1420

You’ve got a lot of choices. If getting out of bed in the morning is a chore and you’re not smiling on a regular basis, try another choice. ~Steven D. Woodhull

What saves a man is to take a step. Then another step. It is always the same step, but you have to take it. ~Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *Wind, Sand and Stars*, 1939, translated from French by Lewis Galantière

Don’t wait for the Last Judgment. It happens every day. ~Albert Camus, *The Fall*, 1956

Good for the body is the work of the body, and good for the soul is the work of the soul, and good for either is the work of the other. ~Henry David Thoreau

Remember, if you’re headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns! ~Allison Gappa Bottke

Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all life really means. ~Robert Louis Stevenson

If you don’t like how things are, change it! You’re not a tree. ~Jim Rohn
In what you say of another, apply the test of kindness, necessity and truth, and let nothing pass your lips without a 2/3 majority. ~Liz Armbruster, on www.robertbrault.com

See everything; overlook a great deal; correct a little. ~Pope John XXIII

Give thanks for what you are now, and keep fighting for what you want to be tomorrow. ~Fernanda Miramontes-Landeros

Though the circular round-and-round of routine be the bulk of life's affairs, make an occasional jutting diversion - of fun, love, or something that will outlast you - so the shape and motion of your life shall resemble the round lifegiving sun with bright rays shining forth from all directions. ~Terri Guillemets

Enjoy when you can, and endure when you must. ~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

You will turn over many a futile new leaf till you learn we must all write on scratched-out pages. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Neurotic's Notebook, 1960

Now that it's all over, what did you really do yesterday that's worth mentioning? ~Coleman Cox

Laziness will cause you pain. ~Slogan on T-shirt worn at the Vee Arnis Jitsu School of Self-Defense

If you surrender to the wind, you can ride it. ~Toni Morrison

Do not confuse your vested interests with ethics. Do not identify the enemies of your privilege with the enemies of humanity. ~Max Lerner, Actions and Passions, 1949
Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.
~Author Unknown

Sometimes it's more important to be human, than to have good taste. ~Brecht

[O]wning your burdens is half the battle. ~From the television show Scrubs

Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. ~Victor Hugo

We have to live today by what truth we can get today and be ready tomorrow to call it falsehood. ~William James

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

Seek freedom and become captive of your desires. Seek discipline and find your liberty. ~Frank Herbert, Dune Chronicles

The first and greatest victory is to conquer yourself; to be conquered by yourself is of all things most shameful and vile. ~Plato

Pick battles big enough to matter, small enough to win. ~Jonathan Kozel

Tough and funny and a little bit kind: that is as near to perfection as a human being can be. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Second Neurotic's Notebook, 1966

I would not waste my life in friction when it could be turned into momentum. ~Frances Willard
Always when judging
Who people are,
Remember to footnote
The words "So far."
~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know it's me. ~Author unknown, variation of an excerpt from "The Serenity Prayer" by Reinhold Neibuhr

A day is Eternity's seed, and we are its Gardeners. ~Erika Harris, lifeblazing.com

People cannot go wrong, if you don't let them. They cannot go right, unless you let them. ~Augustus William Hare and Julius Charles Hare, Guesses at Truth, by Two Brothers, 1827

Excess on occasion is exhilarating. It prevents moderation from acquiring the deadening effect of a habit. ~W. Somerset Maugham, The Summing Up, 1938

The vow that binds too strictly snaps itself. ~Alfred Lord Tennyson, "The Last Tournament," Idylls of the King

I make the most of all that comes and the least of all that goes. ~Sara Teasdale, "The Philosopher"

Every one should keep a mental wastepaper basket and the older he grows the more things he will consign to it torn up to irrecoverable tatters. ~Samuel Butler

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. ~Theodore Roosevelt
Whatever we worship, short of God, is sure to be our undoing. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Neurotic’s Notebook*, 1960

Toss your dashed hopes not into a trash bin but into a drawer where you are likely to rummage some bright morning. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don’t notice it.... People think pleasing God is all God care about. But any fool living in the world can see it always trying to please us back. ~Alice Walker, *The Color Purple*, 1982

Be pleasant until ten o’clock in the morning and the rest of the day will take care of itself. ~Elbert Hubbard

On the bathing-tub of King T’ang the following words were engraved: "If you would one day renovate yourself, do so from day to day. Yea, let there be daily renovation." ~Confucian Analects

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra. ~Jimmy Johnson

What a strange narrowness of mind now is that, to think the things we have not known are better than the things we have known. ~Samuel Johnson

To sensible men, every day is a day of reckoning. ~John W. Gardner

There is a time for departure even when there’s no certain place to go. ~Tennessee Williams (Thomas Lanier)

Face what you think you believe and you will be surprised. ~William Hale White

Grown-ups love figures. When you tell them that you have made a new friend, they never ask you any questions about essential matters. They never say to you, “What does his voice sound like? What games does he love
best? Does he collect butterflies?” Instead, they demand: “How old is he? How many brothers has he? How much does he weigh? How much money does his father make?” Only from these figures do they think they have learned anything about him. ~Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince, 1943, translated from French

Just remember, there’s a right way and a wrong way to do everything and the wrong way is to keep trying to make everybody else do it the right way. ~M*A*S*H, Colonel Potter

Don’t look where you fall, but where you slipped. ~African Proverb

One can enjoy a wood fire worthily only when he warms his thoughts by it as well as his hands and feet. ~Odell Shepherd

Practical life teaches us that people may differ and that both may be wrong: it also teaches us that people may differ and both be right. Anchor yourself fast in the latter faith, or the former will sweep your heart away. ~Augustus William Hare and Julius Charles Hare, Guesses at Truth, by Two Brothers, 1827

The important thing is this: To be able at any moment to sacrifice that which we are for what we could become. ~Charles DuBois

Look at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first or last time. ~Betty Smith, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted. ~John Lennon

It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it. ~Albert Einstein
Decorate yourself from the inside out. ~Terri Guillemets

Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, a touch that never hurts. ~Charles Dickens

We have a choice every day - to act on yesterday's good intentions or get an early start on tomorrow's regrets. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

When you start treating people like people, they become people. ~Paul Vitale

Be kind to your shadow. ~Rebecca Lawless

I thought growing up was something that happened automatically as you got older. But it turns out it's something you have to choose to do. ~From the television show Scrubs

If you have to do it every day, for God's sake learn to do it well. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Neurotic's Notebook, 1960

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by our standing in our own sunshine. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

You do not have the right to quit trying. (The universe wobbles when you do.) You have the right to quit Toxic People. (They're contagious.) ~Dr. SunWolf

Dare to be imperfect and one day there will tug at your sleeve a soulmate. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. ~Robert Louis Stevenson
In this age, which believes that there is a short cut to everything, the greatest lesson to be learned is that
the most difficult way is, in the long run, the easiest. ~Henry Miller, *The Books in My Life*

Never explain. Your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe it anyway. ~Elbert Hubbard, *A
Thousand and One Epigrams*, 1911

Do not condemn the judgment of another because it differs from your own. You may both be wrong. ~Dandemis

Whatever you are be a good one. ~Abraham Lincoln

It’s better to fight for something than against something. ~Author Unknown

The day will happen whether or not you get up. ~John Ciardi

Nature gave men two ends - one to sit on and one to think with. Ever since then man’s success or failure has
been dependent on the one he used most. ~George R. Kirkpatrick

