

# BEST MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES

Don't let the tall weeds cast a shadow on the beautiful flowers in your garden.

—Steve Maraboli

Your problem isn't the problem. Your reaction is the problem.

—Ann Brashares

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was ending, he turned into a butterfly.

—Barbara Haines  
Howett

You don't drown by falling into water. You only drown if you stay there.

—Zig Ziglar

Stand up to your obstacles and do something about them. You will find that they haven't half the strength you think they have.

—Norman Vincent Peale

People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing—that's why we recommend it daily.

—Zig Ziglar

It's always too early to quit.

—Norman Vincent Peale

Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely.

—Roy T. Bennett

People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing.

—Dale Carnegie

There is no chance, no destiny, no fate, that can hinder or control the firm resolve of a determined soul.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

—Lolly Daskal

Start each day by affirming peaceful, contented and happy attitudes and your days will tend to be pleasant and successful.

—Norman Vincent Peale

The way get started is to quit talking and begin doing.

—Walt Disney

Be careful not to compromise what you want most for what you want now.

—Zig Ziglar

Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it's always your choice.

—Wayne Dyer

Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude.

—Zig Ziglar

Either I will find a way, or I will make one.

—Philip Sidney

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

—Arthur Ashe

There are no traffic jams on the extra mile.

—Zig Ziglar

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

—Confucius

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

—Thomas A. Edison

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.

—Charles R. Swindoll

Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines.

—Robert H. Schuller

If you can dream it, you can do it.

—Walt Disney

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

—Confucius

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.

—Zig Ziglar

Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.

—Og Mandino

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds.

—Gordon B. Hinckley

Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking.

—William Butler Yeats

You simply have to put one foot in front of the other and keep going. Put blinders on and plow right ahead.

—George Lucas

Do your work with your whole heart, and you will succeed - there's so little competition.

—Elbert Hubbard

If you ask me what I came into this life to do, I will tell you: I came to live out loud.

—Emile Zola

The more things you do, the more you can do.

—Lucille Ball

I've always tried to go a step past wherever people expected me to end up.

—Beverly Sills

If you want to conquer fear, don't sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy.

—Dale Carnegie

There is progress whether ye are going forward or backward! The thing is to move!

—Edgar Cayce

We aim above the mark to hit the mark.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Either move or be moved.

—Ezra Pound

Hitch your wagon to a star.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The dog that trots about finds a bone.

—Golda Meir

A somebody was once a nobody who wanted to and did.

—John Burroughs

We are taught you must blame your father, your sisters, your brothers, the school, the teachers - but never blame yourself. It's never your fault. But it's always your fault, because if you wanted to change, you're the one who has got to change.

—Katharine Hepburn

I am not a has-been. I am a will be.

—Lauren Bacall

I know not age, nor weariness nor defeat.

—Rose Kennedy

When you fail you learn from the mistakes you made, it motivates you to work even harder.

—Natalie Gulbis

You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else.

—Albert Einstein

I like to put on hardcore when I have to clean my apartment, which I hate to do, but it's motivational. I like old heavy metal when I'm outside working on my car. Music has definite functions for me.

—Peter Steele

Success is the only motivational factor that a boy with character needs.

—Woody Hayes

You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win.

—Zig Ziglar

You can get everything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want.

—Zig Ziglar

Outstanding people have one thing in common: An absolute sense of mission.

—Zig Ziglar

Be grateful for what you have and stop complaining - it bores everybody else, does you no good, and doesn't solve any problems.

—Zig Ziglar

Success is the maximum utilization of the ability that you have.

—Zig Ziglar

I seldom read anything that is not of a factual nature because I want to invest my time wisely in the things that will improve my life. Don't misunderstand; there is nothing wrong with reading purely for the joy of it. Novels have their place, but biographies of famous men and women contain information that can change lives.

—Zig Ziglar

Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will.

—Zig Ziglar

Yesterday ended last night. Today is a brand-new day.

—Zig Ziglar

Success is dependent upon the glands - sweat glands.

