

QUOTES

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ABSURDITY: If at first an idea does not sound absurd, then there is no hope for it. Einstein

ABSURDITY: Only those who attempt the absurd will achieve the impossible. M.C. Escher

ABSURDITY: The philosophies of one age have become the absurdities of the next, and the foolishness of yesterday has become the wisdom of tomorrow. William Osler

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Life is a long campaign where every victory merely leaves the ground free for another battle, and sooner or later defeat comes to every man, unless death forestalls it. But the final defeat does not and should not cancel the triumphs, if the latter have been substantial and for a cause worth championing. Theodore Roosevelt

ACTION, RIGHT ACTION: Whatever I think is right for me to do, I do. I do the things that I believe ought to be done. And when I make up my mind to do a thing, I act. Theodore Roosevelt

ACTION: Be slow in action and when you act be steady. Bias of Priene

ACTION: I put myself in the way of things happening, and they happened. Theodore Roosevelt

ACTION: it is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat. Theodore Roosevelt

ACTION: Surely the principles as well as the practice of Christianity are simple, and lead not to meditation only but to action. William Pitt to Wilberforce

ACTION: Think like a person of action and act like a person of thought. Starbucks

ACTS: You should not consider a man's age, but his acts. Sophocles, Antigone

ADVENTURES: "I am looking for someone to share in an adventure that I am arranging and it's very difficult to find anyone." "I should think so - in these parts! We are plain quiet folk and have no use

for adventures. Nasty, disturbing, uncomfortable things! Make you late for dinner! I can't think what anyone sees in them," said our Mr Baggins . . ." Gandalf to Bilbo

ADVENTURES: "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door: You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." Bilbo Baggin.

ADVERTISEMENTS: The most powerful art form on earth. Mark Fenske

ADVERTISEMENTS: the richest and most faithful daily reflections that any society ever made of its entire range of activities. Marshall McLuhan

ADVERTISING: Most advertising promises instant success, gratification, happiness. How you pay the bill is discussed later. Dick Keyes, Seeing Through Cynicism

ADVICE: Advice is seldom welcome. Those who need it most, like it least. Samuel Johnson

AFFLUENCE: Affluence is a painful, contagious, socially transmitted condition of overload, debt, anxiety and waste resulting from the dogged pursuit of more. John de Graaf, PBS producer

AFFLUENCE: We buy things we don't need, made by people who don't know or care about us, with money we don't have, to impress people we don't like. Dick Staub, The Culturally Savvy Christian

AGNOSTICS: Amiable agnostics will take cheerfully about "man's search for God." To me, as I then was, they might as well have talked about the mouse's search for the cat. C.S. Lewis.

AMAZEMENT: There is no answer in the world to man's amazement. Abraham Heschel

AMBITION: Men's ambition and their desire to make money are among the most frequent causes of deliberate acts of injustice. Aristotle, Politics

AN AUTHORITATIVE GOD: Only if your God can say things that outrage you and make you struggle will you know you have gotten hold of a real God and not a figment of your imagination. So an authoritative Bible is not the enemy of a personal relationship with God. It is the precondition for it. Tim Keller, The Reason for God

ANGER: the hardest battle I have had to fight, however, is one that no one knows about. It was a battle to control my own temper. That battle I never won until recent years. I now have won that fight and I consider it to be the hardest struggle – it certainly was the longest – of my career. Theodore Roosevelt

ANXIETY: The ancients looked at the anxious person and prescribed spiritual character change. Modernity talks instead about stress-management techniques. Tim Keller, The Reason for God

ANXIETY: We are plagued by anxiety, depression, vague discontent and a sense of inner emptiness. Christopher Lasch

APATHY: Apathy is a disinclination to care all that much about one's own religion, and an even stronger disinclination to care about other people's.

APPRECIATION: The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated. William James

ART: Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does, the better. Andre Gide, Nobel Prize winner in literature

ART: Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth. Pablo Picasso

ART: Art is not what you see, but what you make others see. Edgar Degas painter

ATHEISM: A sort of crutch for those who can't bear the reality of God. Tom Stoppard

ATHEISM: I want atheism to be true . . . It isn't just that I don't believe in God, and naturally, hope that I'm right in my belief. I don't want there to be a God. Thomas Nagel, philosopher

ATHEISM: We are here because one odd group of fishes had a peculiar fin anatomy that could transform into legs for terrestrial creatures, because comets struck the earth and wiped out dinosaurs, thereby giving mammals a chance not otherwise available. . . We may yearn for a "higher" answer, but none exists. Stephen Jay Gould

ATHEISM: There is no God, no universe, no human race, no earthly life, no heaven, no hell. It is all a dream - a grotesque and foolish dream. Nothing exists but you, and you are but a thought, a useless thought, a homeless thought, wandering forlorn among the empty eternities. Mark Twain

ATTENTION SPAN: Edutainment is a combination of education and entertainment that seeks to hold the interest of our increasingly shorter attention spans.

ATTITUDE: A man is not hurt so much by what happens, as by his opinion of what happens. Michel De Montaigne

ATTITUDE: the greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind. William James

ATTITUDE: The winner's edge is not in a gifted birth, in a high IQ, or in talent. The winner's edge is in the attitude, not aptitude. Denis Waitley, author

ATTITUDE: Your attitude, not your appetite, will determine your altitude. Zig Zigler

AUTHENTICITY: To be authentic is literally to be your own author, to discover your native energies and desires, and then to find your own way of acting on them . . . When you write your own life, you have played the game that was natural for you to play. You have kept your covenant with your own promise. Warren Bennis

AUTHENTICITY: Authentic leadership combines the quality of reality (things as they really are), identify (knowing who you really are) integrity (being who you really are), transparency/vulnerability (displaying who you really are). Brian Rice

AUTHORIAL INTENTION: The road to hell is paved with authorial intention. N.T. Wright

AUTHORITY: Ours is not to question why, ours is but to do or die.

AUTHORITY: Society . . . is out of control because we are systematically destroying all of the authority and all of the control that our institutions once had. Peter Senge, Rethinking the Future

BABYLON: We may live in the best Babylon in the world . . . but it is still Babylon, and we are called to come out of it. Tony Campolo

BEING: Life is a state of mind. "Being There"

BELIEF: Man is what he believes. Anton Chekhov

BELIEF: If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right. Henry Ford

BELIEF: One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who have only interests. John Stuart Mill

BENEDICTION, BLESSING: Long life. Honey in the Heart. No evil. And 13 thank-yous. A parting blessing of the Tzutujil Indians of Guatemala

BIOGRAPHY: There is no psychology; there is only biography and autobiography. Thomas Szasz, "antipsychiatrist"

BOLDNESS: What you can do or think you can do, begin it. For boldness has magic, power, and genius in it. Goethe

BOOKS: Books are the greatest of companions. Theodore Roosevelt

BOOKS: In times when God seemed absent and life was unbearably lonely, books became my spiritual companions. Books keep me up late into the night. Books give comfort in the wee hours when sleep becomes a stranger. They teach me about people I have never met and ideas I have not yet considered. Books take me to places I may never see and times in history that I cannot visit. Their stories create new landscapes in my imagination. Rochelle Melander, [A Generous Presence](#)

BOOKS: Reading is a disease with me. Theodore Roosevelt

BUYING: Buying is much more American than thinking. Andy Warhol

CALLING, PASSION: Africa! Africa! Your sufferings have been the theme that has arrested and engages my heart – your sufferings no tongue can express; no Language impart. Wilberforce

CALLING: God almighty has set before me two great objects: the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners. Wilberforce

CALLING: It is hoped and believed that the Lord has raised you up for the good of His church and for the good of the nation. John Newton writing to Wilberforce

CAREERS: Successful careers are not planned. They develop when people are prepared for opportunities because they know their strengths, their method of work and their values. Peter Drucker, "Managing Oneself"

CAUTION: Evolution favors the prudent neurotic. Robert Ornstein, [The right Mind](#)

CEILINGS: No organization will rise above the passion of the leader. Ken Blanchard

CELEBRITY: Shakespeare divided great men into three classes: those born great, those who achieved greatness, those who had greatness thrust upon them. It never occurred to him to mention those who hired public relations experts and press secretaries to make themselves look great. Daniel Boorstein

CELEBRITY: Celebrity is possibly the most vital shaping force in our society. Richard Schickel, movie critic

CELEBRITY: No country in the world is so driven by personality, has such a hunger to identify with personalities, larger-than-life personalities especially as America. Peter Jennings

CHALLENGED, BEING: Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted. Emerson

CHANGE: In the digital era, change is not only the constant, it is the organizing principle and the foundation from which we build. No wonder we feel the turbulence of vertigo. Rex Miller, *The Millennium Matrix*

CHANGE: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

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CHANGE: the future is now. Our world has changed. Even the dynamics of change have changed - and like it or not, we are all along for the ride. Rex Miller

CHANGE: The largest enemy of change and leadership isn't a "no." It's a "not yet." "Not yet" is the safest, easiest way to forestall change. Seth Godin, *Tribes*

CHANGE: To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly. Henri Bergson, philosopher

CHANGE: Unless man quickly learns to control the rate of change in his personal affairs as well as society at large, we are doomed to massive adaptational breakdown. Alvin Toffler

CHANGE: We are at that very point in time when a 400 year old age is dying and another is struggling to be born - a shifting of culture, science, society and institutions enormously greater than the world has ever experienced. Dee Hock, *The Trillion Dollar Vision*

CHANGE: Be the change you wish to see in the world. Gandhi

CHANGE: Change almost never fails because it's too early. It almost always fails because it's too late. Seth Godin, *Tribes*

CHANGE: The driving reality of change requires the ability to adapt quickly. Adaptation requires that leaders continually scan the horizon; adjust to the ever-changing landscape, and reframe structure, mission, and resources to current realities.

CHANGE: We are, at this very moment, passing through a change of age. Beneath a change of age lies a change of thought. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, the Phenomenon of Man

Change: When systems and structures are forced to undergo change, it creates enormous tension and insecurity, and often those people who call attention to these realities become the object of people's fears and insecurities. It is easier to shoot the messenger than to be present to the complex realities that are being played out around us. Tim Keel, Intuitive Leadership

CHARACTER, PERSEVERANCE: Evil cannot be done away with through one spasm of virtue. Theodore Roosevelt

CHARACTER: Character is destiny. Heraclitus

CHARACTER: Character is simply habit long continued. Plutarch, Morals

CHARACTER: first say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do. Epictetus, Discourses

CHARACTER: I have met with no character equal in any degree to his Lordship, his penetration is quick, judgment clear, wisdom great and his decisions correct and decided – nor does he in company appear to bear any weight on his mind, so cheerful and pleasant, that it is a happiness to be about his hand. John Scott writing about Horatio Nelson

CHARACTER: In the leadership arena, character counts. I am not saying this casually. My convictions about character based leadership come from years of studies, observations, and interviews with leaders and with the people near them . . . I've never seen a person derailed from leadership positions for lack of technical competence. But I've seen lots of people derailed for lack of judgment and character. Warren Bennis

CHARACTER: it is not merely the thing that is said, but the man that says it that counts, the character which breathes through the sentences. William Pitt the Elder

CHARACTER: Man's character is his fate. Heraclitus

CHARACTER: Most of all, I believe whatever value my service may have, comes even more from what I am than from what I do. Theodore Roosevelt

CHARACTER: No man can lead a public career really worth leading, no man can act with rugged independence in serious crises, nor afford to make powerful and unscrupulous foes, if he is himself vulnerable in his private character . . . He must be clean of life so that he can laugh when his public or his private record is searched. Theodore Roosevelt

CHARACTER: Only perform such acts as you will not regret later. Pythagoras

CHARACTER: Our aim is not to know what courage is but to be courageous, not to know what justice is but to be just, in the same way as we want to be healthy rather than to ascertain what health is, and to be in good condition of body, rather than to ascertain what good bodily condition is. Aristotle

CHARACTER: Virtue is a state of war, and to live in it we have always to combat with ourselves. Jean-Jacques Rousseau

CHARACTER: We are to have a character that invites others to see the goodness of Christ and to be a character that intrigues and compels others to discover what it means to be forgiven and set free to live with passion and joy. Dan Allender, Leading Character

CHARACTER: What is character but the determination of incident, what is incident but the illustration of character? Henry James

CHARACTER: what you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you're saying. Ralph Waldo Emerson

CHARACTER: Character is a word that describes the default me. The person I am over the long haul in life. The person who emerges in the most difficult, challenging moments . . . Character then, is the deep current of what we are day after day after day. Gordon Macdonald

CHARACTER: The virtue that is worth having is the virtue that can sustain the rough shock of actual living. Theodore Roosevelt