One should always play fair when one has the winning cards. ~Oscar Wilde

Think of your faults the first part of the night when you are awake, and the faults of others the latter part of
the night when you are asleep. ~Chinese Proverb

When you live in reaction, you give your power away. Then you get to experience what you gave your power to.
~N. Smith

Notebook*, 1960
If you hate your lot but wouldn’t trade it, it’s not your lot you hate. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Second Neurotic’s Notebook, 1966

Half the failures in life arise from pulling in the horse as he is leaping. ~Augustus William Hare and Julius Charles Hare, Guesses at Truth, by Two Brothers, 1827

When you invite trouble, it’s usually quick to accept. ~Quoted in P.S. I Love You, compiled by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Giving up doesn’t always mean you are weak. Sometimes it means that you are strong enough to let go. ~Author Unknown

Promise only what you can deliver. Then deliver more than you promise. ~Author Unknown

All philosophy in two words, - sustain and abstain. ~Epictetus

Always watch where you are going. Otherwise, you may step on a piece of the Forest that was left out by mistake. ~Pooh’s Little Instruction Book, inspired by A.A. Milne

Don’t compromise yourself. You’re all you’ve got. ~Janis Joplin

Life is like riding a bicycle - in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving. ~Albert Einstein

The biggest problem in the world
Could have been solved when it was small. ~Witter Bynner, The Way of Life According to Lao-tzu
In the hopes of reaching the moon men fail to see the flowers that blossom at their feet. ~Albert Schweitzer

Don’t ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up. ~Robert Frost

What you can’t get out of, get into wholeheartedly. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Neurotic’s Notebook*, 1960

Surely a man needs a closed place wherein he may strike root and, like the seed, become. But also he needs the great Milky Way above him and the vast sea spaces, though neither stars nor ocean serve his daily needs. ~Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *The Wisdom of the Sands*, translated from French by Stuart Gilbert

Never believe in mirrors or newspapers. ~Tom Stoppard

I may be justifying my pockets of chaos, but I will always choose people over perfection and the heart over task and tidy. ~Betsy Cañas Garmon, [www.wildthymecreative.com](http://www.wildthymecreative.com)

Never confuse thoughtlessness with malice. ~Robert Charles Whitehead

Yet some things you miss and some things you lose by keeping your arm outstretched. ~Author Unknown

The most valuable lesson man has learned from his dog is to kick a few blades of grass over it and move on. ~Robert Brault, [www.robertbrault.com](http://www.robertbrault.com)

You want to run out in front, prepare to be tripped from behind. ~S.A. Sachs

Now and then it is a joy to have one’s table red with wine and roses. ~Oscar Wilde

It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark. ~Howard Ruff, *How to Prosper in the Coming Bad Years*, 1979
Just be ordinary and nothing special. Eat your food, move your bowels, pass water, and when you’re tired, go and lie down. The ignorant will laugh at me, but the wise will understand. ~Bruce Lee

Every day is conquerable by its hours, and every hour by its minutes. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

While seeking revenge, dig two graves - one for yourself. ~Doug Horton

To do nothing is sometimes a good remedy. ~Hippocrates

Work out your own salvation. Do not depend on others. ~Buddha

Make somebody happy today. Mind your own business. ~Ann Landers

Things sweet the taste prove in digestion sour. ~William Shakespeare, King Richard the Second, 1595

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them? ~Abraham Lincoln

Lend, by your imperfections, self-esteem to others, and you will be invited everywhere. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

“It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door,” he used to say. “You step into the Road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.” ~J.R.R. Tolkien, “Three Is Company,” The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, 1954

There are two kinds of light - the glow that illuminates, and the glare that obscures. ~James Thurber
The essential question is not, "How busy are you?" but "What are you busy at?" ~Oprah Winfrey

Don’t get your knickers in a knot. Nothing is solved and it just makes you walk funny. ~Kathryn Carpenter

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn’t have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven. ~G.C. Lichtenberg

Being loved by all is little fun
Unless you’re also loved by one.
~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

We must have passed through life unobservantly, if we have never perceived that a man is very much himself what he thinks of others. ~Frederick W. Faber

Never saw off the branch you are on, unless you are being hanged from it. ~Stanislaw Lec

Watch the little things; a small leak will sink a great ship. ~Benjamin Franklin

Don’t despise empiric truth. Lots of things work in practice for which the laboratory has never found proof. ~Martin H. Fischer

Is bread the better for kneading? so is the heart. Knead it then by spiritual exercises; or God must knead it by afflictions. ~Augustus William Hare and Julius Charles Hare, Guesses at Truth, by Two Brothers, 1827

The best way to predict your future is to create it. ~Peter Drucker

You’ve got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was. ~Irish Proverb
Beware of a man of one book. ~English Proverb

Never make your home in a place. Make a home for yourself inside your own head. You’ll find what you need to furnish it - memory, friends you can trust, love of learning, and other such things. That way it will go with you wherever you journey. ~Tad Williams

It is better to sleep on things beforehand than lie awake about them afterwards. ~Baltasar Gracian

Go with your heart, buddy. Our brains only screw things up. ~Chris Fedak and Allison Adler, Chuck, "Chuck Versus the Ring"

It is the false shame of fools to try to conceal wounds that have not healed. ~Horace

Leaves are light, and useless, and idle, and wavering, and changeable; they even dance; and yet God in his wisdom has made them a part of oaks. And in so doing he has given us a lesson, not to deny the stout-heartedness within because we see the lightsomeness without. ~Augustus William Hare and Julius Charles Hare, Guesses at Truth, by Two Brothers, 1827

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone. ~Henry David Thoreau

Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; hate less, love more; and all good things are yours. ~Swedish Proverb

The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense. ~Thomas Edison

Aspire to a lower level of harm. ~Anonymous
I try not to kid myself. You know, I don’t mind romancing someone else, but to fool yourself is pretty devastating and dangerous. ~Bill Veeck

You can’t truthfully explain your smallest action without fully revealing your character. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Second Neurotic’s Notebook*, 1966

It’s all right letting yourself go as long as you can let yourself back. ~Mick Jagger

When you lose, don’t lose the lesson. ~Author Unknown

There is often less danger in the things we fear than in the things we desire. ~John C. Collins

Your future depends on many things, but mostly on you. ~Frank Tyger

Dig the well before you are thirsty. ~Chinese Proverb

Friends and neighbors complain that taxes are indeed very heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay, we might the more easily discharge them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride, and four times as much by our folly. ~Benjamin Franklin

Be nice to people on your way up because you’ll need them on your way down. ~W. Migner

When you throw dirt, you lose ground. ~Texan Proverb

The great secret of success is to go through life as a man who never gets used up. ~Albert Schweitzer
Everyone should learn to do one thing supremely well because he likes it, and one thing supremely well because he detests it. ~Brigham Young

Sometimes the only way you can take a really good look at yourself is through somebody else’s eyes. ~From the television show Scrubs

Sometimes the best way to hold onto something is to let it go. ~Author Unknown

It isn’t what you know that counts, it’s what you think of in time. ~Author Unknown

The future lies before you, like paths of pure white snow. Be careful how you tread it, for every step will show. ~Author Unknown

For visions come not to polluted eyes. ~Mary Howitt

Speak what you think to-day in words as hard as cannon-balls and to-morrow speak what to-morrow thinks in hard words again, though it contradict every thing you said to-day. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Remedy it, or welcome it: a wise man’s only two choices. ~Terri Guillemets