—Zig Ziglar

Try to look at your weakness and convert it into your strength. That's success.

—Zig Ziglar

If you don't see yourself as a winner, then you cannot perform as a winner.

—Zig Ziglar

When you are tough on yourself, life is going to be infinitely easier on you.

—Zig Ziglar

Yes, it's absolutely true that anything worth doing is worth doing poorly—until you can learn to do it well.

—Zig Ziglar

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

—Norman Vincent Peale

If you want to achieve greatness stop asking for permission.

—Eddie Colla

If you are not willing to risk the usual you will have to settle for the ordinary.

—Jim Rohn

Good things come to people who wait, but better things come to those who go out and get them.

—Unknown

If you do what you always did, you will get what you always got.

—Henry Ford

Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.

—Winston Churchill

Whenever you see a successful person you only see the public glories, never the private sacrifices to reach them.

—Vaibhav Shah

Opportunities don't happen, you create them.

—Chris Grosser

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

—Thomas A. Edison

A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.

—David Brinkley

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.

—Steve Jobs

When you stop chasing the wrong things, you give the right things a chance to catch you.

—Lolly Daskal

No masterpiece was ever created by a lazy artist.

—Salvador Dali

Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.

—Nathaniel Hawthorne

What's the point of being alive if you don't at least try to do something remarkable.

—John Green

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

—Thomas Jefferson

The starting point of all achievement is desire.

—Napoleon Hill

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out.  
—Robert Collier

All progress takes place outside the comfort zone.  
—Michael John Bobak

You may only succeed if you desire succeeding; you may only fail if you do not mind failing.  
—Philippos

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear--not absence of fear.  
—Mark Twain

Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.  
—Pablo Picasso

We become what we think about most of the time.  
—Earl Nightingale

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.  
—Vidal Sassoon

Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears.  
—Les Brown

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.  
—Maya Angelou

The first step toward success is taken when you refuse to be a captive of the environment in which you first find yourself.  
—Mark Caine

The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus.  
—Bruce Lee

Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success.  
—Dale Carnegie

If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan.

—Jim Rohn

If you want to make a permanent change, stop focusing on the size of your problems and start focusing on the size of you!

—T. Harv Eker

Two roads diverged in a wood and I took the one less traveled by, and that made all the difference.

—Robert Frost

The number one reason people fail in life is because they listen to their friends, family, and neighbors.

—Napoleon Hill

The reason most people never reach their goals is that they don't define them, or ever seriously consider them as believable or achievable. Winners can tell you where they are going, what they plan to do along the way, and who will be sharing the adventure with them.

—Denis Waitley

In my experience, there is only one motivation, and that is desire. No reasons or principle contain it or stand against it.

—Jane Smiley

I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well.

—Diane Ackerman

You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them.

—Michael Jordan

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.

—Jim Rohn

You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction.

—George Lorimer

A goal is not always meant to be reached; it often serves simply as something to aim at.

—Bruce Lee

Success is ... knowing your purpose in life, growing to reach your maximum potential, and sowing seeds that benefit others.

—John C. Maxwell

To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe.

—Anatole France

You measure the size of the accomplishment by the obstacles you had to overcome to reach your goals.

—Booker T. Washington

Real difficulties can be overcome; it is only the imaginary ones that are unconquerable.

—Theodore N. Vail

What would you do if you weren't afraid?

—Spencer Johnson

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above it.

--Washington Irving

Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

—John R. Wooden

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

—Margaret Thatcher

A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done.

—Vince Lombardi

The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

—Confucius

## **DARE TO BE**

When a new day begins, dare to smile gratefully.

When there is darkness, dare to be the first to shine a light.

When there is injustice, dare to be the first to condemn it.

When something seems difficult, dare to do it anyway.

When life seems to beat you down, dare to fight back.

When there seems to be no hope, dare to find some.

When you're feeling tired, dare to keep going.

When times are tough, dare to be tougher.

When love hurts you, dare to love again.

When someone is hurting, dare to help them heal.