CHARISMA: Dynamic leaders are the spark, the flame that ignites action. With vision, they generate and focus power . . . In their passion, their expansiveness, their drive, dynamic leaders are prone to excess: a deal too large, a bottom line too important, a cause too righteous, an image too pure, a lifestyle too rich, an enemy too hated, a bridge too far. Ira Chaleff, The Courageous Follower

CHARISMA: For revivalists, as for actors, authority on stage derived not from erudition, nor from connections to elite society or respected institutions but from charisma – from their popularity as speakers, from their ability to personally connect with the audiences, from their authenticity and sincerity, and from the sill of their performances. Jeanne Kilde

CHESS: Play the opening like a book, the middle game like a magician, and the endgame like a machine. Rudolf Spielmann, Austrian

CHILDREN: Children are better than books. Theodore Roosevelt

CHOICES: Externals are not under my control; moral choice is under my control. Where am I to look for the good and evil? Within me, in that which is my own. Epictetus, Discourses

CHOICES: Life is the sum of all your choices. Camus

CHRIST: I believe because He fulfills none of my dreams, because He is in every respect the opposite of what He would be if I could have made Him in my own image. W.H. Auden

CHRIST: Jesus Christ is a God whom we approach without pride, and before whom we humble ourselves without despair. Blaise Pascal

CHRIST: Tell me your Christology and I will tell you who you are. Karl Barth, theologian

CHRISTENDOM: The Christendom paradigm is coming apart at the seams. All the institutions and patterns of life that grew up during Christendom are having their foundations shaken . . . We live in the

memory of great ways of understanding how to be a church and to be in mission. Those memories surround us like ruins of an ancient civilization. Loren Mead, *the Once and Future Church*

CHRISTIANITY: If this is madness, I hope he will bite us all. A friend writing about Wilberforce's conversion to Christianity

CHRISTIANITY: The Christian ideal was not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried. G.K. Chesterton

CHRISTIANS: Christians are people who let the reality of Jesus change everything about who they are, how they see, and how they live. Tim Keller, *The Reason for God*

CHURCH AND STATE: Mixing the church and state is like mixing ice cream with cow manure. It may not do much to the manure, but it sure messes up the ice cream. Tony Campolo

CHURCH: I have been learning a beautiful and harsh truth, that the Christian faith does not separate us from the world but immerses us in it; that the church, therefore, is not a fortress set apart from the city, but a follower of Jesus who loved, worked, struggled and died in the midst of the city. Archbishop Oscar Romero, *Martyred*

CLUELESS: Unfortunately, the disciples were most often the "duh!-ciples" because they just didn't get it. Len Sweet

COACHING: A whole cottage industry has grown up around the teaching that good leaders ought to be good coaches. But that thinking assumes that a single person can both inspire the troops and impart necessary skills. Of course it is possible that great leaders may also be great coaches, but we see that only occasionally. Rob Gofee and Gareth Jones

COMFORT ZONES: Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. Mark Twain

COMMITMENT: At the moment of commitment, the universe conspires to assist you. Goethe

COMMITMENT: If your organization requires success before commitment, it will never have either. Seth Godin, *Tribes*

COMMITMENT: Life is a great adventure, and you cannot win the great prizes unless you are willing to run certain risks, unless you are willing to pay certain penalties. Theodore Roosevelt

COMMUNICATION, DISTORTION: I am interested in making up a good case for distortion, as I am coming to believe it is the only way to make people see. Flannery O'Connor

Communication: Information is "giving out" while communication is "getting through." Sydney Harris

COMMUNICATION: The orator is the embodiment of the passions of the multitude. Before he can inspire them with any emotion he must be swayed by it himself. Before he can move their tears his own must flow. To convince them he must himself believe. Winston Churchill

COMMUNICATION: To relate what we witness and try to make sense for others, of that long ago event, is what shepherding is all about. It is, I believe, job enough to keep us all meaningfully occupied for the rest of our lives. Jerry Levin

COMMUNICATION: You can have brilliant ideas, but if you can't get those ideas across, they don't do anybody any good. Lee Iacocca.

COMMUNICATION: I have been much concerned that in this world we have so largely lost the ability to talk with one another . . . We have had neither the time nor the skill nor the dedication to tell one another what we have learned, not to listen, nor to hear . . . We hunger for...the rare words and acts that harmonize simplicity and truth.

COMMUNICATION: Nearly all leaders are eloquent in voice, and many are eloquent in writing as well. They do not merely have a promising story; they can tell it persuasively. A mark of the future leader is a generous degree of linguistic intelligence - the capacity and the inclination to use words well. When such linguistic intelligence is yoked to a considerable personal intelligence, one has the makings of an effective communicator and, perhaps a promising leader. Howard Gardner, *Leading Minds*

Community: He who loves his dream of community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter; even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

COMMUNITY: It is distinctive of matured technological man that he must and can maintain a large number of contacts, which are decently personal and yet relatively noncommittal. Walter Ong, *Presence of the Word*

COMPASSION: It is the task of a good man to help those in misfortune. Sophocles

COMPASSION: No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted. Aesop, Fables

COMPETITION: If you work for the government, it's dog eat dog. If you work in the corporate world it's just the other way around. Anonymous radio announcer

COMPLACENCY, ENTITLEMENT: The moment you believe you are entitled to something is exactly when you are ripe to lose it to someone who is fighting harder.

COMPLACENCY: I've seen - both in myself and my competition - how satisfaction can lead to a lack of vigilance, then to mistakes and missed opportunities. Success and satisfaction may be our goals, but they can also lead to bad habits that will impede greater success and satisfaction. Gary Kasparov

COMPLACENCY: Self-satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies. Webster Dictionary

COMPROMISE: Every civilization finds it necessary to negotiate compromises with its own values. Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir

CONCLUSIONS: True conclusions cannot come from faulty assumptions.

CONFIDENCE: We ought to do everything both cautiously and confidently at the same time. Epictetus, Discourses

CONSEQUENCES: When from an evil action you have gained profit, know that you have married misery. Menander

CONSUMERISM: Buying is purposive activity motivated and directed by the belief that the consequences of buying make life that much happier. John O'Shaughnessy

CONSUMERISM: Consumerism focuses entirely on this world and its pleasures, so that death itself is the ultimate disproof of all that consumers hold dear. It may be for this reason that in our era death is the great taboo topic that people rarely talk about. Gordon Wenham

CONSUMERISM: Know not to revere human things too much. Aeschylus

CONSUMERISM: How many things there are which I do not need. Socrates upon seeing an auction at a marketplace.

CONTROL: Sooner or later we will come to the edge of all that we can control and find life, waiting for us there. Rachel Naomi Remem, My Grandfather's Blessing

CONTROL: There is something which unties magic and applied science while separating both from the wisdom of earlier ages. For the wisdom of old the cardinal problem had been how to conform the soul to reality, and the solution and been knowledge, self-discipline, and virtue. For magic and applied science alike the problem is how to subdue reality to the wishes of men: the solution is a technique and both, in the practice of this technique, are ready to do things hitherto regarded as disgusting and impious. C.S. Lewis

CONVENTIONALITY: The conventional view serves to protect us from the painful job of thinking. John Kenneth Galbraith

CONVERSATION: A conversation is a dialogue, not a monologue. That's why there are so few good conversations; due to scarcity, two intelligent talkers seldom meet. Truman Capote

CONVERSATIONS: What truly matters in our lives is measured through conversation. Peter Block, Stewardship: Choosing Service Over Self-Interest

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CONVERSATIONS: I have measured out my life with coffee spoons. T. S. Eliot

CONVICTION OF SINFULNESS: It was not so much the fear of punishment by which I was affected, as a sense of my great sinfulness in having so long neglected the unspeakable mercies of my God and Saviour; and such was the effect which this thought produce, that for months I was in a state of the deepest depression, from strong convictions of my guilt. Indeed nothing which I have ever read in the accounts of others, exceeded what I then felt. Wilberforce

COUNTER-CULTURAL: If Jesus preached in New York what he preached in Galilee, we'd lay him in his grave again. (Woody Guthrie) I guess that's why we hear a lot about God's blessing and God expanding our territory, but very little about a cross or love for enemies. Shane Claiborne

COUNTER-CULTURAL: The greatest paradox and humor of God's audacious power; a stuttering prophet will be the voice of God, a barren old lady will become the mother of a nation, a shepherd boy will become their king, and a homeless baby will lead them. Shane Claiborne

COURAGE: The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and, notwithstanding, go out to face it. Thucydides, the History of the Peloponnesian War

COURAGE: Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. Winston Churchill

COURAGE: Fortune is not on the side of the fainthearted. Sophocles, Phaedra

COURAGE: God will not have his work manifest by cowards. Ralph Waldo Emerson

COURAGE: History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. Maya Angelou

COURAGE: Tell a man he is brace, and you help him become so. Thomas Carlyle

COURAGE: The task of leaders is to say no to what is wrong and evil. I wish I could have been more courageous . . . I played a very large part in bringing about the demise of a firm that I had been a large part of for 23 years, and that I loved. William Durbin, chairman of the Board for the law firm of Justin and Gilchirst

COURAGE: The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. Martin Luther King, Jr.

COURAGE: You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the things which you think you cannot. Eleanor Roosevelt

CREATIVITY, CHAOS: You must harbor chaos if you wish to give birth to a dancing star. Friedrich Nietzsche

CREATIVITY: Creativity is just connecting things. Steve Jobs

CREATIVITY: The failure to think creatively is as much self-imposed as it is imposed by the parameters of our jobs and our lives. "What if" often leads to "Why not" (or what now) and at that point we must summon our courage and find out. Gary Kasparov

CREDIBILITY: Here is a great question to ask: Why would anyone want to be led by you?

CREDIBILITY: The word of command is useless in the fight unless a reasonable number of those to whom it is uttered not only listen to it but act upon it; and the man who utters it will not find that the

other men to whom he utters it will pay much heed to it unless they know that he is prepared himself to show the way. Theodore Roosevelt

CRISIS: Moments of crisis produce a redoubling of life in man. Chateaubriand

CRITICISM: it is better to go steadily in the discharge of duty to the best of our ability, leaving all else to the calmer judgment of the future and to a kinder Providence.

CRITICISM: No one ever does anything worthwhile for which they are not criticized.

CRITICISM: Nothing is more helpful than criticism, provided the criticism is in good faith . . . that is, it is honest, intelligent, and meant to aid instead of hamper. Theodore Roosevelt

CRITICISM: Swim up stream. Go the other way. Ignore the conventional wisdom. But be prepared for a lot of folks to wave you down and tell you you're headed the wrong way. Sam Walton

CRITICISM: The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism. Norman Vincent Peale

CRITICISM: There are many occasions when the highest praise one can receive is the attack of some given scoundrel. Theodore Roosevelt

CRITICIZED, BEING: Ronald Reagan - called old, senile, not grasping the complexities of global issues; Fred Astair - can't act, can't sing, slightly bald, can dance a little; Lucille Ball - don't pay attention to her. She's great at parties, but I can't see any future for her in movies; Clark Gable - will fall on his face in his new role in Gone With the Wind; Elvis Presley - you ain't going nowhere son, you ought to go back to driving a truck; Albert Einstein - shows no promise; Charles Lindbergh - He will never make it across the Atlantic, he's doomed.

Crosses: The people who bear crosses are working with the grain of the universe. John Howard Yoder

CULTURE: Disciples do not follow the gospel in a vacuum but wend their Christian way through particular times and places, each with its own problems and possibilities. Kevin Vanhoozer.

