

Great Quotation By Great Leaders

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A.

Abigail Adams

“All men would be tyrants if they could.”

Henry Adams

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”

John Adams

“Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people.”

Mohammed Ali

"I am the greatest."

Susan B. Anthony

“Failure is impossible.”

Aristotle

“Choice not chance determines our destiny.”

“Education is the best provision for old age.”

“We should behave to our friends as we would wish our friends to behave to us.”

Mary Kay Ash

“A good goal is like a strenuous exercise – it makes you stretch.”

B.

Lauren Bacall

“Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.”

Joan Baez

“You don't get to choose how you're going to die, or when. You can only decide how you're going to live. Now!”

Pearl Bailey

“Hungry people cannot be good at learning or producing anything, except perhaps violence.”

“A person without ambition is dead.”

Elizabeth Blackwell

“It is not easy to be a pioneer—but oh, it is fascinating!”

Paul “Bear” Bryant

“In order to have a winner, the team must have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first – ahead of personal glory.”

“Football games are usually won by the boys with the greatest desire.”

Pearl Buck

“When hope is taken away from the people, moral degeneration follows swiftly after.”

George W. Bush

“We will not waiver, we will not tire; we will not falter; and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail.”

C.

Andrew Carnegie

“As I grow older I pay less attention to what men say, I just watch what they do.”

“Aim for the highest.”

“The man who dies rich dies disgraced.”

Dale Carnegie

“You never achieve real success unless you like what you are doing.”

“Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success.”

Carrie Chapman Catt

“When a just cause reaches its flood tide, whatever stands in the way must fall before its overwhelming power.”

Shirley Chisholm

“Tremendous amounts of talent are being lost to our society just because that talent wears a skirt.”

“Service is rent you pay for room on this earth.”

Winston Churchill

“The price of greatness is responsibility.”

“Without courage, all other virtues lose their meaning.”

“Personally, I’m always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.”

Henry Clay

“I’d rather be right than President.”

Calvin Coolidge

“Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.”

Confucius

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”

“Learning without thought is labor lost.”

D.

Clarence Darrow

"To think is to differ."

Bette Davis

"This has become a credo of mine...attempt the impossible in order to improve your work."

Charles DeGaulle

"Deliberation is the work of many men; action, of one alone."

Walt Disney

"All our dreams can come true—if we have the courage to pursue them."

Fredrick Douglas

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

Helen Gahagen Douglas

"The first step toward liberation for any group is to use the power in hand...and the power in hand is the vote."

E.

Amelia Earhart

“Adventure is worthwhile in itself.”

“In soloing—as in other activities—it is far easier to start something than to finish it.”

Thomas Alva Edison

“There is no substitute for hard work.”

“I failed my way to success.”

“Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.”

Albert Einstein

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”

“Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.”

Black Elk

“Everything an Indian does is in a circle, and that is because the power of the world always works in circles.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

“The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.”

F.

Edna Ferber

“A closed mind is a dying mind.”

Peggy Fleming

“The ultimate goal should be doing your best and enjoying It.”

Henry Ford

“Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.”

“Whether you think you can or think you can't-you are right.”

“Don't find fault, find a remedy.”

“Obstacles are the things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.”

Benjamin Franklin

“Guests, like fish, begin to smell after three days.”

“Time is like money, spend it wisely.”

“An empty bag cannot stand upright.”

Betty Friedan

“When she stopped conforming to the conventional picture of femininity she finally began to enjoy being a woman.”

“We have too many high sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them.”

H.

Ernest Hemingway

“Courage is grace under pressure.”

“Never mistake motion for action.”

Katharine Hepburn

“Without discipline, there's no life at all.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

“It is not so important where we are now, it's which direction we are heading.”

“Man's mind once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original shape.”

Zora Neale Hurston

“There is nothing to make you like other human beings so much as doing things for them.”

I.

Lee Iacocca

“In the end, all business operations can be reduced to three words: people, product, and profits. People come first.”

J.

Andrew Jackson

“One man with courage makes a majority.”

“You must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessings.”

Thomas Jefferson

“He who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it much easier to do it a second time.”

“Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.”

“Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.”

K.

Helen Keller

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows.”

“Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.”

“The highest result of education is tolerance.”

John F. Kennedy

“Let us never negotiate out of fear but let us never fear to negotiate.”

“Forgive our enemies, but never forget their names.”

“Leadership and learning are Indispensable to each other.”