To know the road ahead, ask those coming back. ~Chinese Proverb

The first principle is that you must not fool yourself, and you’re the easiest person to fool. ~Richard Feynman

Don’t let it be all in your head, nor all in your body. ~Terri Guillemets
Be wary of the man who urges an action in which he himself incurs no risk. ~Joaquin de Setanti

God is good, but never dance in a small boat. ~Irish Saying

It is better to stir up a question without deciding it, than to decide it without stirring it up. ~Joseph Joubert

Sandwich every bit of criticism between two thick layers of praise. ~Mary Kay Ash

Where you find quality, you will find a craftsman, not a quality-control expert. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are. ~Malcolm S. Forbes

I used to believe that anything was better than nothing. Now I know that sometimes nothing is better. ~Glenda Jackson

When I study philosophical works I feel I am swallowing something which I don’t have in my mouth. ~Albert Einstein

Philosophy is nothing but common sense in a dress suit. ~Author Unknown

Get married, in any case. If you happen to get a good mate, you will be happy; if a bad one, you will become
philosophical, which is a fine thing in itself. ~Socrates, in Diogenes Laertius, Lives

When he to whom one speaks does not understand, and he who speaks himself does not understand, that is metaphysics. ~Voltaire, Philosophical Dictionary

We live in a world in which politics has replaced philosophy. ~Martin L. Gross, A Call for Revolution, 1993

The point of philosophy is to start with something so simple as not to seem worth stating, and to end with something so paradoxical that no one will believe it. ~Bertrand Russell

Leisure is the mother of Philosophy. ~Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan, 1651

Philosophy is just a hobby. You can’t open a philosophy factory. ~Dewey Selmon

The natural philosophers are mostly gone. We modern scientists are adding too many decimals. ~Martin H. Fischer

God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please - you can never have both. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

My definition [of a philosopher] is of a man up in a balloon, with his family and friends holding the ropes which confine him to earth and trying to haul him down. ~Louisa May Alcott, in Life, Letters, and Journals, ed. E.D. Cheney, 1889

Philosophy begins in wonder. And, at the end, when philosophic thought has done its best, the wonder remains. ~Alfred North Whitehead

If everybody contemplates the infinite instead of fixing the drains, many of us will die of cholera. ~John Rich
All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusion is called a philosopher. ~Ambrose Bierce, *Epigrams*

Upon the whole, I am inclined to think that the far greater part, if not all, of those difficulties which have hitherto amused philosophers, and blocked up the way to knowledge, are entirely owing to our selves. That we have first raised a dust, and then complain, we cannot see. ~George Berkeley

To live alone one must be a beast or a god, says Aristotle. Leaving out the third case: one must be both - a philosopher. ~Friedrich Nietzsche

And this activity alone would seem to be loved for its own sake; for nothing arises from it apart from the contemplating, while from practical activities we gain more or less apart from the action. And happiness is thought to depend on leisure; for we are busy that we may have leisure, and make war that we may live in peace. ~Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics,* "Book X: Pleasure and Happiness," translated by W.D. Ross

Being a philosopher, I have a problem for every solution. ~Robert Zend

Metaphysics is a dark ocean without shores or lighthouse, strewn with many a philosophic wreck. ~Immanuel Kant

Nobody can have the consolations of religion or philosophy unless he has first experienced their desolations. ~Aldous Huxley, *Themes and Variations,* 1950

Philosophy, like medicine, has plenty of drugs, few good remedies, and hardly any specific cures. ~Nicolas Chamfort, *Maximes et penseés*

Philosophers, for the most part, are constitutionally timid, and dislike the unexpected. Few of them would be genuinely happy as pirates or burglars. Accordingly they invent systems which make the future calculable, at least in its main outlines. ~Bertrand Russell
To teach how to live with uncertainty, yet without being paralyzed by hesitation, is perhaps the chief thing that philosophy can do. ~Bertrand Russell

Philosophy will clip an angel's wings. ~John Keats

If you've never met a student from the University of Chicago, I'll describe him to you. If you give him a glass of water, he says, "This is a glass of water. But is it a glass of water? And if it is a glass of water, why is it a glass of water?" And eventually he dies of thirst. ~Shelley Berman

What is the first business of philosophy? To part with self-conceit. For it is impossible for anyone to begin to learn what he thinks he already knows. ~Epictetus, Discourses

Philosophy is a state of fermentation, a process without final outcome. ~Esa Saarinen

To ridicule philosophy is really to philosophize. ~Blaise Pascal, Pensées, 1670

We come late, if at all, to wine and philosophy: whiskey and action are easier. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Neurotic's Notebook, 1960

Philosophy will clip an angel's wings,
Conquer all mysteries by rule and line,
Empty the haunted air, and gnomed mine -
Unweave a rainbow.
~John Keats, "Lamia," 1819

Religion is a man using a divining rod. Philosophy is a man using a pick and shovel. ~Author Unknown
I was thrown out of college for cheating on the metaphysics exam: I looked into the soul of another boy.
~Woody Allen

I also realized that the philosophers, far from ridding me of my vain doubts, only multiplied the doubts that tormented me and failed to remove any one of them. So I chose another guide and said, Let me follow the Inner Light; it will not lead me so far astray as others have done, or if it does it will be my own fault, and I shall not go so far wrong if I follow my own illusions as if I trusted to their deceits. ~Jean Jacques Rousseau

The only difference between graffiti and philosophy is the word "f**k." ~Author Unknown

Learning Zen is a phenomenon of gold and dung. Before you understand it, it’s like gold; after you understand it, it’s like dung. ~Zen Saying

Philosophy cannot raise the commonalty up to her level: so, if she is to become popular, she must sink to theirs. ~Augustus William Hare and Julius Charles Hare, Guesses at Truth, by Two Brothers, 1827

Philosophy triumphs easily over past evils and future evils; but present evils triumph over it. ~La Rochefoucauld, Maxims, 1678

If you make any money, the government shoves you in the creek once a year with it in your pockets, and all that don’t get wet you can keep. ~Will Rogers

When there’s a single thief, it’s robbery. When there are a thousand thieves, it’s taxation. ~Vanya Cohen

Taxation with representation ain’t so hot either. ~Gerald Barzan

Taxes, after all, are dues that we pay for the privileges of membership in an organized society. ~Franklin D.
Roosevelt

The taxpayer - that's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination. ~Ronald Reagan

America is a land of taxation that was founded to avoid taxation. ~Laurence J. Peter

I'm proud to pay taxes in the United States; the only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money. ~Arthur Godfrey

The United States has a system of taxation by confession. ~Hugo Black

Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents? ~Peg Bracken

The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has. Even when you make a tax form out on the level, you don't know when it's through if you are a crook or a martyr. ~Will Rogers

Unquestionably, there is progress. The average American now pays out twice as much in taxes as he formerly got in wages. ~H.L. Mencken

The nation should have a tax system that looks like someone designed it on purpose. ~William Simon

We must care for each other more, and tax each other less. ~Bill Archer

The expenses of government, having for their object the interest of all, should be borne by everyone, and the more a man enjoys the advantages of society, the more he ought to hold himself honored in contributing to those expenses. ~Anne Robert Jacques Turgot
Be wary of strong drink. It can make you shoot at tax collectors... and miss. ~Robert Heinlein