CULTURE: My first language is broadcast, my second is print, and my most recent is digital. The difference between my approach to using the computer and my children's is obvious . . . I work with my computer, but my children live with it. Rex Miller, The Millennium Matrix

CULTURE: the ideal of culture as thanksgiving was replaced by culture as a statement of autonomy. Theodore Turnau

CYNICISM: I am not at all cynical, I'm only experienced - that's pretty much the same thing. Oscar Wilde

CYNICISM: If I am saved from cynicism at all it is by some sense of personal loyalty to the spirit and genius of Christ. Reinhold Niebuhr

CYNICISM: No matter how cynical you get, it's never enough to keep up. Lily Tomlin

CYNICISM: Reality's a nice place to visit, but you wouldn't want to live there. John Barth

CYNICISM: Cynicism dominates the assumptions of our political and cultural life. We not only do not recognize the cynicism; we confuse it with democratic deliberation and political wisdom. Jeffrey Goldfarb

CYNICISM: No cynicism can outdo life. Anton Chekov

DARK SIDE: Leaders . . . often bring with that the baggage of being a loner, a need for achievement and recognition, the instincts for competition, a tendency toward political maneuvering, the quest for power or control, the fear of losing that control, and the insecurity of not being able to live up to their advertising. Rex Miller, *The Millenium Matrix*

DEAD HORSE: When you discover you are riding a dead horse. Dismount. Dakota Indian proverb

DECISION MAKING: I've learned one thing in politics. You don't make a decision until you have to. Margaret Thatcher

DECISION MAKING: If there is no benefit to making the decision at the moment and no penalty in delaying it, use that time to improve your evaluation, to gather more information, and to examine other options. Gary Kasparov

DECISION MAKING: Opposite pairs working in harmony; this has become a theme of our quest to perfect decision-making. Calculation and evaluation. Patience and opportunism, intuition and analysis, style and objectivity...Success comes from balancing these forces and harnessing their inherent power. Gary Kasparov

DECISIONS: Make good decisions and you'll succeed, make bad ones and you'll fail. Gary Kasparov

DEDICATION, UNDERSTANDING: It takes a passionate commitment to really thoroughly understand something, chew it up, not just quickly swallow it. Most people don't take the time to do that. Steve Jobs

DEEP GENERALIST: Never have I seen or read of a man with such an amazing array of interests. Edmund Morris speaking about Theodore Roosevelt

DEFINE REALITY: The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. Max DePree, in *The Art of Leadership*

DEFINITION: All of the great leaders have had one characteristic in common: it was the willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of their people in their time. This, and not much else, is the essence of leadership. John Kenneth Galbraith

DEPRESSION: People have always been depressed, but – during the early eighties – there just seemed to be this overwhelming public consensus that being depressed was the most normal thing anyone could be. In fact, being depressed sort of meant you were smart. Chuck Klosterman, *Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs*

DESIRE: If you don't get what you want, it is a sign either that you did not seriously want it, or that you tried to bargain over the price. Rudyard Kipling

DESIRE: Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish. Michelangelo

DESIRING GOD: We usually begin the journey toward God thinking, "What do I have to do to get this or that from him?" But eventually we have to begin thinking, "What do I have to do to get him?" If you don't make that transition, you will never actually meet the real God, but will only end up believing in some caricature version of him. Tim Keller, [The Reason for God](#)

DETERMINATION: We can do anything we want to if we stick to it long enough. Helen Keller

DETERMINATION: What most of us lack is not knowledge of the faith but the spiritual determination to carry out what we already know, regardless of the personal consequences. James Houston

DIFFICULTIES: It is difficulties that show what men are. Epictetus, [Discourses](#)

DISCERNMENT: Frivolity, inexperience, simplicity believe everything that is said; vanity, conceit, self-satisfaction believe everything flattering that is said; envy, spite, corruption believe everything evil that is said; mistrust believes nothing at all. Soren Kierkegaard, [Works of Love](#)

DISCIPLINE, INTENTIONALITY: If discipline sounds dull, or even impossible in today's fast-paced world, you should take a few minutes to consider how you might benefit from targeting just a few small areas of your life for efficiency. Having a good work ethic doesn't mean being a fanatic, it means being aware and then taking action. Gary Kasparov

Discipline: Discipline is doing what you really don't want to do so that you can do what you really want to do. John Maxwell

DISCIPLINE: If you wish to be a good reader, read; if you wish to be a good writer, write. Epictetus, [Discourses](#)

DISCIPLINE: Discipline is all about cultivating habits that become part of your lifestyle. Robin Crow

DISCIPLINE: No life can ever grow great until it is focused, dedicated and disciplined. Harry Emerson Fosdick

DISCIPLINE: You will never be the person you can be if pressure, tension and discipline are taken out of your life. Herbert Bayard Swope

DISILLUSIONMENT: Never have people been more the masters of their environment. Yet never has a people felt more deceived and disappointed. For never has a people expected so much more than the world could offer. Daniel Boorstein, [The Image](#)

DOUBT, ABOUT ATHEISM: The horrid doubt always arises whether the convictions of man's mind, which has been developed from the mind of the lower animals, are of any value or at all trustworthy. Charles Darwin

DOUBT: A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about truth. This has been exactly reversed. We are on the road to producing a race of men too mentally modest to believe in the multiplication table. Chesterton

EASTER: Easter means that in a world where injustice, violence and degradation are endemic, God is not prepared to tolerate such things – and that we will work and plan, with all the energy of God, to implement victory of Jesus over them all. Tim Keller, The Reason for God

ECONOMISTS: Economists are people who see something works in practice and wonder if it would work in theory. Ronald Reagan.

Eden: Even if we were to find another Eden we would not be fit to enjoy it perfectly nor stay in it forever. Henry Van Dyke

EDEN: Even should we find another Eden, we would not be fit to enjoy it perfectly nor stay in it forever. Henry van Dyke

EDUCATION: An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't. Anatole France

EFFECTIVENESS: Effective leaders – and effective people understand that there is no difference between becoming an effective leader and becoming a fully integrated human being. Warren Bennis

EFFECTIVENESS: An effective leader is not someone who is loved or admired, but someone whose followers do the right things. Popularity is not leadership; results are. Mentoring is all about reproducing your values (and results) in others. Pat Mesiti

EFFORT: I wish to preach, not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of the strenuous life, the life of toil and effort, of labor and strife; to preach that highest form of success which comes, not to the man who desires mere easy peace, but to the man who does not shrink from danger, from hardship, or from bitter toil, and who out of these wins the splendid ultimate triumph. Theodore Roosevelt

EGO: Beware small generals.

EGO: The presence of a gargantuan personal ego contributes significantly to the failure of companies. Charismatic leaders succeed admirably in achieving their personal ambitions, but they fall short when it comes to building and sustaining great companies. Jim Collins, From Good to Great

EGO: The great majority of heads of government, in my experience, are hardened egoists, corrupted by exercising power even if not already corrupted by getting there. Paul Johnson, Heroes

EMPOWERING OTHERS: A leader is best when people barely know he exists. Not so good when people obey and acclaim him. Worse when they despise him. But of a good leader who talks little when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say, "We did it ourselves." Lao-Tzu (604-531 BC)

EMPOWERING: (Words on the tombstone of Andrew Carnegie, the father of the U.S. steel industry) here lies a man who knew how to bring into his service, men better than he was himself.

EMPOWERING: If you want to build for one year from now, grow wheat. If you want to build for ten years from now, grow trees. If you want to build for one hundred years from now, grow people. Chinese proverb

EMPOWERING: It's easy to hire, but it's much harder to develop . . . If you want to grow your organization, you have to grow your people first. Howard Behar, It's Not About the Coffee

EMPOWERING: No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it. Andrew Carnegie

EMPOWERING: The best minute spent is one I invest in people. Ken Blanchard, The One Minute Manager

END TIMES: if the world has not approached its end, it has reached a major watershed in history, equal in importance of the turn from the Middle ages to the Renaissance. It will demand from us a spiritual blaze; we shall have to rise to a new height of vision, to a new level of life. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

ENEMIES: If a man has a very decided character, has a strongly accentuated career, it is normally the case of course that he makes ardent friends and bitter enemies. Theodore Roosevelt

ENTERTAINMENT: I really believe entertainment in a lot of ways has become a way for people to come together. It has, in fact, become – I'm convinced of this, it's become a replacement for religion; in the same way people used to quote scripture, they're now quoting Seinfeld. Michael Wolfe

ENTERTAINMENT: It is not any "ism" but entertainment that is arguably the most pervasive, powerful, and ineluctable force of our time – a force so overwhelming that it has finally metastasized into life. Neil Gabler, Life the Movie

ENTERTAINMENT: We don't need to worry about people unconsciously absorbing archaic, secret message when they're six years old; we need to worry about all the entertaining messages people are consciously accepting when they're twenty-six. Chuck Klosterman, Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs

ENTHUSIASM: Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. Ralph Waldo Emerson

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EVIL: Great men are almost always bad men. Lord Acton

EVIL: Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from a religious conviction. Blaise Pascal

EVIL: The only way for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing. Edmund Burke

EXAMPLE, LEAD BY: You don't lead by pointing a finger and telling people someplace to go. You lead by going to that place and making a case. Ken Kesey

EXAMPLE: Example is contagious behavior. Charles Reade, 19th century English novelist

EXAMPLE: Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing. Albert Schweitzer

EXAMPLE: Example is the most potent of all things . . . You must feel that the most effective way in which you can preach is by your practice. Theodore Roosevelt

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EXAMPLE: the story of Theodore Roosevelt is the story of a small boy who read about great men and decided that he wanted to be like them . . . and he succeeded. Hermann Hagedorn

EXCELLENCE: Excellence is not an act but a habit. Aristotle

EXCELLENCE: Nature has proclaimed that difficulty should precede every work of excellence. Quintillian

EXCELLENCE: Once you fly, you will walk with your eyes skyward. For there you have been and there you will go again. Leonardo da Vinci

EXCELLENCE: We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit. Aristotle

EXCELLENCE: The key to pursuing excellence is to embrace an organic, long-term learning process, and not to live in a shell of static, safe mediocrity. Usually growth comes at the expense of previous comfort or safety. Josh Waitzkin

EXCELLENCE: What is the difference that allows some to fit into that narrow window to the top? And, what is the point? If ambition spells probably disappointment, why pursue excellence? In my opinion, the answer to both questions lies in a well-thought-out approach that inspires resilience, the ability to make connections between diverse pursuits, and day-to-day enjoyment of the process. The vast majority of motivated people, young and old, make terrible mistakes in their approach to learning. Josh Waitzkin

EXCELLENCE; Excellence is doing the best we can with what we have. Bill Hybels

EXECUTION: Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do. Goethe

EXPERIENCE: Experience is a matter of sensibility and intuition, of seeing and hearing, the significant things, of paying attention at the right moment, of understanding and coordinating. Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him. Aldous Huxley

EXPERIENCING GOD: Thinking about God is no substitute for tasting God and talking about God is no substitute for giving people ways to experience God. Matthew Fox

EXPERTISE: Once we reach a certain level of expertise at a given discipline and our knowledge is expansive, the critical issue becomes: how is all this stuff navigated and put to use? I believe the answers to this question are the gateway to the most esoteric levels of elite performance. Josh Waitzkin

EXPLORE: Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. Ralph Waldo Emerson

FAILURE, CREATIVITY: You can't create without making messes and generating chaos and blundering down blind alleys and crawling back up again – you can't create with those efforts which end in disaster, because it's the disasters which show you how to get things right. Eric Tucker, High Flyer

FAILURE, DEFEAT: Only an inexperienced soldier believes that all is lost after being defeated for the first time. Simon Bolivar

FAILURE: A leader's failure is never isolated, involving only the leader. Usually the failure of a leader involves basic patterns of hiding and blaming throughout the whole organization, patterns that must be uprooted. Dan Allender, Leading Character

FAILURE: Failure is not an option. Gene Kranz, Apollo 13

Failure: Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently. Henry Ford

FAILURE: God uses people who fail – cause there aren't any other kinds around. Unknown

FAILURE: He who has never failed somewhere, that man can not be great. Herman Melville

FAILURE: I learnt what one ought not to do - and that is always something. Duke of Wellington

Failure: The fact that you have been knocked down is interesting, but the length of time you remain down is important. Austin O'Malley

FAILURE: The man who has never made any mistakes has never made anything. Theodore Roosevelt

FAITH: I believe that god can and will bring good out of evil. For that purpose he needs men who make the best use of everything. I believe God will give us all the power we need to resist in all time of distress. But he never gives it in advance, lest we should rely upon ourselves and not on him alone. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

FAITH: My hosanna has passed through the purgatory of doubt. Dydor Dostoyevsky

FAME: At a young age, I came to know that there is something profoundly hollow about the nature of fame. Josh Waitzkin (8 time national chess champion, holder of 21 national martial arts championships and world championships)

FANATICISM: They charge me with fanaticism. If to be feelingly alive to the sufferings of my fellow-creatures is to be a fanatic, I am one of the most incurable fanatics ever permitted to be at large. William Wilberforce

FEAR: As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. Nelson Mandela

FEAR: I've grown certain that the root of all fear is that we've been forced to deny who we are. Frances Moore Lappe

FEAR: Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. Marie Curie

FEAR: There are only a few things in life from which I derive intense pleasure, speaking is not one of them. Churchill

FEAR: There's been very little written about scaring the pants off employees to improve results. But as Richard Nixon said, "people react to fear, not love – they don't teach that in Sunday School, but it's true." Leander Kahney, Inside Steve's Brain

FEAR: You miss 100% of the shots you never take. Wayne Gretzky (the Great One)

FLATTERY: Abhor flatterers as you would deceivers; for both, if trusted, inure those who trust them. Isocrates

FOCUS: Focus means saying no. Steve Jobs

FOCUS: It is not enough to be busy, so too are the ants. The question is what are we busy about? David Thoreau

FOCUS: The ability to identify and focus on the few necessary things is a hallmark of great leadership. Andy Stanley

FOCUS: The power to organize and concentrate wholly upon a given matter, in an instant, leaving nothing out, and then, when this is dispatched, drop it as if it had never existed, and go on to the next matter. Owen Wister

FOCUS: What counts is not the number of hours you put in, but how much you put in the hours.