When another is lost, dare to help them find the way.

When a friend falls, dare to be the first to extend a hand.

When you cross paths with another, dare to make them smile.

When you feel great, dare to help someone else feel great too.

When the day has ended, dare to feel as you've done your best.

Dare to be the best you can –

At all times, Dare to be!

—Steve Maraboli

At the end of the day, let there be no excuses, no explanations, no regrets.

—Steve Maraboli

If you hang out with chickens, you're going to cluck and if you hang out with eagles, you're going to fly.

—Steve Maraboli

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them.

—George Bernard Shaw

I want to live my life in such a way that when I get out of bed in the morning, the devil says, 'Aw shit, he's up!'

—Steve Maraboli

## **WHY NOT YOU?**

Today, many will awaken with a fresh sense of inspiration. Why not you?

Today, many will open their eyes to the beauty that surrounds them. Why not you?

Today, many will choose to leave the ghost of yesterday behind and seize the immeasurable power of today. Why not you?

Today, many will break through the barriers of the past by looking at the blessings of the present. Why not you?

Today, for many the burden of self doubt and insecurity will be lifted by the security and confidence of empowerment. Why not you?

Today, many will rise above their believed limitations and make contact with their powerful innate strength. Why not you?

Today, many will choose to live in such a manner that they will be a positive role model for their children. Why not you?

Today, many will choose to free themselves from the personal imprisonment of their bad habits. Why not you?

Today, many will choose to live free of conditions and rules governing their own happiness. Why not you?

Today, many will find abundance in simplicity. Why not you?

Today, many will be confronted by difficult moral choices and they will choose to do what is right instead of what is beneficial. Why not you?

Today, many will decide to no longer sit back with a victim mentality, but to take charge of their lives and make positive changes. Why not you?

Today, many will take the action necessary to make a difference. Why not you?

Today, many will make the commitment to be a better mother, father, son, daughter, student, teacher, worker, boss, brother, sister, & so much more. Why not you?

Today is a new day!

Many will seize this day.

Many will live it to the fullest.

Why not you?

—Steve Maraboli

Don't wish it were easier. Wish you were better.

—Jim Rohn

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: 'To rise above little things.'

—John Burroughs

Plant seeds of happiness, hope, success, and love; it will all come back to you in abundance. This is the law of nature.

—Steve Maraboli

What's done is done. What's gone is gone. One of life's lessons is always moving on. It's okay to look back to see how far you've come but keep moving forward.

—Roy T. Bennett

What the mind can conceive and believe, and the heart desire, you can achieve.  
—Norman Vincent Peale

The level of success you achieve will be in direct proportion to the depth of your commitment.

—Roy T. Bennett

If anything goes bad, I did it. If anything goes semi-good, we did it. If anything goes really good, then you did it. That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you.

—Paul Bryant

Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened in the past, there's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so big, where you're headed is much more important than what you've left behind.

—*www.theodysseyonline.com*

When nobody else celebrates you, learn to celebrate yourself. When nobody else compliments you, then compliment yourself. It's not up to other people to keep you encouraged. It's up to you. Encouragement should come from the inside.

—*theheartysoul.com*

Motivation is crap. Motivation comes and goes. When you're driven, whatever is in front of you will get destroyed.

—David Goggins

Action comes before motivation. There is no lightning strike of motivation from the gods; the quickest way to get motivated is to get up and take a step forward. Motivation comes second. It comes naturally with forward momentum.

—Internet Meme

In the midst of hate, I found there was, within me, an invincible love.  
In the midst of tears, I found there was, within me, an invincible smile.  
In the midst of chaos, I found there was, within me, an invincible calm.  
I realized, through it all, that...  
In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer.  
And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger—something better, pushing right back.

—Albert Camus

Your complaints, your drama, your victim mentality, your whining, your blaming, and all of your excuses have NEVER gotten you even a single step closer to your goals or dreams. Let go of your nonsense. Let go of the delusion that you DESERVE better and go EARN it! Today is a new day!