The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to get the most feathers with the least hissing. ~Jean Baptist Colbert, attributed

What at first was plunder assumed the softer name of revenue. ~Thomas Paine

Did you ever notice that when you put the words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells "THEIRS"? ~Author Unknown

We have long had death and taxes as the two standards of inevitability. But there are those who believe that death is the preferable of the two. "At least," as one man said, "there's one advantage about death; it doesn't get worse every time Congress meets." ~Erwin N. Griswold

Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today. ~Herman Wouk

Capital punishment: The income tax. ~Jeff Hayes

If the Lord loveth a cheerful giver, how he must hate the taxpayer! ~John Andrew Holmes

Of course the truth is that the congresspersons are too busy raising campaign money to read the laws they pass. The laws are written by staff tax nerds who can put pretty much any wording they want in there. I bet that if you actually read the entire vastness of the U.S. Tax Code, you'd find at least one s*x scene ("Yes, yes, YES! moaned Vanessa as Lance, his taut body moist with moisture, again and again depreciated her adjusted gross rate of annualized fiscal debenture"). ~Dave Barry

People who complain about taxes can be divided into two classes: men and women. ~Author Unknown
Taxes:  Of life's two certainties, the only one for which you can get an automatic extension.  ~Author Unknown

Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year.  ~Ogden Nash

It’s income tax time again, Americans:  time to gather up those receipts, get out those tax forms, sharpen up that pencil, and stab yourself in the aorta.  ~Dave Barry

Man is not like other animals in the ways that are really significant:  animals have instincts, we have taxes.  ~Erving Goffman

The purse of the people is the real seat of sensibility.  Let it be drawn upon largely, and they will then listen to truths which could not excite them through any other organ.  ~Thomas Jefferson

To force a man to pay for the violation of his own liberty is indeed an addition of insult to injury.  ~Benjamin Tucker, Instead of a Book

Today, it takes more brains and effort to make out the income-tax form than it does to make the income.  ~Alfred E. Neuman

A person doesn't know how much he has to be thankful for until he has to pay taxes on it.  ~Author Unknown

Taxes are paid in the sweat of every man who labors.  ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.  ~Nancie J. Carmody

The point to remember is that what the government gives it must first take away.  ~John S. Coleman, address,
Philosophy teaches a man that he can't take it with him; taxes teach him he can't leave it behind either. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Second Neurotic's Notebook, 1966

It was as true... as taxes is. And nothing's truer than them. ~Charles Dickens

Death and taxes may be inevitable, but they shouldn't be related. ~J.C. Watts, Jr.

The best things in life are free, but sooner or later the government will find a way to tax them. ~Author Unknown

The government’s view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. ~Ronald Reagan

I like to pay taxes. With them I buy civilization. ~Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

I shall never use profanity except in discussing house rent and taxes. ~Mark Twain

Our tax code is so long it makes War and Peace seem breezy. ~Steven LaTourette

The wages of sin are death, but after they take the taxes out, it's more like a tired feeling, really. ~Paula Poundstone

We are told that this is an odious and unpopular tax. I never knew a tax that was not odious and unpopular with the people who paid it. ~John Sherman

You must pay taxes. But there's no law that says you gotta leave a tip. ~Morgan Stanley advertisement

If, from the more wretched parts of the old world, we look at those which are in an advanced stage of improvement, we still find the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry, and grasping the spoil of the multitude. Invention is continually exercised, to furnish new pretenses for revenues and taxation. It watches prosperity as its prey and permits none to escape without tribute. ~Thomas Paine

Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund. ~F.J. Raymond

There's nothing wrong with the younger generation that becoming taxpayers won't cure. ~Dan Bennett

Pothinus: "Is it possible that Caesar, the conqueror of the world, has time to occupy himself with such a trifle as our taxes?"
Caesar: "My friend, taxes are the chief business of a conqueror of the world."
~George Bernard Shaw, "Caesar and Cleopatra"

There may be liberty and justice for all, but there are tax breaks only for some. ~Martin A. Sullivan

The income tax created more criminals than any other single act of government. ~Barry Goldwater

Taxes grow without rain. ~Jewish Proverb

I don't know if I can live on my income or not - the government won't let me try it. ~Bob Thaves, "Frank & Ernest"

Of all debts, men are least willing to pay their taxes; what a satire this is on government. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson
Friends and neighbors complain that taxes are indeed very heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay, we might the more easily discharge them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride, and four times as much by our folly. ~Benjamin Franklin

Any tax is a discouragement and therefore a regulation so far as it goes. ~Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Question: "I understand that Congress is considering a so-called 'flat' tax system. How would this work?" Answer: "If Congress were to pass a 'flat' tax, you'd simply pay a fixed percentage of your income, and you wouldn't have to fill out any complicated forms, and there would be no loopholes for politically connected groups, and normal people would actually understand the tax laws, and giant talking broccoli stalks would come around and mow your lawn for free, because Congress is NOT going to pass a flat tax, you pathetic fool." ~Dave Barry

The flat tax would be so simple, you could fill it out on a postcard. A postcard that would say, in effect, having a wonderful time; glad most of my money is here. ~Steve Forbes

A fine is a tax for doing something wrong. A tax is a fine for doing something right. Author Unknown

Count the day won when, turning on its axis,
This earth imposes no additional taxes.
~Franklin P. Adams

Taxation, for example, is eternally lively; it concerns nine-tenths of us more directly than either smallpox or golf, and has just as much drama in it; moreover, it has been mellowed and made gay by as many gaudy, preposterous theories. ~H.L. Mencken

Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery. ~Calvin Coolidge

It's about ten times the size of the Bible - and unlike the Bible, contains no good news. ~Don Nickles, about the Internal Revenue Code
The payment of taxes gives a right to protection. ~James M. Wayne

If we don't do something to simplify the tax system, we're going to end up with a national police force of internal revenue agents. ~Leon Panetta

What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist takes only your skin. ~Mark Twain, *Notebook*, 1902

The sales tax seems to be more politically acceptable than the income tax. ~Raymond C. Scheppach

There is an ancient belief that the gods love the obscure and hate the obvious. Without benefit of divinity, modern men of similar persuasion draft provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 341 is their triumph. ~Martin D. Ginsburg

All the Congress, all the accountants and tax lawyers, all the judges, and a convention of wizards all cannot tell for sure what the income tax law says. ~Walter B. Wriston

The politicians say "we" can't afford a tax cut. Maybe we can't afford the politicians. ~Steve Forbes

The more you earn, the less you keep,
And now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray the Lord my soul to take,
If the tax-collector hasn't got it before I wake.
~Ogden Nash

Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a refund from the IRS, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
~Author unknown, from a *Washington Post* word contest
You don't pay taxes - they *take* taxes. ~Chris Rock, *Bigger and Blacker*

People try to live within their income so they can afford to pay taxes to a government that can't live within its income. ~Robert Half

Tax complexity itself is a kind of tax. ~Max Baucus

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation... For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent.... We, therefore... solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States. ~The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies, 1776

Striving for excellence motivates you; striving for perfection is demoralizing. ~Harriet Braiker

Certain flaws are necessary for the whole. It would seem strange if old friends lacked certain quirks. ~Goethe

No one is perfect... that's why pencils have erasers. ~Author Unknown

Nothing that is complete breathes. ~Antonio Porchia, *Voces*, 1943, translated from Spanish by W.S. Merwin