FOOLS: Any fool can find fault, but it takes a winner to find solutions. Chris Brady

FREEDOM: In many areas of life, freedom is no so much the absence of restrictions as finding the right ones, the liberating restrictions . . . If we can only grow intellectually, vocationally, and physically through judicious constraints – why would it not also be true for spiritual and moral growth. Tim Keller, The Reason for God

FREEDOM: The freedom question, then, is not whether we can do whatever we want but whether we can do what we most deeply want. Gerald May, The Awakened heart

FRIENDS: He (Charles de Gaulle) had devoted followers, but no friends. Paul Johnson, Heroes

FRIENDS: If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog. Harry Truman

FRIENDS: Other dogs bite their enemies. I bite my friends for their salvation. Diogenes

FRIENDSHIP, ENVY: Every time a friend succeeds, I die a little. Gore Vidal

FRIENDSHIP: Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart. Eleanor Roosevelt

FRIENDSHIP: Opposition is true friendship. William Blake

FRIENDSHIP: The only way to have a friend is to be one. Ralph Waldo Emerson

GARDENING: To see plants rise from the earth and flourish by the superior skill and bounty of the labourer fills a contemplative mind with ideas which are more easy to be conceived than expressed.

The more I am acquainted with agricultural affairs, the better I am pleased with them. I can nowhere find so great satisfaction as in those innocent and useful pursuits. George Washington

GENEROSITY: Generous and authentic leadership will always defeat the selfish efforts of someone doing it just because she can. Seth Godin, Tribes

GENIUS: he (Wittgenstein) was perhaps the most perfect example I have ever known of a genius as traditionally conceived, passionate, profound, intense and domineering." Bertrand Russell

GENIUS: Talent hits a target no one else can hit. Genius hits a target no one else can see. Arthur Schopenhauer

GLORY OF GOD: Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush aflame with God: But only he who sees, takes off his shoes, The rest sit round it, and pluck blackberries. Elizabeth Barrett Browning

GLORY: Glory is a powerful incentive. Inevitably dreams are dashed, hearts are broken, most fall short of their expectations because there is little room at the top . . . The world of actors and musicians is brimming with huge expectations, wild competitiveness, and a tiny window of realistic possibility. Josh Waitzkin

GOALS: Goals are emotional. If a goal is not working for you, you're not connected to it. Raise it, make it meaningful, make it touch something in you that you want. Or take it off your list. Howard Behar

GOALS: Regardless of the methods we use to motivate ourselves, we have to create our own goals and standards and then keep raising them. Gary Kasparov

GOD: God is of no importance unless he is of supreme importance. Abraham Heschel

GOD: Take God very seriously but don't take yourself seriously at all. Teresa of Avila

GOD: The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of man, and His compulsion is our liberation. C.S. Lewis, Surprised by Joy

GOD'S WILL: God's will is the best thing that could happen to us under any circumstances. Danny Morris and Charles Olsen, Discerning God's Will Together

Good and Evil: In general, good and evil grow together, intertwine around each other, and grow out of each other in remarkable and complicated ways. Cornelius Plantinga

GOOD AND EVIL: There is only one good, namely knowledge, and one only evil, namely, ignorance. Socrates

GOODNESS: Badness can be got easily and in shoals; the road to her is smooth and she lives very near us. But between us and goodness the gods have placed the sweat of our brows; long and steep is the path that leads to her. Hesiod, Works and Days

GOODNESS: Evil rolls across the ages, but so does good. Good has its own momentum. Corruption never wholly succeeds. Creation is stronger than sin and grace stronger still. Creation and grace are anvils that have worn out a lot of our hammers. Cornelius Plantinga Jr., Not the Way Its Suppose to Be

GOVERNMENT: Government does not solve problems. It subsidizes them. Ronald Reagan

GRACE: If . . . we remember God's grace, then we lose the pride that would make us a Pharisee and the despair that would make us a cynic. Merold Westphal, Suspicion and Faith

GRATITUDE: Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone? Joni Mitchell, Big Yellow Taxi

GRATITUDE: Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but parent of all the others. Cicero

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GRATITUDE: If the only prayer you said in your whole life was "thank-you," that would suffice. Meister Eckhart, German mystic

GREAT MINDS: Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people. Admiral Human Rickover

GREATNESS: Greatness is always built on this foundation: the ability to appear, speak and act, as the most common man. Shams-ud-din Muhammed Hafiz

GREATNESS: Greatness is not a function of circumstances. Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice and discipline. Jim Collins

GREATNESS: I've determined that companies must meet two criteria to become great. They must enable (empower) - not simply encourage - organizational learning, and they need to demand a passion for greatness. Amit Mukherjee (HBR, Dec 2007)

GREATNESS: One thing I have learned as a competitor is that there are clear distinctions between what it takes to be decent, what it takes to be good, what it takes to be great, and what it takes to be among the best. Josh Waitzkin

GREATNESS: Really great men have a curious feeling that greatness is not in them, but through them. John Ruskin

GROWING: We are either "living a little more or dying a little bit" at every moment. There is no standing still, no maintaining a perfect equilibrium. Norman Mailer / Gary Kasparov

GROWTH: I never cease to be amazed that organizations do not insist that their leaders be continually improving and persistently working toward becoming the best leaders they can be. James C. Hunter

Growth: The meaning of earthly existing lies, not as we have grown used to thinking, in prospering, but in the development of the soul. Alexander Solzhenitsyn

HAPPINESS: Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know. Ernest Hemingway

HAPPINESS: Happiness is good health and a bad memory. Ingrid Bergman

HAPPINESS: I believe that the very purpose of our life is to seek happiness. That is clear. Whether one believes in religion or not, whether one believes in this religion or that religion, we are all seeking

something better in life. So I think the very motion of our life is towards happiness. Dali Lama, The Art of Happiness

HARD WORK: The heights by great men reached and kept, Were not attained by sudden flight, But they while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

HARD WORK: There are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group, there is a lot less competition there. Indira Gandhi

HATRED: A virtuous man cannot hate another virtuous man. Meander

HEART: As it is the nature of the body to be developed by appropriate exercises, I t is the nature of the soul to be developed by moral precepts. Isocrates

HEAVEN: Assemble in your imagination all the friends that you enjoy being with most. The companions that evoke the deepest joy, your most stimulating relationships, the most delightful of shred experiences, the people with whom you feel completely alive – that is a hint of heaven. Eugene Peterson

HEAVEN: Either there is pie in the sky or there is not. If there is not, then Christianity is false, for this doctrine is woven into its whole fabric. If there is, then this truth, like any other, must be faced, whether it is useful at political meetings or not. C.S. Lewis

HERESY: It is the customary fate of new truths to begin as heresies. Thomas Huxley

HIGHLY INTENTIONAL: (This quote is in light of Ben Franklin's personal focus on developing 13 different virtues he felt worthy of his attention and which he organized a demanding schedule of improvement around.) But on the whole, though I never arrived at Perfection I had been so ambitious of obtaining, but fell far short of it, yet I was by the endeavor made a better and a happier man than I otherwise would have been, if I had not attempted it. Ben Franklin

HIGHLY INTENTIONAL: Press on. Nothing in the 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

HISTORY: The Past stood ever at his elbow and was the counselor upon which he most relied. He seemed to be attended by Learning and History, and to carry into current events an air of ancient majesty. Winston Churchill speaking about another British statesman

HONESTY: If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance. G. B. Shaw

HOPE: All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well. Julian of Norwich

Humanity, Messy: What we are is a set of walking contradictions. Lewis Smedes

HUMBLE: I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker. Helen Keller

HUMILITY, LEARNING: The more one learns, the more he understands his ignorance. Louis L'Amour

HUMILITY: No leader is worth his salt who won't set up chairs. Peter Drucker

HUMILITY: Every man I meet is in some way my superior, and in that I can learn of him. Ralph Waldo Emerson

HUMILITY: I am just a simple monk. Dalai Lama (the title means Ocean of Wisdom)

HUMILITY: I was surprised to find myself so much fuller of faults than I had imagined. Ben Franklin

HUMILITY: it will do you no harm to find yourself ridiculous. Resign yourself to be the fool you are. T.S. Eliot

HUMILITY: The foundation of our philosophy is humility. Saint John of Chrysostom

HUMILITY: The more fruit rice stalks bear the lower they bow.

HUMOR: Against the assault of laughter, nothing can stand. Mark Twain

HUMOR: When the going gets tough, the tough get to laughing. Unknown

HUMOR: You put new ideas over by making people laugh. All new ideas are looked upon as dangerous, and people fight them as they fight tigers. But all clowns are considered harmless. So you get a man laughing and before he knows it you've passed your ideas on to him. William Woodward, Bunk

HUMOR: Laughter is the shortest distance between two people. Victor Borge

IDEALS: Only those are fit to live who do not fear to die, and none are fit to die who have shrunk from the joy of life and the duty of life. Both life and death are parts of the same Great Adventure . . . Unless men are willing to fight and die for great ideals, including love of country, ideals will vanish, and the world will become one huge sty of materialism . . . All of us who give service, and stand ready for sacrifice, are the torchbearers . . . The torches whose flames are brightest are borne by the gallant men at the front . . . These are the torchbearers, these are they who have dared the Great Adventure. Theodore Roosevelt

IDEAS/FEAR: In a battle between two ideas, the best one doesn't necessarily win. No, the idea that wins is the one with the most fearless heretic behind it.

IDEAS: All the forces in the world are not as powerful as an idea whose time has come. Vicot Hugo

IDEAS: Ideas do not make their way in history except they be carried by persons and institutions.

IDENTITY: (We) live in a deranged age, more deranged than usual, because in spite of great scientific and technological advances, man has not the faintest idea of who he is or what he is doing. Walker Percy

IGNORANCE: The problem with interviewing famous people is that – much of the time – they don't know anything. . . Celebrity journalism is usually just attractive people trying to make up answers to questions they barely understand. Chuck Klosterman, Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs

IGNORANCE: Everybody is wrong about everything, just about all the time. Chuck Klosterman, Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs

ILLITERATE: If I have learned anything from working in journalism, it's that people who read newspapers apparently can't read newspapers. Chuck Klosterman, Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs

IMAGE OF GOD: The conclusion I dread is not, "So there's no God after all," but "So this is what God's really like. Deceive yourself no longer." C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

IMAGES: Despite the constant bombardment of images for commercial and entertainment purposes . . . modern people prefer to think of themselves as disengaged voyeurs. The disengagement is an illusion. Margaret Miles, *Image as Insight*

IMAGINATION: You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus. Mark Twain

IMAGINATION: Imagination is more important than knowledge. Albert Einstein

IMPROVEMENT: if improvement in playing a sport takes consistent practice and coaching, how much more do we need practice and coaching to instill spiritual discernment along with moral skills and sensibilities? Rex Miller, *The Millenium Matrix*

INCOMPETENCE: Everyone rises to their level of incompetence. Laurence J. Peter

INDIFFERENCE: The enemy of life is indifference. Elie Wiesel

INDIVIDUALISM, SELFISH: When no firm and lasting ties any longer unite men, it is impossible to obtain the cooperation of any great number of them unless you can persuade every man whose help is required that he serves his private interests by voluntarily uniting his efforts to those of all the others. Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*

INFLUENCE: Genuine influence means people pick up where you left off because they believe. Annette Simmons, The Story Factor

INFLUENCE: The early Christians out-thought, outlived, and out-died their pagan counterparts. This certainly cannot be said of pop-Christians. Dick Staub, The Culturally Savvy Christian

INFLUENCE: You cannot antagonize and influence at the same time. John Knox, Scottish Reformer

INJUSTICE: the worst case of injustice is for someone to believe he is just while he is not. Plato, the Republic

INJUSTICE: In the state where court cases and great injustices abound, citizens will never become friends. Plato, Laws

INNOVATION: Good artists copy, great artists steal. Picasso

INNOVATION: The problem is never how to get new, innovative thoughts into your minds, but how to get old ones out . . . Make an empty space in any corner of your mind and creativity will instantly fill it. Dee Hock

INNOVATION: We don't think, let's be innovative. Trying to systemize innovation is like somebody who's not cool trying to be cool. It's painful to watch. Steve Jobs

INNOVATION: We have always been shameless about stealing great ideas. Steve Jobs

INSPIRATION: Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. Thomas Edison

INSPIRE: A true leader inspires others to lead themselves. Ari D. Kaplan

INTEGRATION: An integrated character (is) a oneness, primarily with self but also with life. Stephen Covey.

