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Motivation and Success Quotes

Motivation

Until one is committed, there is the chance to draw back concerning all acts of initiative and creation. There is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: The moment one commits oneself, then destiny moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issue forth from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance which no man could have dreamed would come his way. Goethe

Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education alone will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. Calvin Coolidge

Fortune favors the brave. Virgil 50 BC

Courage is rightly considered the foremost of the virtues because upon it, all others depend.

Genius is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration. Thomas Edison

It's not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what's required.

To become a conqueror, common abilities will suffice. Yet, only one who overcomes his laziness can live a great life.

You can't control what happens. You can only affect how you choose to respond.

It's choice - not chance - that determines your destiny.

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.

A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug.

Never hesitate to take a chance and reach out. One who can never make a mistake can never make a discovery.

When you do your best and make the best feasible efforts, the forces of chaos may block success. But that does not mean failure. Failure is not taking action.

Luck is when preparation meets opportunity.

Getting ahead in a difficult profession requires avid faith in yourself. That is why some people with mediocre talent, but with great inner drive, go much further than people with vastly superior talent.

Nothing succeeds like the appearance of success.

Dealing With Problems

Overcoming big obstacles is like climbing a mountain. You don't march straight ahead. You go in little increments, from toehold to toehold. You never look straight up.

To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.

Success also contains phases of rejection. Your pain is your avenue of growth, your blessing in life.

Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him.

The more you depend on forces outside yourself, the more you are dominated by them.

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Dealing With Problems - continued

When you don't expect anything from others, you're never disappointed.

Feeling that life is unfair and that you are a victim is a painful existence. Don't waste your energy on the past and generate more negativity. Instead, say, "This is what I have to deal with, now what?"

Defeat can lead to a new victory. Most self-made millionaires have gone bankrupt at least once.

Failure is part of the creative process. If you're afraid of it, you can't create.

Destructive self-criticism stops you from going forward. Diving dissatisfaction inspires you to go on and improve.

The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger - but recognize the opportunity.

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

There is one cause of human failure, and that is one's lack of faith in their true Self.

There are some defeats more triumphant than victories.

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.

You don't solve money problems with money.

Dealing With Problems - Muhammad Ali

I never thought of losing, but now that it's happened, the only thing is to do it right. That's my obligation to all the people who believe in me. We all have to take defeats in life.

It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges, and I believed in myself.

He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.

If they can make penicillin out of moldy bread, they can sure make something out of you.

It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe.

At home I am a nice guy: but I don't want the world to know. Humble people, I've found, don't get very far.

Success Verses Achievement

About all you can do in life is be who you are. Some people will love you for you. Most will love you for what you can do for them, and some won't like you at all.

Success can be a huge problem. You've learned to deal with failure. However in success, things happen that you were never prepared for.

As a leader, being critical doesn't work because if you yell at people, they become defensive. Instead suggest, "Why not do it this way?"

People will forget what you say and what you did. However, they will not forget how you made them feel.

Seek to be the best at what you do, then you will reveal your greatness.

Success is getting what you want, and happiness is wanting what you get.

Not winning in life can be defined as someone who people say, "He's great at what he does, but terrible at who he is."

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Success Verses Achievement - continued

Success and achievement bring wonderful winning feelings. However, if you're not a complete person without it, then you'll never be enough when you achieve it.

Don't strive to measure up to any standard or comparison, just be yourself and find your own way.

Don't let the challenge become bigger than you.

If you look for the truth outside yourself, it gets further and further away.

Don't try to be a great man, just be a man and let history make its judgments.

Seek to have balance in your priorities. Too much of a good thing is a bad thing.

Where is there dignity unless there is honesty? Cicero

Remember that happiness is a way of travel - not a destination.

Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.

Success Verses Achievement - Muhammad Ali

It's the repetition of affirmations that leads to belief. And once that belief becomes a deep conviction, things begin to happen.

A man who views the world the same at fifty as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life.

Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.

Avoiding Negative Traits

The smaller the mind the greater the conceit.

A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Speak when you are angry--and you will make the best speech you'll ever regret.

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain - and most fools do.

How much easier it is to be critical than to be correct.

Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship.

People ask for criticism, but they only want praise.

Envy

It is in the character of very few men to honor without envy a friend who has prospered.

Our envy of others devours us most of all.

Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo.

It is better to be envied than pitied.

Envy can be a positive motivator. Let it inspire you to work harder for what you want.