“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

“If a man hasn’t discovered something that he will die for, he isn’t fit to live.”

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of this creed – we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.....”

“I have an ultimate faith in America and an audacious faith in mankind.”

Ray Kroc

“The quality of an individual is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.”

“You’re only as good as the people you hire.”

L.

Abraham Lincoln

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

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

“No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar.”

Vince Lombardi

“The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”

“The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender.”

“It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up.”

Sophia Loren

“Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life.”

Clare Booth Luce

“No good deed goes unpunished”

M.

Douglas MacArthur

“In war you win or lose, live or die-and the difference is just an eyelash.”

“I shall return.”

“There is no substitute for victory.”

Golda Meir

“You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.”

“A leader who doesn't hesitate before he sends his nation into battle is not fit to be a leader.”

Liza Minnelli

“Reality is something you rise above.”

Mary Tyler Moore

“You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you.”

N.

Carrie Nation

“You have put me in jail as a cub, but I will come out roaring like a lion.”

O.

Sandra Day O'Connor

“I don't know that there are any short cuts to doing a good job.”

P.

Rosa Parks

“Whatever my individual desires were to be free. I was not alone. Many others felt the same way.”

George S. Patton Jr.

“If everyone is thinking alike, then someone isn't thinking.”
“Always do more than is required of you.”

Alice Paul

“When you put your hand to the plow, you can't put it down until you get to the end of the row.”

Norman Vincent Peale

“Plan your work, then work your plan.”
“We tend to get what we expect.”
“It is a fact that you project what you are.”

Pablo Picasso

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.”

R.

Knute Rockne

“One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it.”

Will Rogers

“Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

“It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself.”

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

“To gain strength, courage, and confidence, you must do the thing you think you cannot do.”

“It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

“When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.”

“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.”

“Happiness is the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”

Theodore Roosevelt

“No man is above the law and no man below it.”

“Speak softly and carry a big stick.”

“Don’t foul, don’t flinch – hit the line hard.”

“No man is justified in doing evil on the grounds of expediency.”

Wilma Rudolph

“I would be disappointed if I were remembered as a runner because I feel that my contribution to the youth of America has far exceeded the woman who was the Olympic champion.”

S.

Albert Schweitzer

“Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.”

“Do something for somebody every day for which you do not get paid.”

Margaret Chase Smith

“I believe that in our constant search for security we can never gain any peace of mind until we secure our own soul.”

Socrates

“Education is a flame to be kindled, not a vessel to be filled.”

“The unexamined life is hardly worth living.”

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

“Nothing strengthens the judgment and quickens the conscience like individual responsibility.”

“I shall not grow conservative with age.”

“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men and women are created equal.”

Gloria Steinem

“The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn.”

“Women may be the one group that grows more radical with age.”

“Intelligence at the service of poor instinct is really dangerous.”

T.

Tecumseh

“The Great Spirit knows no boundaries nor will his red children acknowledge any.”

Mother Teresa

“Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.”

“To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.”

Margaret Thatcher

“You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it.”

“I do not know anyone who has got or gotten to the top without hard work. that is the recipe.”

Harry S. Truman

“If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.”

“It is a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose your own.”

“The buck stops here.”

Harriet Tubman

“I was free, but there was no one to welcome me to the land of freedom.”

“I was a stranger in a strange land.”

“There are two things that I've got a right to, death and liberty.”

Mark Twain

“Throw your heart over the fence and the rest of your body will follow.”

“Courage is resistance to fear...not the absence of fear.”

“Nothing can sustain the assault of laughter.”

“When in doubt, tell the truth.”

W.

Booker T. Washington

“You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.”

“The world cares very little about what a person knows. It's what the person does that counts.”

George Washington

“Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.”

Margaret Bourke White

“If you banish fear, nothing terribly bad can happen to you.”

John Greenleaf Whittier

“For all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: it might have been!”

Woodrow Wilson

“A conservative is a man who just sits and thinks, mostly sits.”

“No one can worship God or love his neighbor on an empty stomach.”

Oprah Winfrey

“I think that education is power. Being able to communicate with people is power. One of my main goals is to encourage people to empower themselves.”

John Wooden

“Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.”

“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”

“Failure to prepare is preparing to fail.”

Z.

Babe Didrikson Zaharias

“All my life I've always had the urge to do things better than anybody else.”

“All my life I've been competing and competing to win.”