INTEGRITY: He (Lincoln) inevitably did the right thing, however easily it might have been avoided. Paul Johnson, Heroes

INTEGRITY: In all things resolve to act as though the whole world would see what you do; for even if you conceal your deeds for the moment later you will be found out. Isocrates

INTEGRITY: What madness is the course I am pursuing? I believe all the great truths of the Christian religion, but I am not acting as though I did. Wilberforce

INTENTIONALITY, WORK ETHIC: The ability to push yourself to the limit day after day, and to do so effectively . . . is a talent that we should all try to cultivate. Gary Kasparov

INTENTIONALITY: In life there is no such obligation to move. If you can't find a useful plan, you can watch television, stick with business as usual, and believe that no news is good news. Human beings are brilliantly creative at finding ways to pass time in unconstructive ways. Gary Kasparov

INTERNET: The internet is fundamentally about connecting with people of common interest, facilitating person-to-person conversations, collaboration, assistance, and collective learning. The internet inverts the power curve away from centralized control and content to distributed power and member-generated content. The internet is about the exponential value of networks, the power of conversation, and liberation from past obstacles of time, location, gender, age, ethnicity, disability and tradition. Rex Miller, Millenium Matrix

INTERNET: The net is a planet spanning virtual ecosystem, a cognitive rain forest teeming with new concepts and connections, issues and inquires, studies and speculations, proposals, predictions and unlimited potential. H. Campbell

INTUITION, PARADIGMS: When we tackle a problem, we never start from scratch; we instinctively, even unconsciously, look for a past parallel. We work out the authenticity of the parallels and see if we can work out a similar recipe from these slightly different ingredients. Gary Kasparov

INTUITION: You are here because you know something. What you know you can't explain but you feel it. You felt it your whole life. There is something wrong with the world, but you don't know what it is. But it's there like a splinter in your mind. Morpheus in the Matrix

JOURNEY: Everything in my life brought me here. Rainer Marie Rilke

JOURNEY: If there's no end to pursue, why undergo the journey in the first place? A journey without a destination is a vagrancy; not a voyage. Len Sweet

JOURNEY: it is good to be between a ruined house of bondage and a holy promised land. Leonard Cohen

JOURNEY: It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters in the end. Ursula K. LeGuin

JOURNEY: It's not about the destination; it's about the journey. UltraMarathon Cycling Assoc.

JOURNEY: it's not about the journey or the destination; it's about what you do once you get there.

JOURNEY: Life is a journey. Enjoy the ride. Nissan

JOURNEY: Life is not about journeys or destinations; it's about how you look while you're traveling. Michael Blewett

JOURNEY: Once a journey is designed, equipped, and put in process, a new factor enters and takes over. . . . It has a personality, temperament, individuality, uniqueness. A journey is a person in itself, no two are alike. . . . We find after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us. John Steinbeck, Travels With Charley

JOURNEY: To journey without being changed is to be a nomad. To change without journeying is to be a chameleon. To journey and to be transformed by that journey is to be a pilgrim. Mark Nepo, The Exquisite Risk

JOY: Be joyful even though you have considered all the facts. Wendell Berry

JOY: The joy of living is his who has the heart to demand it. Theodore Roosevelt

JUDGING: Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of truth and knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods. Albert Einstein

JUDGMENT: We have much to be judged on when he comes, slums and battlefields and insane asylums, but these are the symptoms of our illness and the result of our failure sin love. In the evening of life we shall be judged on love, and not one of us is going to come off very well, and were it not for my absolute faith in the loving forgiveness of my Lord, I could not call on him to come. Madeleine L'Engle

JUSTICE: The unwearied, unostentatious, and inglorious crusade of England against slavery may probably be regarded as among the three or four perfectly virtuous pages comprised in the history of nations. William Lecky, Irish historian

KNOWLEDGE/IGNORANCE/GOOD/EVIL: There is one only good, namely, knowledge; and one only evil, namely ignorance. Socrates

KNOWLEDGE: Knowing a variety of paths is very useful. Broaden your knowledge. It is necessary to polish your own path. Miyamoto Musashi, The Book of Five Rings

KNOWLEDGE: Leaders get paid to know, and even when they don't know, they get paid to know. Howard Behar, It's Not About the Coffee

LAW: It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can stop him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important. Martin Luther King, Jr.

LAZINESS: Laziness is the mother of all evils. Sophocles

LEAD: The first duty of a leader is to lead. Theodore Roosevelt

LEADERSHIP, PROJECTION: A leader is a person who has an unusual degree of power to project on other people, his or her own shadow, or his or her light. Parker Palmer

LEADERSHIP: If you want to (need to, must!) lead, then you can. It's easier than ever and we need you. But if this isn't the right moment, if this isn't the right cause, then hold off. Seth Godin, Tribes

LEADERSHIP: There is always a tendency to believe that a hundred small men can furnish leadership equal to that of one big man. That is not so . . . Nothing can fully take the place of the indispensable work of leadership. Theodore Roosevelt

LEADERSHIP: What a great statesman must be most anxious to produce is a certain moral character in his fellow citizens, namely a disposition to virtue and the performance of virtuous actions. Aristotle, Ethics

LEARNING, FREEDOM: Liberty without learning is always in peril, learning without liberty is always in vain. John F. Kennedy

LEARNING FOCUS: the whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well. Horace Walpole

LEARNING: Learning is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten. B.F. Skinner

LEARNING: I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand. Chinese proverb

LEARNING: it is essential to continually challenge ourselves. The only way to develop is to venture into the unknown, to take risks and to learn new things. Gary Kasparov

LEARNING: The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise to the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think and act anew. Abraham Lincoln

LEARNING: To live is not to learn but to apply. Legouve

LEARNING: The one time you are surely learning something is when you are nervously attempting something new, even if it is simply solving a routine problem in a novel way. Gary Kasparov

LEARNING: The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were when we created them. Albert Einstein

LEGACY: If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading or do things worth the writing. Benjamin Franklin

LEGACY: It is a good thing to die in the harness at the zenith of one's fame, with the consciousness of having lived a long, honorable and useful life. After we are dead it will make not the slightest difference whether men speak well or ill of us. But in the days or hours before dying it must be pleasant to feel that you have done your part as a man . . . and that your children and children's children, in short all those that are dearest to you, have just cause for pride in your actions. Theodore Roosevelt

LEGALISM: Rightful moral outrage easily mutates into self-deceptive moral smugness. Miroslav Volf

LEGALISM: Some Christian groups, however, focus so narrowly on what offends them that they fail to comprehend the mentality of the marginalized – the very people they are especially obligated to reach. Darren Sarisky

LIBERALISM: A God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross. Richard Niebuhr, theologian

LIES, TRUTH: I'm not a liar . . . I am gifted in fiction. David Mamet in the film, *State and Main*

LIFE LONG LEARNING: (This is about Theodore Roosevelt.) Learning was literally a vital part of Roosevelt's leadership. His preparation for leadership through self-mastery began with books at his side. His years of leadership were constantly informed and enlarged by reading and writing, conversation, correspondence, and an extraordinarily broad . . . quest for experience. Roosevelt understood that a leader must continuously learn if he is to remain an effective teacher. TR's approach to learning unified his forays into the realms of thought and action; it also bound together his life and his leadership. Roosevelt's thirst for learning was never quenched. James M. Strock

LIFE LONG LEARNING: (This is about Theodore Roosevelt.) There is apparent throughout his life a surprising determination. The energies and talents he possessed were not placed at birth in some natural harmony; they were though the passing years organized and directed by a sustained and splendid act of will. Elting Morison.

LIFE LONG LEARNING: As soon as any man has ceased to be able to learn, his usefulness as a teacher is at an end. When he himself can't learn, he has reached the stage where other people can learn from him. Theodore Roosevelt

LIFE LONG LEARNING: Associate with those you can learn from. Let friendly relations be a school of erudition, and conversation be refined teaching. Make your friends your teachers and blend the usefulness of learning with the pleasure of conversation. Enjoy the company of people of understanding . . . We have little to live and much to know and you cannot live if you do not know. It takes uncommon skill to study and learn . . . Choose a subject and let those around you serve up quintessential knowledge . . . Make knowledge your friend. Baltasar Gracian, 1650

LIFE LONG LEARNING: Continual learning and growth is critical for leaders. We serve changing organizations in a changing world... We can easily become so busy leading and serving that we do not

take the time for renewal and growth. Study, learning and continued renewal are essential to leadership... it is difficult to lead when we are not growing. New learning is empowering. It is renewing and creates the energy needed for leadership. Leaders must carve out time for their own learning and growth even as they expect it of the people they lead. Walter Wright

LIFE LONG LEARNING: Do not let all your learning lead to knowledge; let it lead to action. Proverb

LIFE LONG LEARNING: Hanging out on Planet Earth as a human invites the opportunity to learn and grow. Every day is chock-full of chances. Marcia Hughes, Emotionally Intelligent Teams

LIFE LONG LEARNING: I keep learning. Francisco de Goya, written when he was long deaf, old and infirm, on one of his last drawings.

LIFE LONG LEARNING: Increasingly, an educated person will be somebody who has learned how to learn. Peter Drucker.

LIFE LONG LEARNING: That is one of the great secrets of becoming a great leader - never stop becoming. Jeff O'Leary

LIFE LONG LEARNING: There is a theory of human behavior that says people subconsciously retard their own intellectual growth. They come to rely on clichés and habits. Once they reach the age of their own personal comfort with the world, they stop learning and their mind runs on idle for the rest of their days. They may progress organizationally, they may be ambitious and eager, and they may even work night and day. But they learn no more. The bigoted, the narrow-minded, the stubborn, and the perpetually optimistic have all stopped learning. Philip Crosby

LIFE: In a civilization which has lost the meaning of life, the most useful thing a Christian can do is to live... this life alone can break the illusions of the modern world by showing everyone the utter powerlessness of a mechanistic view. Jacques Ellul, the Presence of the Kingdom

LIFE: Lord, let me live until I die. Thea Bowman, who offered this prayer when she found out she had cancer

LIFE: Only those are fit to live who do not fear to die; and none are fit to die who have shrunk from the joy of life and the duty of life. Theodore Roosevelt

LIFE: We live in a Newtonian world of Einsteinian physics ruled by Frankenstein logic. David Russell

Listening: Someone once asked Joan of Arc why God spoke only to her. She responded, 'Sir, you are wrong. God speaks to everyone. I just listen.'

LITERATURE: By turns sardonically funny, anguished, or burning in slow fury, Solzhenitsyn accomplished something truly rare in all literature, the moral impaling of an entire political system with sustained literary power. David Aikman

LITTLE THINGS: it is the little things that run the world. E. O. Wilson, Harvard insect biologist

Loneliness: Nothing makes us so lonely as our secrets. Paul Tournier

LONLINESS: As long as the human being is lonely, all of the good of creation cannot sate him. As long as the human being has no one with whom to share her experiences, as long as the human being feels alienated, separate from, and empty, then all of the objective goods of the universe will be irrelevant. That is the experience of loneliness – to feel apart from, severed from, alienated, and empty. Rabbi Marc Gafni

LOOKING AHEAD: The secret of success in war is learning what lies on the other side of the hill. Duke of Wellington

LORDSHIP OF CHRIST: There is not a single inch of the whole terrain of our human existence over which Christ does not proclaim, Mine, Mine, Mine. Abraham Kuyper

LORDSHIP: There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry, “Mine.” Abraham Kuyper

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES: “I don’t like that man. I’m going to have to get to know him better.” Abraham Lincoln

LOVE: there is no better laboratory for learning to love than ministry. There is also no better place to learn the art of forgiveness than in the life of the church. The church is filled with people. People are broken and sinful. Spend enough time in the church and you will be hurt. Kevin Harney, Leadership From the Inside Out

LOVE: God wants us to love him eternally with our whole hearts – not in such a way as to weaken our earthly love, but to provide a kind of cantus firmus to which the other melodies of life provide their counterpoint. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

LOVE: If we are going to lead like Jesus, we must let the dangerous power of love to fill our lives. Kevin Harney, Leadership From the Inside Out

LOVE: Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries, avoid all entanglements, lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will not be broken, it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy is damnation. C.S. Lewis

LOVE: There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread. Mother Teresa

LOVE: To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. C.S. Lewis

LOVING GOD: Is it easy to love God? It is easy to those who do it. C.S. Lewis

Lukewarm: We have daintily gone to church while living like the rest of the world. Richard Rohr

MAN: A man is a measure of all things: of what is, that it is, and of what is not, that it is not. Protagoras

MARRIAGE: The problem is, of course, that we are not naturally very good at the love which will make a long marriage beautiful - even when we try. Dick Keyes, Seeing Through Cynicism

MEANING: The map is not the territory. Count Korzybski

MEANING: Words don't mean, people mean.