A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault. ~John Henry Newman

Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering.
There is a crack in everything,
That's how the light gets in.
To escape criticism - do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. ~Elbert Hubbard

Only in grammar can you be more than perfect. ~William Safire

Sometimes... when you hold out for everything, you walk away with nothing. ~From the television show Ally McBeal

Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best. ~Henry van Dyke

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny. ~Carl Schurz, address, Faneuil Hall, Boston, 1859

Gold cannot be pure, and people cannot be perfect. ~Chinese Proverb

Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without. ~Confucius, Analects

The most difficult part of attaining perfection is finding something to do for an encore. ~Author Unknown

When you aim for perfection, you discover it's a moving target. ~George Fisher

Once you accept the fact that you're not perfect, then you develop some confidence. ~Rosalynn Carter

There are no perfect men in this world, only perfect intentions. ~Pen Densham, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
The imperfections of a man, his frailties, his faults, are just as important as his virtues. You can't separate them. They're wedded. ~Henry Miller

Does "anal-retentive" have a hyphen? ~Alison Bechdel, 1990 *Dykes to Watch Out For* calendar (Thanks, Chelsea)

The human story does not always unfold like a mathematical calculation on the principle that two and two make four. Sometimes in life they make five or minus three; and sometimes the blackboard topples down in the middle of the sum and leaves the class in disorder and the pedagogue with a black eye. ~Winston Churchill

The closest to perfection a person ever comes is when he fills out a job application form. ~Stanley J. Randall

They say that nobody is perfect. Then they tell you practice makes perfect. I wish they'd make up their minds. ~Wilt Chamberlain

Always live up to your standards - by lowering them, if necessary. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Second Neurotic's Notebook*, 1966

He who hath not a dram of folly in his mixture hath pounds of much worse matter in his composition. ~Charles Lamb

Even the best needles are not sharp at both ends. ~Chinese Proverb

The pursuit of perfection, then, is the pursuit of sweetness and light. ~Matthew Arnold

I want to stay as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you see all kinds of things you can't see from the center. ~Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., *Player Piano*
Unless I accept my faults I will most certainly doubt my virtues.  ~Hugh Prather

Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.  ~Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Striving to better, oft we mar what's well.  ~William Shakespeare, *King Lear*, 1605

Have no fear of perfection - you'll never reach it.  ~Salvador Dali

All of us failed to match our dreams of perfection.  ~William Faulkner

A good garden may have some weeds.  ~Thomas Fuller, *Gnomologia*, 1732

I cling to my imperfection, as the very essence of my being.  ~Anatole France (Jacques Anatole François Thibault), *The Garden of Epicurus*, 1894

Congratulations! You're not perfect! It's ridiculous to want to be perfect anyway. But then, everybody's ridiculous sometimes, except perfect people. You know what perfect is? Perfect is not eating or drinking or talking or moving a muscle or making even the teensiest mistake. Perfect is never doing anything wrong - which means never doing anything at all. Perfect is boring! So you're not perfect! Wonderful! Have fun! Eat things that give you bad breath! Trip over your own shoelaces! Laugh! Let somebody else laugh at you! Perfect people never do any of those things. All they do is sit around and sip weak tea and think about how perfect they are. But they're really not one-hundred-percent perfect anyway. You should see them when they get the hiccups! Phooey! Who needs 'em? You can drink pickle juice and imitate gorillas and do silly dances and sing stupid songs and wear funny hats and be as imperfect as you please and still be a good person. Good people are hard to find nowadays. And they're a lot more fun than perfect people any day of the week.  ~Stephen Manes, *Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days!*

He that will have a perfect brother must resign himself to remain brotherless.  ~Italian Proverb
You see, when weaving a blanket, an Indian woman leaves a flaw in the weaving of that blanket to let the soul out.  
~Martha Graham

One minute was enough, Tyler said, a person had to work hard for it, but a minute of perfection was worth the effort. A moment was the most you could ever expect from perfection.  
~Chuck Palahniuk, *Fight Club*

When nobody around you seems to measure up, it's time to check your yardstick.  
~Bill Lemley

Living up to ideals is like doing everyday work with your Sunday clothes on.  
~Ed Howe

Try as hard as we may for perfection, the net result of our labors is an amazing variety of imperfectness. We are surprised at our own versatility in being able to fail in so many different ways.  
~Samuel McChord Crothers

We welcome passion, for the mind is briefly let off duty.  

Love is often gentle, desire always a rage.  

If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins.  
~Benjamin Franklin

It is with our passions as it is with fire and water; they are good servants, but bad masters.  
~Roger L'Estrange, *Aesop's Fables*, 1692

Passion and prejudice govern the world, only under the name of reason.  
~John Wesley
Passion, though a bad regulator, is a powerful spring. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Passion makes the world go round. Love just makes it a safer place. ~Ice T, The Ice Opinion, quoted in Reader's Digest, "Quotable Quotes," February 2002

Chase down your passion like it's the last bus of the night. ~Terri Guillemets

Let men tremble to win the hand of woman, unless they win along with it the utmost passion of her heart! Else it may be their miserable fortune, when some mightier touch than their own may have awakened all her sensibilities, to be reproached even for the calm content, the marble image of happiness, which they will have imposed upon her as the warm reality. ~Nathaniel Hawthorne, The Scarlet Letter

Follow your passion, and success will follow you. ~Terri Guillemets

Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. ~Attributed to Howard Thurman

Renew your passions daily. ~Terri Guillemets

The most beautiful make-up of a woman is passion. But cosmetics are easier to buy. ~Yves Saint Laurent

My heart beat so hard when I was near him, I feared he could hear my secret longing for him. ~Destiny Vaestus

The same passions in man and woman nonetheless differ in tempo; hence man and woman do not cease misunderstanding one another. ~Friedrich Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil
Without passion man is a mere latent force and possibility, like the flint which awaits the shock of the iron before it can give forth its spark. ~Amiel, *Journal*, 17 December 1856

But this had been a sin of passion, not of principle, nor even purpose. ~Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*

Passion is universal humanity. Without it religion, history, romance and art would be useless. ~Honoré de Balzac

In music the passions enjoy themselves. ~Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*, 1886

It is a revenge the devil sometimes takes upon the virtuous, that he entraps them by the force of the very passion they have suppressed and think themselves superior to. ~George Santayana

I hated him with a passion so deep, sometimes it felt like love. ~Terri Guillemets

You taught me to be nice, so nice that now I am so full of niceness, I have no sense of right and wrong, no outrage, no passion. ~Garrison Keillor

Every civilization is, among other things, an arrangement for domesticating the passions and setting them to do useful work. ~Aldous Huxley

The total history of almost anyone would shock almost everyone. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Neurotic's Notebook*, 1960

Who is wise? He that learns from everyone. Who is powerful? He that governs his passions. Who is rich? He that
is content. Who is that? Nobody. ~Benjamin Franklin

What is the most beautiful in virile men is something feminine; what is most beautiful in feminine women is something masculine. ~Susan Sontag

You never know till you try to reach them how accessible men are; but you must approach each man by the right door. ~Henry Ward Beecher, *Proverbs from Plymouth Pulpit*, 1887

