

“The human capacity to fight back will always astonish doctors and philosophers. It seems, indeed, that there are no circumstances so bad and no obstacles so big that man cannot conquer them.”

Jean Tetreau

“One of the very nicest things about life is the way we must stop regularly whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating.”

Luciano Pavarotti

“Without desire one has little motivation to pursue any meaningful and passionate endeavours. Motivation by fear or threat leads to heartbreak and tragedy at some point.”

Andreas Simic

“I am sure that it is a great mistake always to know enough to go in when it rains. One may keep snug and dry by such knowledge, but one misses a world of loveliness.”

Adeline Knapp

“Genius without education is like silver in the mine.”

Benjamin Franklin

“Nothing average ever stood as a monument to progress. When progress is looking for a partner it doesn't turn to those who believe they are only average. It turns instead to those who are forever searching and striving to become the best they possibly can. If we seek the average level we cannot hope to achieve a high level of success. Our only hope is to avoid being a failure.”

Lou Vickery

“It is the sign of a weak mind to be unable to bear wealth.”

Seneca

“The best advisers, helpers and friends, always are not those who tell us how to act in special cases, but who give us, out of themselves, the ardent spirit and desire to act right, and leave us then, even through many blunders, to find out what our own form of right action is.”

Phillips Brooks

“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.  
If you want to be happy, practice compassion.”

Dalai Lama

“It's not easy taking problems  
one at a time when they refuse to get in line.”

Ashleigh Brilliant

“Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the  
paint on it that you can.”

Danny Kaye

“It's the things in common that make relationships enjoyable,  
but it's the differences that make them interesting.”

Todd Ruthman

“For you to be successful, sacrifices must be made.  
It's better that they are made by others but failing that,  
you'll have to make them yourself.”

Rita Mae Brown

“You only live once. But if you  
work it right once is enough.”

Fred Allen

“Butterflies count not months but moments, and yet have time enough.”

Rahndranath Tagore

“I never think of the future.  
It comes soon enough.”

Albert Einstein

“In moments of despair call a friend or someone you know and trust, it is amazing how the sound of their voice will bring clarity to your situation and joy to your heart.”

Andreas Simic

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

Dean Acheson

“Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through trying to save.”

Will Rogers

“The present is the point at which time touches eternity.”

C.S. Lewis

“The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind.”

William James

“We are tomorrow's past.”

Mary Webb

“The more one does and sees and feels, the more one is able to do,  
and the more genuine may be one's appreciation of fundamental things  
like home, and love, and understanding companionship.”

Amelia Earhart

“There is a time to let things happen  
and a time to make things happen”

Hugh Prather

“If you wait for the perfect moment when all is safe and assured, it may never arrive.  
Mountains will not be climbed, races won, or lasting happiness achieved.”

Maurice Chevalier

“Crude classifications and false generalizations are the curse of organized life.”

George Bernard Shaw

“What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us  
are tiny matters compared to what lives within us.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

“Success has always been easy to measure. It is the distance between one's origins and  
one's final achievement.”

Michael Korda

“The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.”

William James

“Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are  
determined to be so.”

General Charles De Gaulle

“Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.”

Lloyd Alexander