MEDIUM: The medium is the message. Marshall McLuhan

MEMBERSHIP: I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member. Mark Twain

MEMBERSHIP: I refuse to live in any country that would elect me to public office. James Carville

MEMORY: A clear conscience is usually a sign of bad memory. Steve Wright, comedian

MENTOR: Those who can do. Those who believe others can also, teach (mentor). John E. King, lawyer, aphorist

MENTOR: If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants. Newton

MENTORING: Master bridge builders are ideal teachers who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross, then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own.

MENTORING: Mentoring is not crating someone in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves. Steven Spielberg.

MENTORING: The overall intent is to teach the protégé how to think correctly as a leader. Ninety-five percent of mentoring is about helping the protégé develop proper thinking. Chris Brady

MENTORING: The teacher is the needle and the disciple is the thread. Zen proverb

MID-LIFE CRISIS: We hear a great deal of talk about the midlife crisis of the executive. It is mostly boredom. At 45, most executives have reached the peak of their business careers, and they know it. After 20 years of doing very much the same kind of work, they are very good at their jobs. But they are not learning or contributing or deriving challenge and satisfaction from the job. And yet they are still likely to face another 20 if not 25 years of work. That is why managing oneself increasingly leads one to begin a second career. Peter Drucker, "Managing Oneself"

MINORITY: My type of thinking is not wanted in the present age, I have to swim so strongly against the tide. Wittgenstein

MISSION, PURPOSE: Do you want to sell sugar water for the rest of your life, or do you want to change the world? Steve Jobs challenging John Sculley to leave Pepsi and come work for Apple

MISSION: The vocation of the church is to perform the practices of Christ in ways that are both appropriate to and transformative of our particular place and time. Kevin Vanhoozer

MODELING THE WAY: Example is not the main thing in influencing other people; it's the only thing. Abraham Lincoln

Modeling: There is but one way to train up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel it yourself. Abraham Lincoln

MODERNITY: If anything characterizes modernity it is the loss of the sense of transcendence – of a reality that exceeds and encompasses our everyday affairs. Peter Berger, quoted in the Soul of Christianity

Money: Just the very act of letting go of money, or some other treasure does something within us. It destroys the demon 'greed.' Richard Foster

MORALITY: Externals are not under my control; moral choice is under my control. Where am I to look for the good and the evil? Within me, in that which is my own. Epictetus, Discourses

MOTIVATION: Study while others are sleeping, work while others are loafing, prepare while others are playing, and dream while others are wishing. William Ward

MOTIVATION: Those who take active responsibility to foster their motivation on a regular basis will outperform those who do not. It is the responsibility of the leader to keep him or herself hungry on a regular basis. Chris Brady

MOVIES: Movies do not only portray a world; they propagate a worldview. Bryan Stone

MOZART: I even have to confess that if I ever get to heaven, I would first seek out Mozart, and only then inquire after Augustine, St. Thomas, Luther, Calvin and Schleiermacher. Karl Barth

MUSIC: There have always been cultures without counting, cultures without painting, cultures bereft of the wheel or the written word, but never a culture without music. John Barrow, The Artful Universe Expanded

MUSIC: Music doesn't just happen, it is what we make it, and what we make of it. People think through music, decide who they are through it, express themselves through it . . . It is less a 'something' than a way of knowing the world, a way of being ourselves. Nicholas Cook

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MUSIC: The ultimate end of final purpose of all music . . . is nothing other than the praise of God and the recreation of the soul. Bach

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MUSIC: Where words fail, music speaks. Hans Christian Andersen

MYSTICS: in the days ahead you either be a mystic who has experienced God, or nothing at all. Karl Rahner, theologian

MYSTICS: Only mystics, clowns and artists in my experience speak the truth . . . I find myself in complete agreement with those who wish to reinstate the mystics, the clowns and artist alongside the scholars. To modify Wittgenstein; what we cannot imagine, we must confine to silence and unbelief. Malcolm Muggeridge

NOBLE: In war, resolution; in defeat, defiance; in victory, magnanimity; in peace, good will. Churchill

ONE LIFE: If we've only got one try, if we've only got one life, if time was never on our side, then before I die, I want to burn out bright. Jon Foreman, Burn Out Bright.

OPINIONS, OF PEOPLE: All men have a natural fear of making a mistake - by believing too well of a person. However, the error of believing too ill of a person is perhaps not feared, at least not in the same degree as the other. Soren Kierkegaard, Works of Love

OPPORTUNITY, WORK ETHIC: Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. Thomas Edison

OPPORTUNITY: if opportunity isn't provided at a young age, it can be created later in adulthood through discipline and imaginative involvement in the pursuits we care about. You can - and must - look for ways to experiment and to push the boundaries of your capacity in different areas. Gary Kasparov

OPPORTUNITY: The reason so many people never get anywhere in life is because when opportunity knocks, they are out in the backyard looking for four leaf clovers. Walter P. Chrysler

OPTIMISM: When pessimistic people run into obstacles they give up. When optimistic people encounter obstacles, they try harder. Martin Seligman

ORAL CULTURES: The strongly oral cast of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures bespeaks a culture not only temporally but temperamentally quite different from ours, with a sense of the world and a psychological structure which is different not merely by reason of position in time and of social institutions generally but also specifically by reason of the way in the way in which it is oriented toward the word itself. Walter Ong, The Presence of the Word

ORATORY: Of all the talents bestowed upon men, none is so precious as the gift of oratory . . . Abandoned by party, betrayed by his friends, stripped of his offices, whoever can command this power is still formidable. Theodore Roosevelt

PACE OF LIFE: There is more to life than increasing its speed. Mahatma Ghandhi

PARADIGMS: All crises begin with the blurring of a paradigm and the consequent loosening of the rules for normal research. As the process develops, the anomaly comes to be more generally recognized as such, more attention is devoted to it by more of the field's eminent authorities. The field begins to look quite different; scientists express explicit discontent, competing articulations of the paradigm proliferate and scholars view a resolution as the subject matter of their discipline. Thomas Kuhm, The Structure of Scientific Revolutions

PARADOX: How wonderful that we have met with paradox. Now we have some hope of making progress. Niels Bohr

PASSION: Seek out that particular mental attitude which makes you feel most deeply and vitally alive... and when you have found that attitude, follow it. William James

PASSIONS, AFFECTIONS: The deepest things we know are found in the form of defining affections and passions. A person or a society is better known through what is feared, love, grieved over, and hoped for than through its factually stated ideas and thoughts. Don Saliers, professor

PASTORS: Pastors are supposed to be more than lost travelers with more questions than answers. DeYoung, Why We're Not Emergent

PEACE: Go placidly amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Max Ehrmann, Desiderata

PEOPLE: it's all about the people has always meant, It's not about me. It's about us and what we can do together. Howard Behar

PEOPLE: To handle yourself, use your head. To handle others, use your heart. Eleanor Roosevelt

People: You can tell a lot about which direction your life is heading by looking at the people with whom you've chosen to spend your time and share your ideas. John Maxwell

PERCEPTION: The real act of discovery consists not in finding new lands, but in seeing with new eyes. Marcel Proust

PERFORMANCE: Words are words, explanations are explanations, promises are promises – but only performance is reality. Harold Geneen, CEO of ITT

PERSEVERANCE: So we must daily keep things wound: that is, we must pray when prayer seems dry as dust; we must write when we are physically tired, when our hearts are heavy, when our bodies are in pain. We may not always be able to make our "clock" run correctly, but at least we can keep it wound, so that it will not forget. Madeleine L'Engle, Walking on Water

PERSONAL GROWTH: In the area of personal growth, the operative fundamental is that the lesson continues until the lesson is learned. If an organization is not moving forward, it is because the leader is not addressing the issues in his or her path.

PERSPECTIVE: Perspective is a view of things in their true relationship or importance. Webster Dict.

PERSPECTIVE: The difference between leaders and followers is perspective. The difference between leaders and effective leaders is better perspective. Effective leaders have better perspective. J. Robert Clinton

PERSPECTIVE: You see things from here that you don't see from there. Ariel Sharon, about his change in the Palestinian issue once he became Prime Minister of Israel

PERSUASION: I simply made up my mind what they ought to think, and then did my best to get them to think it. Theodore Roosevelt

PESSIMISM: the secret of happiness is to face the fact that the world is horrible, horrible, horrible. Bertrand Russell

PLANNING: I see only one move ahead, but it is always the correct one. Jose Paul Capablanca, Third World Chess Champion, Cuban

PLANNING: Your lack of prior planning does not constitute an emergency on my part.

PLAY: The joy of life is a very good thing, and while work is the essential in it, play also has its palce. Theodore Roosevelt

POETRY, WORDS: Words must be the ordinary words that we hear about us to which the imagination must give an iridescence. Then only are words really poetic. Robert Frost

POLITICIANS: I judge he is now decidedly on the right tract . . . I hope the Lord will make him a blessing both as a Christian and a statesman. How seldom do these characters coincide!! But they are not incompatible. John Newton writing about Wilberforce

POLITICIANS: Sometimes I hear our countrymen abroad saying: Oh you mustn't judge us by our politicians. I always want to interrupt and answer, You must judge us by our politicians. Theodore Roosevelt

POP ART: (Pop art is) mass produced, low-cost, young, sexy, witty, transient, glamorous, gimmicky, expendable and popular. Richard Hamilton, creator of the first piece of "pop art"

POSITIVITY: People who feel good about themselves produce good results. Ken Blanchard, The One Minute Manager

POSTMODERNITY: Modernism was not always that bad. Postmodernism isn't always that good. And the line between the two is sometimes imaginary, or at least relatively unimportant. DeYoung, Why We're Not Emergent

POTENTIAL: Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is. Anne Frank

Potential: Treat a man as he appears to be and you make him worse. But treat a man as if he already were what he potentially could be, and you make him what he should be. Goethe

POWER, ABUSE OF: I shall give a propangandist reason for starting the war, never mind whether it is plausible or not. The victor will not be asked afterward whether he told the truth or not. In starting and waging a war it is not right that matters but victory. Close your hearts to pity. Act brutally. The stronger man is right . . . Be harsh and remorseless! Be steeled against all signs of compassion! Whoever has pondered over this world order knows that its meaning lies in the success of the best by means of force. Hitler

POWER: I acquired and exercised power in ever-growing measure . . . I want them to feel my power.
Churchill

POWER: I love ruling. Margaret Thatcher

POWER: He (Churchill) loved power, and sought it greedily always, most anxious to possess it in all its plenitude and most reluctant to relinquish it. Paul Johnson, Heroes

PRACTICE: You must walk down the path of a thousand miles step by step, keeping at heart the spirit which one gains from repeated practice with whomever one can get to practice with, and knowledge attained from whatever experiences you can come by, without impatience. Miyamoto Musashi, The Book of Five Rings

PRACTICE: Practicing a thousand days is said to be discipline, and practicing ten thousand days is said to be refining. Miyamoto Musashi, The Book of Five Rings

PRAYER: Prayer is better than sleep. From the hazzan, or call to worship

PREDICTION: Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future. Niels Bohr

PREPARATION: In playing ball, or in life, a person occasionally gets the opportunity to do something great. When that time comes, only two things matter: Being prepared to seize the moment and having the courage to take your best swing. Hank Aaron

PRESENCE: it has been my experience that presence is a more powerful catalyst for change than analysis. Rachel Naomi Remen, My Grandfather's Blessing

PRIDE/WIT: Wit is educated insolence. Aristotle, Rhetoric

PRIDE: But the idea of questioning God's motives will always be a fiercely American thing to do; it's almost patriotic to get in God's face. Chuck Klosterman, Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs

PRIDE: I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation. George Bernard Shaw

PRIDE: Nothing is more securely lodged than the ignorance of the experts. F.A. Hayek

PRIDE: One of the problems with being too high is that there is a long way to fall. Josh Waitzkin

PRIDE: The only good ideas are the ones I can take credit for. R. Stevens

PRIDE: Whoever thinks that he alone has speech, or possesses speech or mind above others, when unfolded such men are seen to be empty. Sophocles, Antigone

PRIORITIES: The difference between man and animal is that man is capable of establishing priorities. Mikhail Botvinnik

PRIORITIES: The things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

PROBLEM SOLVING: Each problem that I solved became a rule which served afterwards to solve other problems. Rene Descartes

PROBLEM SOLVING: No problem was solved by the mind that created it. Einstein

PROGRESS: it is not strange . . . to mistake change for progress. President Fillmore

PROVERBS: Write a wise saying and your name will live forever. Anonymous (Apparently this saying wasn't wise enough!)