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject. ~Winston Churchill

A small man can be just as exhausted as a great man. ~Arthur Miller

The world owes all its onward impulses to men ill at ease. The happy man inevitably confines himself within ancient limits. ~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Those who are quite satisfied sit still and do nothing; those who are not quite satisfied are the sole benefactors of the world. ~Walter Savage Landor

He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire. ~Winston Churchill

If we had no faults of our own, we would not take so much pleasure in noticing those of others. ~Francois duc de la Rochefoucauld

A hundred men together are the hundredth part of a man. ~Antonio Porchia, *Voces*, 1943, translated from Spanish by W.S. Merwin

I've met so many people, often the scum of the earth, and found them, you know, quite decent. I am an uncomfortable stranger to moral indignation. ~W. Somerset Maugham
Freaks are the much needed escape from the humdrum. They are poetry. ~Albert Perry

A man never knows how to say goodbye; a woman never knows when to say it. ~Helen Rowland

In general, of course, a stranger who tries to get you into an automobile is anything but noble, and in general a person who quotes great American novelists is anything but treacherous, and in general a man who says you needn't worry about money, or a man who smokes cigarettes, is somewhere in between. ~Lemony Snicket

His voice was as intimate as the rustle of sheets. ~Dorothy Parker

History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives. ~Abba Eban

Why are there men and women that while they are nigh me the sunlight expands my blood? Why when they leave me do my pennants of joy sink flat and lank? ~Walt Whitman

You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around - and why his parents will always wave back. ~William D. Tammeus

Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body. ~Elizabeth Stone

Always kiss your children goodnight - even if they're already asleep. ~H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

When you have brought up kids, there are memories you store directly in your tear ducts. ~Robert Brault
Parenthood: That state of being better chaperoned than you were before marriage. ~Marcelene Cox

Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children, and no theories. ~John Wilmot

It would seem that something which means poverty, disorder and violence every single day should be avoided entirely, but the desire to beget children is a natural urge. ~Phyllis Diller

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while. ~Josh Billings

There comes a time when a woman needs to stop thinking about her looks and focus her energies on raising her children. This time comes at the moment of conception. A child needs a role model, not a supermodel. ~Astrid Alauda, on the "hot mom" trend

Your children need your presence more than your presents. ~Jesse Jackson

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself. ~Joyce Maynard

Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you. ~Robert Fulghum

Parents often talk about the younger generation as if they didn't have anything to do with it. ~Haim Ginott

The trouble with learning to parent on the job is that your child is the teacher. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com
It behooves a father to be blameless if he expects his child to be. ~Homer

If you have never been hated by your child you have never been a parent. ~Bette Davis

It kills you to see them grow up. But I guess it would kill you quicker if they didn't. ~Barbara Kingsolver, *Animal Dreams*

Diogenes struck the father when the son swore. ~Robert Burton, "Anatomy of Melancholy," *Democritus to the Reader, 1621*

Children are a great comfort in your old age - and they help you reach it faster, too. ~Lionel Kauffman

Most of us become parents long before we have stopped being children. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Second Neurotic's Notebook, 1966*

If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders. ~Abigail Van Buren

The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable. ~Lane Olinghouse

If there is anything that we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could better be changed in ourselves. ~C.G. Jung, *Integration of the Personality, 1939*

Don't handicap your children by making their lives easy. ~Robert A. Heinlein

Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve. ~Roger Lewin
Simply having children does not make mothers. ~John A. Shedd

Although there are many trial marriages... there is no such thing as a trial child. ~Gail Sheehy

Children have more need of models than of critics. ~Carolyn Coats, Things Your Dad Always Told You But You Didn't Want to Hear

The beauty of "spacing" children many years apart lies in the fact that parents have time to learn the mistakes that were made with the older ones - which permits them to make exactly the opposite mistakes with the younger ones. ~Sydney J. Harris

There are two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots. The other is wings. ~Hodding Carter, Jr.

Your children tell you casually years later what it would have killed you with worry to know at the time. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Second Neurotic's Notebook, 1966

The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children. ~Edward, Duke of Windsor, Look, 5 March 1957

The problem with children is that you have to put up with their parents. ~Charles DeLint

Sing out loud in the car even, or especially, if it embarrasses your children. ~Marilyn Penland

My mom used to say it doesn't matter how many kids you have... because one kid'll take up 100% of your time so more kids can't possibly take up more than 100% of your time. ~Karen Brown

A parent's love is whole no matter how many times divided. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com
Children aren't happy with nothing to ignore,
And that's what parents were created for.
~Ogden Nash, "The Parent," *Happy Days*, 1933

Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children. ~Charles R. Swindoll, *The Strong Family*

How pleasant it is for a father to sit at his child's board. It is like an aged man reclining under the shadow of an oak which he has planted. ~Walter Scott

You will always be your child's favorite toy. ~Vicki Lansky, *Trouble-Free Travel with Children*, 1991

What a child doesn't receive he can seldom later give. ~P.D. James, *Time to Be in Earnest*

There is a strong chance that siblings who turn out well were hassled by the same parents. ~Robert Brault, [www.robertbrault.com](http://www.robertbrault.com)

If your children spend most of their time in other people's houses, you're lucky; if they all congregate at your house, you're blessed. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Second Neurotic's Notebook*, 1966

If you want your children to improve, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others. ~Haim Ginott

Give me the life of the boy whose mother is nurse, seamstress, washerwoman, cook, teacher, angel, and saint, all in one, and whose father is guide, exemplar, and friend. No servants to come between. These are the boys who are born to the best fortune. ~Andrew Carnegie

Now the thing about having a baby - and I can't be the first person to have noticed this - is that thereafter you have it.
Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes they forgive them. ~Oscar Wilde

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it. ~Chinese Proverb

Never raise your hand to your kids. It leaves your groin unprotected. ~Red Buttons

Smack your child every day. If you don't know why - he does. ~Joey Adams

Kids spell love T-I-M-E. ~John Crudele

There may be some doubt as to who are the best people to have charge of children, but there can be no doubt that parents are the worst. ~George Bernard Shaw

A parent who has never apologized to his children is a monster. If he's always apologizing, his children are monsters. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Second Neurotic's Notebook, 1966

Mother Nature is wonderful. Children get too old for piggy-back rides just about the same time they get too heavy for them. ~Author Unknown

The guys who fear becoming fathers don't understand that fathering is not something perfect men do, but something that perfects the man. The end product of child raising is not the child but the parent. ~Frank Pittman, Man Enough

If nature had arranged that husbands and wives should have children alternatively, there would never be more than three in a family. ~Lawrence Housman
Parenthood is the passing of a baton, followed by a lifelong disagreement as to who dropped it. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

I don't believe professional athletes should be role models. I believe parents should be role models.... It's not like it was when I was growing up. My mom and my grandmother told me how it was going to be. If I didn't like it, they said, "Don't let the door hit you in the ass on your way out." Parents have to take better control. ~Charles Barkley

Mother Nature, in her infinite wisdom, has instilled within each of us a powerful biological instinct to reproduce; this is her way of assuring that the human race, come what may, will never have any disposable income. ~Dave Barry

The child supplies the power but the parents have to do the steering. ~Benjamin Spock, Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care

Having babies is fun, but babies grow up into people. ~M*A*S*H, Colonel Potter, "The Price of Tomato Juice"

My mother protected me from the world and my father threatened me with it. ~Quentin Crisp, The Naked Civil Servant, 1968

When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice, safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out. ~Erma Bombeck