—Steve Maraboli

Every morning, you have two choices: Go back to sleep and dream OR Get up and catch your dreams.

—Internet Meme

It doesn't matter what your passion is. It doesn't need to be painting. It doesn't need to be drawing. But you need to find a passion. Because once you find that, then you will be motivated to wake up every day. You will be motivated to actually live life.

—Rafael Blanco,  
Art Professor

There is a huge misconception that you need motivation to get started. It's completely wrong. You need to start, where you are, how you are... start. You need to start, to get motivation.

—Denzel Washington

The life you want is on the other side of the things you don't want to do.

—Internet Meme

Impossible is just an opinion.

—Paulo Coelho

Your passion is waiting for your courage to catch up.

—Isabelle Lafleche

When life gives you Monday, dip it in glitter and sparkle all day.

—Ella Woodward

I always did something I was a little not ready to do. I think that's how you grow. When there's that moment of 'Wow, I'm not really sure I can do this,' and you push through those moments, that's when you have a breakthrough.

—Marissa Mayer

If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced.

—Vincent Van Gogh

Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.

—Vincent Van Gogh

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

—Anne Frank

If you believe it'll work out, you'll see opportunities. If you don't believe it'll work out, you'll see obstacles.

—Wayne Dyer

Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.

—Roy T. Bennett

Work hard in silence, let your success be the noise.

—Frank Ocean

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, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo Da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.

—H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.

—Tim Notke

If everything seems to be under control, you're not going fast enough.

—Mario Andretti

The only difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.

— Jimmy Johnson

The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without one.

—Oscar Wilde

Unsuccessful people make their decisions based on their current situations. Successful people make their decisions based on where they want to be.

—Benjamin Hardy

Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it.

—Steve Jobs

Go the extra mile. It's never crowded there.

—Dr. Wayne D. Dyer

Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you.

—Walt Whitman

Make each day your masterpiece.

—John Wooden

If you want to fly give up everything that weighs you down.

—Buddha

Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will.

—Suzy Kassem

I never lose. Either I win or learn.

—Nelson Mandela

Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want.

—Ken Poirot

Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing the monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.

—C. S. Lewis

You don't need to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

When someone says you can't do it, do it twice and take pictures.

—Internet Meme

Be so good they can't ignore you.

—Steve Martin

A walk to a nearby park may give you more energy and inspiration in life than spending two hours in front of a screen.

—Tsang Lindsay

I never gave or took an excuse.

—Florence Nightingale

A surplus of effort could overcome a deficit of confidence.

—Sonia Sotomayer

Don't wait for your feelings to change to take the action. Take the action and your feelings will change.

—Barbara Baron

If you continue to think the way you've always thought, you'll continue to get what you've always got.

—Kevin Trudeau

Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.

—Benjamin Disraeli

Success comes from having dreams that are bigger than your fears.

—Bobby Unser

Your focus determines your reality.

—George Lucas

Every now and then it's good to stop climbing and appreciate the view from right where you are.

—Lori Deschene

The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory.

—Les Brown

Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn.

—John C. Maxwell

There are two kinds of people in this world; those who want to get things done, and those who don't want to make mistakes.

—John C. Maxwell

One way to keep momentum going is to have constantly greater goals.

—Michael Korda

Enthusiasm moves the world.

—Arthur Balfour

When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.

—Paulo Coelho

Don't be pushed by your problems; be led by your dreams.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Don't live the same year 75 times and call it a life.

—Robin Sharma

If you want something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you've never done.

--Thomas Jefferson

Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.

—Vince Lombardi

All men who have achieved great things have been great dreamers.

—Orison Swett Marden

Enter every activity without giving mental recognition to the possibility of defeat. Concentrate on your strengths, instead of your weaknesses... on your powers, instead of your problems.

—Paul J. Meyer

It is a paradoxical but profoundly true and important principle of life that the most likely way to reach a goal is to be aiming not at that goal itself but at some more ambitious goal beyond it.

—Arnold Toynbee

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

—Albert Schweitzer

Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential.

—John Maxwell