PURPOSE AND PROVIDENCE: The moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issue 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. William Murray

PURPOSE, GOALS: If we could first know where we are going and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it. Abraham Lincoln, "House Divided" speech

PURPOSE/JOY: We run, not because we think it is doing us good, but because we enjoy it and cannot help ourselves. The human spirit is indomitable. Roger Bannister, first man to run a sub four minute mile on May 6, 1954

PURPOSE: The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it. William James

PURPOSE: The world makes way for the man (and woman) who knows where he/she is going. Ralph Waldo Emerson.

PURPOSE: All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others. Danny Thomas (entertainer)

PURPOSE: Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it because what the world needs is people who have come alive. Howard Thurman, theologian, civil rights activist

PURPOSE: I am appalled at the aimlessness of most people's lives. Fifty percent don't pay any attention to where they are going, forty percent are undecided and will go in any direction. Only ten percent know what they want, and even all of them don't go toward it. Katherine Anne Porter (Pulitzer winning author)

PURPOSE: I want to be thoroughly used up when I die.

PURPOSE: It is not enough to be busy. The question is: what are we busy about? Henry David Thoreau

PURPOSE: My question – that which at the age of fifty brought me to the verge of suicide – was the simplest of questions, lying in the soul of every man . . . a question without an answer to which one cannot live. It was: "What will come of what I am doing today or tomorrow? What will come of my whole life? Why should I live, why wish for anything, or do anything?" it can also be expressed thus: Is

there any meaning in my life that the inevitable death awaiting me does not destroy? Leo Tolstoy, A Confession

PURPOSE: The leader for the time being, whoever he may be, is but an instrument, to be used until broken and then to be cast aside; and if he is worth his salt he will care no more when he is broken than a soldier cares when he is sent where his life is forfeit in order that the victory may be won. In the long fight for righteousness the watchword for all of us is spend and be spent. It is of little matter whether any one man fails or succeeds; but the cause shall not fail, for it is the cause of mankind. Theodore Roosevelt

PURPOSE: We do not determine our purpose, we detect it. Viktor Frankl

PURPOSE: What we are trying to do may be just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. Mother Teresa

PURPOSE: The man who knows how will always have a job. The man who knows why will always be his boss. Ralph Waldo Emerson

PUZZLES: There are only three great puzzles in the world. The puzzle of love, the puzzle of death, and between each of these and part of both of them, the puzzle of God. God is the greatest puzzle of all. Niall William, As It Is In Heaven

QUESTIONS: Computers are useless. They can only give you answers. Pablo Picasso. Questions are what matters. Questions and discovering the right ones, are the key to staying on course. Gary Kasparov

QUESTIONS: Questioning yourself must become a habit, one strong enough to surmount the obstacles of overconfidence and dejection. Gary Kasparov

READING, BOOKS: The man who does not read books has no advange over the man who can't read them. Mark Twain

READING: A good book contains more wealth than a good bank.

READING: Books represent the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of the ages, available for pennies on the dollar. Books preserve the greatest thoughts, the greatest ideas, and the greatest insights of human experience. Chris Brady

READING: If you read a book a week, in a year you'll have read 52 books. In ten years 520 books. You'll be in the top 1% of your field. You'll be more motivated, better educated; you'll become the leader in your field. Jim Rohm

READING: Many times the reading of a book has made the future of a man. Ralph Waldo Emerson

READING: Not all readers are leaders but all leaders must be readers. Harry Truman

READING: Noted 18th century scholar Dr. Samuel Johnson once sat in discussion with the King of England. "I suppose, Dr. Johnson, that you read a great deal" said the King. "Yes Sire" replied Johnson, "but I think a great deal more." Our reading should not just be for enjoyment, but should foster

growth in our minds and persons. Reading should lead to better thoughts, which in turn lead to better actions, which then lead to better habits, which then produce better results, which then produce a better future. Chris Brady

READING: People who hope to successfully influence what goes on around them will develop the habit of reading great books. William J. O'Neil (founder of Investor's Business Daily)

READING: Reading is the mind what exercise is to the body. Sir Richard Steele

READING: Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man. Francis Bacon, Of Studies

READING: The best book is the one that sets us off on a train of thought that carries us far away from and far beyond the book itself.

READING: it's a good plan to have a book with you in all places and at all times. If you are presently without, hurry without delay to the nearest shop and buy one of mine. Oliver Wendell Holmes

REALISM: The professional pessimist sees one half of the picture, the professional optimist the other. The former calls the latter superficial and is in turn pronounced defeatist. Each possesses a distorted fragment of the Christian faith. The bible's realism exceeds that of the worst cynic, for it knows what man has done to God. At the same time its hope surpasses the wildest utopian fantasy, for it has concrete experience of what this same god will do for man. Edmond La B. Cherbonnier

RECESSION: A recession is when the nest guy loses his job. A depression is when you lose yours. Recover is when Jimmy Carter loses his. Ronald Reagan campaigning against Carter

RECONCILIATION: You and I ought not to die before we have explained ourselves to each other. John Adams in a letter to Thomas Jefferson

REGRET: Never indulge yourself on the sinner's stool. If you did any harm, that won't undo it, you'll merely rake it up. The sinner's stool is often the only available publicity spot for the otherwise wholly obscure egotist. Theodore Roosevelt

RELATIONSHIP: Anyone who doesn't need company is either greater than a man, and is a God, or lesser than a man, and is a beast. Aristotle

RELATIONSHIP: In the beginning is relationship. Martin Buber

RELATIONSHIP: The more I'm around people, the more I love my dog. T-shirt

RELATIONSHIPS: Every relationship worth keeping sustains, at the very least, splintered glazes, hairline fractures, cracks. And aren't these flaws the prerequisites of intimacy. Stephanie Kallos, Broken For You

RELEVANT: Whoever marries the spirit of this age will find himself a widower in the next. William Inge

RELIGION: Religion is the temple after God has left it. Bono, U2

RELIGIONLESS: You leave religion with a tremendous sense of liberation, and the, years later, you discover that something really important is missing . . . and you either start all over again and go back and try to reclaim it or else you substitute something else for it. Robert Stone, National Book Award winner for Damascus Gate

Repentance: Most of us prefer remorse to repentance. We would rather feel badly about the damage we have done than get estimates on the costs of repair. Barbara Brown Taylor

RESILIENCE: Mental resilience is arguably the most critical trait of a world-class performer, and it should be nurtured continuously. Josh Waitzkin

RESOLVE: We're here to do whatever it takes. Ronald Reagan

RESOURCES, PEOPLE: When we get down to the actual work-a-day world, the man who in the long run succeeds is the man who understands from the beginning that his tools will often be imperfect . . . and who goes on and does the best he can in spite of the mistakes and shortcomings of his associates, and in spite of the imperfections of what he has to work with. Theodore Roosevelt

RESOURCES: We must use the tools we have. Abraham Lincoln

RESPONSIBILITY: I am your servant. You have the right to dismiss me when you please. What you have no right to do is ask me to bear responsibility without the power of action. Winston Churchill

Responsibility: I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty. John d. Rockefeller, Jr.

RESPONSIBILITY: If not me, who? If not now, when? Rabbi Hillel

RESPONSIBILITY: If not you, then who?

RESPONSIBILITY: Personal leadership means dealing with the truth, owning it, and being responsible for what you know and what you don't know. Howard Behar, It's Not About the Coffee

RESPONSIBILITY: Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree. Martin Luther

RESPONSIBILITY: My rule always was, to do the business of the day in the day. Duke of Wellington

REVOLUTION: In a broad sense, what leaders do is stage revolutions. Noel Tichy

RISK: One does not discover new continents without a willingness to lose sight of the shore for a very long time. Andre Gide, Nobel Prize Winner

RISK: One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore. Andre Gide

SACRIFICE: There are no victories at bargain prices. Dwight D. Eisenhower

SACRIFICE: the important thing is this: to be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we can become. Charles Dubois

SECOND HALF: The one prerequisite for managing the second half of your life: You must begin long before you enter it. Peter Drucker, "Managing Oneself"

SECRETS, LONLINESS: Nothing makes us so lonely as our secrets. Paul Tournier

SECURITY: In his will is our peace. Dante

SEDUCTION: It's the beautiful things that get us. Perhaps the greatest seduction is not the ANTI-GOD but the ALMOST GOD. Shane Claiborne

SELF-AWARENESS: Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, "Where have I gone wrong? Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night." Charles M Schulz

SELF-AWARENESS: Getting to know yourself is extremely difficult. Thales

SELF-AWARENESS: I believe the real difference in America is not between conservatives and liberals, fundamentalists, charismatics, republicans and democrats; the real difference is between the aware and the unaware. Brennan Manning

SELF-AWARENESS: Know thyself. Oracle of Apollo at Delphi

SELF-AWARENESS: Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom. Aristotle

SELF-AWARENESS: the unexamined life is not worth living. Socrates

SELF-AWARENESS: To know oneself, is above all, to know what one lacks. It is to measure oneself against the Truth, and not the other way around. Flannery O'Connor

SELF-AWARENESS: Whenever you find yourself in the majority, it's time to pause and reflect. Mark Twain

SELF-AWARENESS: to know oneself is, above all, to know what one lacks. It is to measure oneself against Truth, and not the other way around. The first product of self-knowledge is humility, and this is not a virtue conspicuous in any national character. Flannery O'Connor, Mystery and Manners

SELF-DECEPTION: it is in the darkness of their eyes that men get lost. Black Elk

SELF-DECEPTION: Nothing is so difficult as not deceiving oneself. Wittgenstein

Self-Discipline: The first and best victory is to conquer self. Plato

SELF-DISCIPLINE: When it comes to self-discipline, people choose one of two things. Either they choose the pain of discipline which comes from sacrifice and growth, or they choose the pain of regret which comes from taking the easy road and missing opportunities. John Maxwell.

SELF-IMPORTANCE: Self-importance is man's greatest enemy. What weakens him is feeling offended by the deeds and misdeeds of his fellow man. Self-importance requires that one spend most of one's life feeling offended by something or someone. Carlos Castaneda

SELFISHNESS: The cause of all sins in every case lies in the person's excessive love of self. Plato, Laws

SELF-LEADERSHIP: He knows not how to rule a Kingdom what cannot manage a Province. Nor can he wield a Province that cannot order a City. Nor can he order a City that knows not how to regulate a Village. Nor he a Village that cannot guide a Family. Nor can that man govern well a Family that knows not how to govern Himself. Hugo Grotius

SELF-LEADERSHIP: You must rule yourself before you rule others. Mark Beliles

SELF-PREOCCUPATION: My generation is introspective at a level somewhere between self-absorption and narcissism. DeYoung, Why We're Not Emergent

SENSE OF HUMOR: There is only one line to be adopted in opposition to all tricks; that is the steady, straight line of duty, tempered by forbearance, levity and good nature. Always try to keep in good humor with the world. Duke of Wellington

SERVANT LEADER: The leader is the servant of his followers in that he removes the obstacles that prevent them from doing their jobs. In short, the true leader enables his or her followers to realize their full potential. Max DePree, Leadership is an Art

SERVANT: One of the indisputable lessons of life is that we cannot get or keep anything for ourselves alone unless we get it for others. Richard Sneed

SERVICE: In the long run no man or woman can really be happy unless he or she is doing service. Happiness springing exclusively from some other cause crumbles in your hands, amounts to nothing. Theodore Roosevelt

SEXUAL SIN: If you think you can't fall into sexual sin, then you're godlier than David, stronger than Samson, and wiser than Solomon. Bill Perkins

SILENCE: Silence is golden when you can't think of a good answer. Muhammad Ali, More Than a Hero

SIMILARITY: Whatever you may be sure of, be sure of this, that you are dreadfully like other people. James Russell Lowell

SIMPLE: I have always studied to be simple. John Calvin

SIMPLICITY: After nearly sixty years of writing history, and also of observing contemporary history makes in action, I am convinced that successful government depends less on intelligence and knowledge than on simplicity - that is the ability to narrow aims to three or four important tasks which are possible, reasonable and communicable. Paul Johnson, Heroes

SIMPLICITY: It is simplicity that makes the uneducated more effective than the educated when addressing popular audiences. Aristotle

SIMPLICITY: simplicity is complexity resolved. Constantin Brancusi, Romanian sculptor

Sin, Roman Empire: Wealth has made us greedy, and self-indulgence has brought us, through every form of sensual excess, to be, if I may so put it, in love with death. Livy, History of Rome

Sin: Devotion to what is wrong is complex and admits of infinite variations. Seneca

SIN: Neither the language of medicine nor of law is adequate substitute for the language of sin. Contrary to the medical model, we are not entirely at the mercy of our maladies. The choice is to enter into the process of repentance. Contrary to the legal model, the essence of sin is not (primarily) the violation of laws but a wrecked relationship with God, one another, and the whole created order. 'All sins are attempts to fill voids,' wrote Simone Weil. Because we cannot stand the God-shaped hole inside of us, we try stuffing it full of all sorts of things, but only God may fill it. Barbara Brown Taylor, Speaking of Sin

SIN: Our lives are not rightly ordered. St. Augustine

SIN: Sin is not simply doing bad things, it is putting good things in the place of God. Tim Keller, The Reason for God

SIN: Sin is the steadfast refusal to be your one true self. Kierkegaard (paraphrase)

SIN: The deep truth about us is that we are all morally flimsy, covertly willing to sell out at some terrible price. Marilyn McCord Adams

SIN: The primary way to define sin is not just the doing of bad things, but the making of good things into ultimate things. It is seeking to establish a sense of self by making something else more central to your significance, purpose and happiness than your relationship to God. Tim Keller, The Reason for God

SIN: You are depraved by prosperity and you cannot be reformed by adversity. St. Augustine

SIN: Sin is the despairing refusal to find your deepest identity in your relationship and service to God. Sin is seeking to become oneself, to get an identity apart from him. Tim Keller, The Reason for God

SIN: Sin is the forgetfulness of God's goodness. Evagrius of Pontus (paraphrase)

SIN: Sin is: in despair not wanting to be oneself before God . . . Faith is: that the self in being itself and wanting to be itself is grounded transparently in God. Kierkegaard

SINCERITY: Always be sincere whether you mean it or not.