I love to play hide and seek with my kid, but some days my goal is to find a hiding place where he can't find me until after high school. ~Author Unknown

The hardest part of raising a child is teaching them to ride bicycles. A shaky child on a bicycle for the first time needs both support and freedom. The realization that this is what the child will always need can hit hard. ~Sloan Wilson

You don't have to deserve your mother's love. You have to deserve your father's. He is more particular.... The father
is always a Republican towards his son, and his mother's always a Democrat. ~Robert Frost

Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken. ~Bill Dodds

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less.
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
~Diane Loomans, from "If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again"


Good, honest, hardheaded character is a function of the home. If the proper seed is sown there and properly nourished for a few years, it will not be easy for that plant to be uprooted. ~George A. Dorsey

Hot dogs always seem better out than at home; so do French-fried potatoes; so do your children. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Neurotic's Notebook, 1960

As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it, or leave it. ~Buddy Hackett

Whenever I held my newborn baby in my arms, I used to think that what I said and did to him could have an influence not only on him but on all whom he met, not only for a day or a month or a year, but for all eternity - a very challenging and exciting thought for a mother. ~Rose Kennedy
Was there ever a grandparent, bushed after a day of minding noisy youngsters, who hasn't felt the Lord knew what He was doing when He gave little children to young people? ~Joe E. Wells


Insanity is hereditary - you get it from your kids. ~Sam Levenson

It is not a bad thing that children should occasionally, and politely, put parents in their place. ~Colette, *My Mother's House*, 1922

Humans are the only animals that have children on purpose with the exception of guppies, who like to eat theirs. ~P.J. O'Rourke

Likely as not, the child you can do the least with will do the most to make you proud. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Second Neurotic's Notebook*, 1966

Conspicuously absent from the Ten Commandments is any obligation of parent to child. We must suppose that God felt it unnecessary to command by law what He had ensured by love. ~Robert Brault, [www.robertbrault.com](http://www.robertbrault.com)

The one thing children wear out faster than shoes is parents. ~John J. Plomp

You see much more of your children once they leave home. ~Lucille Ball

Raising children is like making biscuits: it is as easy to raise a big batch as one, while you have your hands in the dough. ~E.W. Howe
A young lady is a female child who has just done something dreadful. ~Judith Martin

Parenting is a stage of life's journey where the milestones come about every fifty feet. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

Children are natural mimics who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners. ~Author Unknown

The secret of dealing successfully with a child is not to be its parent. ~Mell Lazarus

No matter how calmly you try to referee, parenting will eventually produce bizarre behavior, and I'm not talking about the kids. ~Bill Cosby, Fatherhood, 1986

The ideal home: big enough for you to hear the children, but not very well. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Second Neurotic's Notebook, 1966

Parenthood is a lot easier to get into than out of. ~Bruce Lansky

Conscience is less an inner voice than the memory of a mother's glance. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

Character is largely caught, and the father and the home should be the great sources of character infection. ~Frank H. Cheley

When you teach your son, you teach your son's son. ~The Talmud

A lot of parents pack up their troubles and send them off to summer camp. ~Raymond Duncan
Being a child at home alone in the summer is a high-risk occupation. If you call your mother at work thirteen times an hour, she can hurt you. ~Erma Bombeck

Always end the name of your child with a vowel, so that when you yell, the name will carry. ~Bill Cosby

There are no illegitimate children - only illegitimate parents. ~Leon R. Yankwich

Sometimes, in a moral struggle, we discover the right thing to do - just as, on some cold day long ago, we discovered mittens pinned to our coat sleeve. ~Robert Brault, www.robertbrault.com

Instant availability without continuous presence is probably the best role a mother can play. ~Lotte Bailyn

If your parents didn't have any children, there's a good chance that you won't have any. ~Clarence Day

A child enters your home and for the next twenty years makes so much noise you can hardly stand it. The child departs, leaving the house so silent you think you are going mad. ~John Andrew Holmes

Setting a good example for your children takes all the fun out of middle age. ~William Feather, The Business of Life, 1949

Parents are not interested in justice; they are interested in quiet. ~Bill Cosby

Your responsibility as a parent is not as great as you might imagine. You need not supply the world with the next conqueror of disease or major motion-picture star. If your child simply grows up to be someone who does not use the word "collectible" as a noun, you can consider yourself an unqualified success. ~Fran Lebowitz, "Parental Guidance," Social Studies, 1981

A child, like your stomach, doesn't need all you can afford to give it. ~Frank A. Clark
Your children vividly remember every unkind thing you ever did to them, plus a few you really didn't. ~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Second Neurotic's Notebook*, 1966

These are my daughters, I suppose.
But where in the world did the children vanish?
~Phyllis McGinley, "Ballad of Lost Objects," 1954

Getting down on all fours and imitating a rhinoceros stops babies from crying. (Put an empty cigarette pack on your nose for a horn and make loud "snort" noises.) I don't know why parents don't do this more often. Usually it makes the kid laugh. Sometimes it sends him into shock. Either way it quiets him down. If you're a parent, acting like a rhino has another advantage. Keep it up until the kid is a teenager and he definitely won't have his friends hanging around your house all the time. ~P.J. O'Rourke

In spite of the six thousand manuals on child raising in the bookstores, child raising is still a dark continent and no one really knows anything. You just need a lot of love and luck - and, of course, courage. ~Bill Cosby, *Fatherhood*, 1986

Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying. ~Fran Lebowitz, *Social Studies*

The trouble with being a parent is that by the time you are experienced, you are unemployed. ~Author Unknown

The trouble with having a stubbornness contest with your kids is that they have your stubbornness gene. ~Robert Brault, *www.robertbrault.com*

If your kids are giving you a headache, follow the directions on the aspirin bottle, especially the part that says "keep away from children.” ~Susan Savannah

In spite of the seven thousand books of expert advice, the right way to discipline a child is still a mystery to most
fathers and... mothers. Only your grandmother and Ghengis Khan know how to do it. ~Billy Cosby

In bringing up children, spend on them half as much money and twice as much time. ~Author Unknown

From the moment of birth, when the Stone-Age baby confronts the twentieth-century mother, the baby is subjected to these forces of violence called love, as its father and mother and their parents and their parents before them, have been. These forces are mainly concerned with destroying most of its potential. ~R.D. Laing

Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home. ~Bill Cosby, *Fatherhood*, 1986

It is one thing to show your child the way, and a harder thing to then stand out of it. ~Robert Brault,

What's done to children, they will do to society. ~Karl Menninger

If you must hold yourself up to your children as an object lesson, hold yourself up as a warning and not as an example. ~George Bernard Shaw

You have a lifetime to work, but children are only young once. ~Polish Proverb

A friend is one who has the same enemies as you have.  
*Abraham Lincoln*

A house divided against itself cannot stand.  
*Abraham Lincoln*

A woman is the only thing I am afraid of that I know will not hurt me.  
*Abraham Lincoln*
All I am, or can be, I owe to my angel mother.

Abraham Lincoln

All my life I have tried to pluck a thistle and plant a flower wherever the flower would grow in thought and mind.

Abraham Lincoln

All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.

Abraham Lincoln

Allow the president to invade a neighboring nation, whenever he shall deem it necessary to repel an invasion, and you allow him to do so whenever he may choose to say he deems it necessary for such a purpose - and you allow him to make war at pleasure.

Abraham Lincoln

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.

