

# Inspiring quotes

**Practise like you've never won. Play like you've never lost.**

Michael Jordan, basketball player

**If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astonish ourselves.**

Thomas Edison, inventor

**In the realm of ideas everything depends on enthusiasm... in the real world all rests on perseverance.**

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, author, polymath

**It's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal that will enable you to attain the success you seek.**

Mario Andretti, race car driver

**Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.**

Demosthenes, statesman

**Only by coming to grips with difficulty can you realize your full potential.**

Charles de Gaulle, President of France

**I am willing to put myself through anything; temporary pain or discomfort means nothing to me as long as I can see that the experience will take me to a new level.**

Diana Nyad, swimmer

**Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live.**

Dorothy Thompson, journalist

**The more I practice the luckier I seem to get.**

Arnold Palmer, American professional golfer

**It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.**

Seneca, statesman, dramatist, philosopher

**The superior man blames himself. The inferior man blames others.**

Don Shula, football coach

**When I thought I couldn't go on, I forced myself to keep going. My success is based on persistence, not luck.**

Estee Lauder, entrepreneur

**A man learns to skate by staggering about making a fool of himself; indeed, he progresses in all things by making a fool of himself.**

George Bernard Shaw, writer and critic

**Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions.**

Albert Einstein, physicist

**We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once.**

Calvin Coolidge, 30th U.S. President

**If people knew how hard I worked to gain my mastery, it wouldn't seem so wonderful.**

Michelangelo, artist

**It's not what you do once in a while; it's what you do day in and day out that makes the difference.**

Jenny Craig, diet guru

**The starting point of all achievement is desire. Keep this constantly in mind. Weak desires bring weak results, just as a small fire makes a small amount of heat.**

Napoleon Hill, author

**If you don't fail now and again, it's a sign you're playing it safe.**

Woody Allen, Director

**Giving up is the ultimate tragedy.**

Robert Donovan, writer

**There is no such thing as natural touch. Touch is something you create by hitting millions of golf balls.**

Lee Trevino, golfer

**Pressure is a word that is misused in our vocabulary. When you start thinking of pressure, it's because you've started to think of failure.**

Tommy Lasorda, baseball manager

**I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.**

Maya Angelou, poet

**I learn something new about the game almost every time I step on the course.**

Ben Hogan, golfer

**Sometimes we stare so long at a door that is closing that we see too late the one that is open.**

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor

**I was taught that the way of progress is neither swift nor easy.**

Marie Curie, physicist

**It isn't where you came from; it's where you're going that counts.**

Ella Fitzgerald, jazz singer

**You can't talk yourself out of a problem you behave yourself into.**

Stephen Covey, author and speaker

**Ninety percent of all those who fail are not actually defeated. They simply quit.**

Paul J. Meyer, success guru

**People spend their lives in the service of their passions instead of employing their passions in the service of their lives.**

Sir Richard Steele, writer, playwright, and politician

**Evidence is conclusive that your self-talk has a direct bearing on your performance.**

Zig Ziglar, motivational speaker

**If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm.**

Vince Lombardi, American football coach

**The will to win is not nearly as important as the will to prepare to win.**

Bobby Knight, basketball head coach

**I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed.**

Booker T. Washington, educator

**Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first.**

Frederick Wilcox, writer

**Dig the well before you are thirsty.**

Chinese proverb

**Ideas are a dime a dozen. People who implement them are priceless.**

Mary Kay Ash, entrepreneur

**The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have.**

Leonard Nimoy, actor

**Life is 10 percent what you make it, and 90 percent how you take it.**

Irving Berlin, American composer and lyricist

**The great use of life is to spend it doing something that will outlast it.**

William James, psychologist

**Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.**

William Faulkner, author

**We must all suffer from one of two pains: the pain of discipline or the pain of regret. The difference is discipline weighs ounces while regret weighs tons.**

Jim Rohn, motivational coach

**Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed.**

Robert Cavett, professional public speaker

**I base my calculation on the expectation that luck will be against me.**

Napolean Bonaparte, French emperor

**I contend that not only can you laugh at adversity, but it is essential to do so if you are to deal with setbacks without defeat.**

Allen Klein, businessman

**Successful people form the habit of doing what failures don't like to do. They like the results they get by doing what they don't necessarily enjoy.**

Earl Nightingale, motivational speaker

**Freedom lies in being bold.**

Robert Frost, poet

**I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more.**

Jonas Salk, virologist

**A winner is someone who recognizes his God-given talents, works his tail off to develop them into skills and uses these skills to accomplish his goals.**

Larry Bird, basketball player

**It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed.**

Napoleon Hill, author

**Do not fear going forward slowly; fear only to stand still.**

Chinese Proverb

**The only safe thing is to take a chance.**

Mike Nichols, director

**Trouble is only opportunity in work clothes.**

Henry Kaiser, industrialist

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Demosthenes, statesman

**Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Michelangelo, Leonardo di Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein.**

Jackson Brown Jr., writer

**All that is necessary to break the spell of inertia and frustration is this: Act as if it were impossible to fail.**

Dorothea Brande, writer

**Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time,  
for that's the stuff life is made of.**

Benjamin Franklin, polymath, USA Founding Father

**You can't do it unless you can imagine it.**

George Lucas, director

**Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th.**

Julie Andrews, actress

**Our minds can shape the way a thing will be because we act according to our expectations.**

Federico Fellini, director

**No matter what it is, pick yourself up and go on to the next project.**

Shelley Duvall, actress

**I am willing to put myself through anything; temporary pain or discomfort means nothing to me as long as I can see that the experience will take me to a new level.**

Diana Nyad, swimmer

**Don't ever be afraid to admit you were wrong. It's like saying you're wiser today than you were yesterday.**

Robert Newell, humorist

**Character is built daily by the way one thinks and acts - thought by thought, action by action.**

Helen Douglas, legislator

**I don't think that once you get to one level, you can relax. You've got to keep pushing.**

Larry Bird, basketball player

**Life is the sum of all your choices.**

Albert Camus, author

**The real winners in life are the people who look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better.**

Barbara Pletcher, author

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Dorothy Thompson, journalist

**A good goal is like a strenuous exercise - it makes you stretch.**

Mary Kay Ash, cosmetics pioneer

**Our greatest enemies, the ones we must fight most often, are within.**

Thomas Paine, statesman

**Don't be content with doing only your duty. Do more than your duty. It's the horse that finishes a neck ahead that wins the race.**

Andrew Carnegie, industrialist

**Putting off an easy thing makes it hard. Putting off a hard thing makes it impossible.**

Charles Wilson, legislator

**Even when I lost, I learned what my weaknesses were and I went out the next day to turn those weaknesses into strengths.**

Larry Bird, basketball player

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Alexander Graham Bell, inventor

**Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.**

T.S. Eliot, writer and poet

**You have to believe in yourself, that's the secret. Even when I was in the orphanage, when I was roaming the street trying to find enough to eat, even then I thought of myself as the greatest actor in the world.**

Charlie Chaplin, actor

**The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark.**

Michelangelo, artist

**Though everything else may appear shallow and repulsive, even the smallest task in music is so absorbing, and carries us so far away from town, country, earth, and all worldly things, that it is truly a blessed gift of God.**

Felix Mendelssohn, composer