Abraham Lincoln

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

Abraham Lincoln

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

Abraham Lincoln

Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable - a most sacred right - a right, which we hope and believe, is to liberate the world.

Abraham Lincoln

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.

Abraham Lincoln

As our case is new, we must think and act anew.

Abraham Lincoln

Avoid popularity if you would have peace.
Abraham Lincoln

Ballots are the rightful and peaceful successors to bullets.

Abraham Lincoln

Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.

Abraham Lincoln

Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new at all.

Abraham Lincoln

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln

Common looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them.

Abraham Lincoln

Die when I may, I want it said by those who knew me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.

Abraham Lincoln

Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. As a peacemaker the lawyer has superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough.

Abraham Lincoln

Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties.

Abraham Lincoln

Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.

Abraham Lincoln

Every man is said to have his peculiar ambition. Whether it be true or not, I can say for one that I have no other so great as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem.

Abraham Lincoln

Every one desires to live long, but no one would be old.
Everybody likes a compliment.

*Abraham Lincoln*

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

*Abraham Lincoln*

Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.

*Abraham Lincoln*

God must love the common man, he made so many of them.

*Abraham Lincoln*

Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.

*Abraham Lincoln*

He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help.

*Abraham Lincoln*

He who molds the public sentiment... makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to make.

*Abraham Lincoln*

Hold on with a bulldog grip, and chew and choke as much as possible.

*Abraham Lincoln*

How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg? Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg.

*Abraham Lincoln*

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts.

*Abraham Lincoln*

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

*Abraham Lincoln*
I can make more generals, but horses cost money.

Abraham Lincoln

I care not much for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it.

Abraham Lincoln

I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end... I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me.

Abraham Lincoln

I destroy my enemies when I make them my friends.

Abraham Lincoln

I do not think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.

Abraham Lincoln

I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end.

Abraham Lincoln

I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.

Abraham Lincoln

I don't like that man. I must get to know him better.

Abraham Lincoln

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.

Abraham Lincoln

I hope to stand firm enough to not go backward, and yet not go forward fast enough to wreck the country's cause.

Abraham Lincoln

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.

Abraham Lincoln

I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and every day.
Abraham Lincoln

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

Abraham Lincoln

I walk slowly, but I never walk backward.

Abraham Lincoln

I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.

Abraham Lincoln

I was losing interest in politics, when the repeal of the Missouri Compromise aroused me again. What I have done since then is pretty well known.

Abraham Lincoln

I will prepare and some day my chance will come.

Abraham Lincoln

I'm a slow walker, but I never walk back.

Abraham Lincoln

If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six hours sharpening my ax.

Abraham Lincoln

If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business.

Abraham Lincoln

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?

Abraham Lincoln

If once you forfeit the confidence of your fellow-citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem.

Abraham Lincoln

If there is anything that a man can do well, I say let him do it. Give him a chance.
If this is coffee, please bring me some tea; but if this is tea, please bring me some coffee.

Abraham Lincoln

If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could then better judge what to do, and how to do it.

Abraham Lincoln

If you call a tail a leg, how many legs has a dog? Five? No, calling a tail a leg don't make it a leg.

Abraham Lincoln

If you look for the bad in people expecting to find it, you surely will.

Abraham Lincoln

Important principles may, and must, be inflexible.

Abraham Lincoln

In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both may be, and one must be wrong.

Abraham Lincoln

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln

It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues.

Abraham Lincoln

It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt.

Abraham Lincoln

Knavery and flattery are blood relations.

Abraham Lincoln

Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.

Abraham Lincoln

Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by
example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

Lets have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

Marriage is neither heaven nor hell, it is simply purgatory.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

Never stir up litigation. A worse man can scarcely be found than one who does this.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other’s consent.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

No matter how much cats fight, there always seem to be plenty of kittens.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}

Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as a heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your own doors.

\textit{Abraham Lincoln}
People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Abraham Lincoln

Public opinion in this country is everything.

Abraham Lincoln

Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail. Without it, nothing can succeed.

Abraham Lincoln

Republicans are for both the man and the dollar, but in case of conflict the man before the dollar.

Abraham Lincoln

Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.

Abraham Lincoln

Some day I shall be President.

Abraham Lincoln

Some single mind must be master, else there will be no agreement in anything.

Abraham Lincoln

Stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.

Abraham Lincoln

Surely God would not have created such a being as man, with an ability to grasp the infinite, to exist only for a day! No, no, man was made for immortality.

Abraham Lincoln

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

Abraham Lincoln

That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well.

Abraham Lincoln

The assertion that "all men are created equal" was of no practical use in effecting our separation from Great Britain and it was placed in the Declaration not for that, but for future use.

Abraham Lincoln
The ballot is stronger than the bullet.

Abraham Lincoln

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

Abraham Lincoln

The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend.

Abraham Lincoln

The best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it strictly.

Abraham Lincoln

The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.

Abraham Lincoln

The highest art is always the most religious, and the greatest artist is always a devout person.

Abraham Lincoln

The Lord prefers common-looking people. That is why he makes so many of them.

Abraham Lincoln

The people themselves, and not their servants, can safely reverse their own deliberate decisions.

Abraham Lincoln

The people will save their government, if the government itself will allow them.

Abraham Lincoln

The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.

Abraham Lincoln

The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

Abraham Lincoln

The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf
denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty. Plainly, the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of liberty.

*Abraham Lincoln*

The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read.

*Abraham Lincoln*

The time comes upon every public man when it is best for him to keep his lips closed.

*Abraham Lincoln*

The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself in every way he can, never suspecting that anybody wishes to hinder him.

*Abraham Lincoln*

There is another old poet whose name I do not now remember who said, "Truth is the daughter of Time."

*Abraham Lincoln*

There is nothing true anywhere, The true is nowhere to be seen; If you say you see the true, This seeing is not the true one.

*Abraham Lincoln*

These capitalists generally act harmoniously and in concert, to fleece the people.

*Abraham Lincoln*

These men ask for just the same thing, fairness, and fairness only. This, so far as in my power, they, and all others, shall have.

*Abraham Lincoln*

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.

*Abraham Lincoln*

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or exercise their revolutionary right to overthrow it.

*Abraham Lincoln*

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.
Abraham Lincoln

To give victory to the right, not bloody bullets, but peaceful ballots only, are necessary.

Abraham Lincoln

To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men.

Abraham Lincoln

To stand in silence when they should be protesting makes cowards out of men.

Abraham Lincoln

Towering genius disdains a beaten path. It seeks regions hitherto unexplored.

Abraham Lincoln

We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it.

Abraham Lincoln

We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.

Abraham Lincoln

What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself.

Abraham Lincoln

Whatever you are, be a good one.

Abraham Lincoln

When I am getting ready to reason with a man, I spend one-third of my time thinking about myself and what I am going to say and two-thirds about him and what he is going to say.

Abraham Lincoln

When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion.

Abraham Lincoln

When I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees.
When you have got an elephant by the hind legs and he is trying to run away, it's best to let him run.

Abraham Lincoln

Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.

Abraham Lincoln

With Malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds.

Abraham Lincoln

With public sentiment, nothing can fail. Without it, nothing can succeed.

Abraham Lincoln

With the fearful strain that is on me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die.

Abraham Lincoln

You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time.

Abraham Lincoln

You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.

Abraham Lincoln

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

Abraham Lincoln

You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.

Abraham Lincoln
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