SKEPTICISM: The freedom of our day is the freedom to devote ourselves to any values we please, on the mere condition that we do not believe them to be true. Robert Bellah

SKEPTICISM: Something in the human mind says it's hopeless: The existence of God is something that human beings can never entirely discount, or entirely prove. Why torture yourself trying to answer a question like that? Get a hobby. Work out regularly. Eat low fat. Forget about what Yeats called "vague immensities . . ." Yet something deep in your soul says, go ahead. Seek the ultimate answers. Maybe the human brain can actually know some transcendent divinity. Yeah. Good one. Don't hurt yourself, OK? Frank Gannon

Solutions: There is always an easy solution to every human problem – neat, plausible, and wrong. H. L. Mencken

SPEECH/TALKATIVE: A man who takes pleasure in speaking continuously fools himself in thinking he is not unpleasant to those around him. Sophocles

SPEECH: Always when you are about to say anything, first weigh it in your mind; for with many the tongue outruns the thought. Let there be but two occasions for speech – when the subject is one which you know thoroughly and when it is one on which you are compelled to speak. On these occasions alone is speech better than silence; on all others, it is better to be silent than to speak. Isocrates

SPEECH: Nature has given us one tongue and two ears so that we would listen twice as much as we speak. Neno of Elea

SPEECH: Wise is he who can compress many thoughts into few words. Aristophanes

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP: Christian leadership rises from bended knees, tearful eyes, and broken hearts. Joshua Choonmin Kang, Deep-Rooted in Christ

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP: The central question is, are the leaders of the future truly men and women of God, people with an ardent desire to dwell in God's presence, to listen to God's voice, to look at God's beauty, to touch God's incarnate Word and to taste fully God's infinite goodness? Henri Nouwen, In the Name of Jesus

SPIRITUALITY: it is easier to spend your life manipulating an institution than it is to deal with your own soul. Parker Palmer

STATUS QUO, CHANGE: Question the status quo at all times, especially when things are going well. When something goes wrong, you naturally want to do it better the next time, but you must train yourself to want to do it better even when things go right. Failing to do this leads to stagnation and eventual breakdown. Gary Kasparov

STATUS QUO: Leaders conduct planned conflict against the status quo. Hyrun Smith

STATUS QUO: Warren Bennis says he wants to publish books "that disturb the present in the service of a better future."

STEWARDSHIP: Anyone can make a world suffer and cry. It requires no imagination. Child's play, and no challenge at all. But to fix the broken jugs of despair, unkindness, illness and ill fortune – this takes a creative mind. Tanith Lee

STEWARDSHIP: Polishing up the world, making it, where (we) can better. And where we can't, comforting it. Tanith Lee

STORIES: marketing is the act of telling stories about the things we make – stories that sell and stories that spread. Seth Godin, Tribes

STORY: A man is always a teller of tales, he lives surrounded by his stories and the stories of others, he sees everything that happens to him through them; and he tries to live his own life as if were telling a story. Jean-Paul Sartre, Nausea

STORY: We don't need list of rights and wrongs, tables of do's and don'ts. We need books, time, silence. "Thou shalt not" is soon forgotten, but 'Once upon a time lasts forever.'

STORY: Those who control the stories rule the world. Dick Staub, The Culturally Savvy Christian

STORY: To be a person is to have a story to tell. Isak Dinesen

STRANGE: If you haven't found something strange during the day, it hasn't been much of a day. John Wheeler

STRATEGIC PLANNING: it is rarely possible - or even particularly fruitful - to look too far ahead. A plan can usually cover no more than 18 months and still be reasonably clear and specific. So the question in most cases should be - "where and how can I achieve results that will make a difference within the next year and a half?" Peter Drucker, "Managing Oneself"

STRATEGY: Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat. Sun Tzu

STRATEGY: Tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do; strategy is knowing what to do when there is nothing to do. Savielly Tartakower

STRATEGY: The strategist's method is to challenge the prevailing assumptions with a single question: Why? Kenichi Ohmae, Japanese author

STRATEGY: Why is the question that separates visionaries from functionaries, great strategists from mere tacticians. Gary Kasparov

STRENGTH: Weak is the new strong.

STRENGTHS: In my regiment nine-tenths of the men were better horsemen than I was, and probably two-thirds of them better shots than I was, while on the average they were certainly hardier and more enduring. Yet after I had had them a very short while they all knew, and I knew too, that nobody else could command them as well as I could. Theodore Roosevelt

STRESS: Reality is the leading cause of stress amongst those in touch with it. Jane Wagner

STRESS: Stress is an ignorant state. It believes that everything is an emergency. Natalie Goldberg

STRESS: Stress is the non-specific response of the body to any demand for change. Hans Selye, Stress Without Distress

STRESS: Stress tolerance is the skill of holding the world's parade of unpleasant surprises at bay. Marcia Hughes, Emotionally Intelligent Teams

SUCCESS: Here is the task and I have got to do it to the best of my ability; and that is all there is about it. The Theodore Roosevelt Theodore Roosevelt

SUCCESS: The much commoner type of success in every walk of life and in every species of efforts is that which comes to the man who differs from his fellows not by the kind of quality which he possesses but by the degree of development which he has given that quality. This kind of success is open to a

large number of persons, if only they seriously determine to achieve it. It is the kind of success which is open to the average man . . . who has no remarkable mental or physical attributes, but who gets just as much as possible in the way of work out of the aptitudes that he does possess. It is this kind of success that is open to most of us. Yet some of the greatest successes in history have been those of this class.

SUCCESS: the true nature of a nation's success is not gross national product, but gross national happiness.

SUCCESS: Successful people shoot for the stars, put their hearts on the line in every battle, and ultimately discover that the lessons learned from the pursuit of excellence mean much more than the immediate trophies and glory. In the long run, painful losses may prove much more valuable than wins - those who are armed with a healthy attitude and are able to draw wisdom from every experience "good" or "bad," are the ones who make it down the road. They are also the ones who are happier along the way. Josh Waitzkin

SUFFERING: Life brings sorrows and joys alike. It is what a man does with them – not what they do to him – that is the true test of his mettle. Theodore Roosevelt

SUFFERING: They say of our temporal suffering, "No future bliss can make up for it," not knowing that heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory. C.S. Lewis

SUFFERING: Though Christianity does not provide the reason for each experience of pain, it provides deep resources for actually facing suffering with hope and courage rather than bitterness and despair. Tim Keller, [The Reason for God](#)

SUFFERING: We must now preach to men for whom experience has made it obvious that god does not rule. G.C. Berkouwer

SUSPICION: suspicion is dangerous, but that does not mean that we should suspend our suspicions. It means, rather, that we should suspect our suspicions, knowing their danger. Merold Westphal

SYNCRETISM: Christianity doesn't compete with pop culture. It is pop culture. Walter Kim, new York Times columnist

TAKE CHARGE: When in command, take charge.

TALENT: If a man has talent and cannot use it, he has failed. Thomas Wolfe

TALENT: Like the proverbial tree falling in the forest with no one around to hear, talent undiscovered may as well not exist.

TEACHERS: He spoke softly, moved deeply, taught those who were ready to learn. Gems were after thoughts, hidden beneath the breath, and you could pick them up or not - he hardly seemed to care. I was amazed how much of his subtle instruction went unnoticed. Josh Waitzkin

TEAM: It takes great willpower and self-confidence to surround ourselves with smart, talented people who we know will confront us. NO one enjoys being contradicted or corrected. Gary Kasparov

TEAM: personally I have never been able to understand why the head of a big business, whether it be the Nation, the State or the Army, or Navy should not desire to have very strong and positive people under him. Theodore Roosevelt

TEAM: The leader finds greatness in the group. Theodore Roosevelt

TEAMS: I surrounded myself with people who were far more talented and gifted than I was. This was the secret to EDS's success - the multiplier effect of all this talent. Ross Perot

Teamwork: My idea for a team is a whole lot of people doing what I tell them to do. (Sign on a T-shirt)

TELEVISION: Television has achieved the status of "meta-medium" an instrument that directs not only our knowledge of the world but our knowledge of ways of knowing as well. Neil Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death*

TELOS: And so the Spirit sweeps through the universe with resounding, inspiring, and igniting power, evoking the response of renewed vitality until the last day. This is the purpose and action of God. Hildegard of Bingen

TELOS: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. Westminster Shorter Catechism

THEOLOGY: the science of living blessedly forever. John Perkins / J.I. Packer

THEOLOGY: Theology has to stop explaining the world and start transforming it. Jose Miguel Bonino, liberation theologian

THINKING: A great many people think they are thinking when they are really rearranging their prejudices. William James

THINKING: An honest religious thinker is like a tightrope walker. He almost looks as though he were walking on nothing but air. His support is the slenderest imaginable. And yet it really is possible to walk on it. Ludwig Wittgenstein

THINKING: The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be ignited. Plutarch

TIME, EXPOSURE: Time will reveal everything. It is a babler and speaks even when not asked. Euripides

TIME, STRATEGIC: It's not the amount of time that really counts - it's the quality of your study and how you use your time. Becoming a 24/7 fanatic who counts every minute and second isn't going to make you a success. The keys to great preparation are self-awareness and consistency. Gary Kasparov

TIMES: in times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these. Paul Harvey

TIMING: Ninth-tenths of wisdom consists in being right in time. Theodore Roosevelt

TOYS: Gear is to men what jewelry is to women. Dan Allender, Leading Character

TRADITION: Again, friends, do not forget that we are proposing no new principles. The doctrines we preach reach back to the Golden Rule and the Sermon on the Mount. They reach back to the commandments delivered at Sinai. All that we are asking is to apply those doctrines in the shape necessary to make them available for meeting the living issues of our own day. Theodore Roosevelt

TRADITION: Bless their past and they will bless your future. Damn their past, and they will damn your future. Harold Korver, pastor

TRANSFORMATION: The opportunity for conversion is brief, and our lives are littered with missed opportunities. Alan Jones, Soul Making

TRINITY: The doctrine of the Trinity overloads our mental circuits. Despite its cognitive difficulty, however, this astonishing, dynamic conception of the triune God is bristling with profound, wonderful, life-shaping, world-changing implications. Tim Keller, The Reason for God

TRUST: Followers buy in to the leader before anything else. The vision may be compelling, but is the leader worth following? The rewards may be inspiring, but can the leader be trusted? The environment may be inviting, but does the leader care about his or her own people? The resources may be abundant but does the leader have character? Chris Brady

TRUST: Leadership is built on trust; extraordinary leadership is built on extraordinary trust; extraordinary trust is built on a leader's adherence to shared tenets of personal morality. James Strock, Roosevelt

TRUTH/ERROR: Unless one carefully examines in order to ascertain if one's path is the path of truth, the slightest initial distortion later becomes a large distortion. Miyamoto Musashi, The Book of Five Rings

TRUTH: Only by participating in the truth can you share in the meaning of truth. St. Gregory of Sinai

TRUTH: Plato is dear to me, yet dearer is truth. Aristotle

TRUTH: When the dogmatic principle in religion is slighted, religion goes along for a while on generalized emotion and ethical intention . . . and then loses the force of its impulse, then the essence of its being. Lionel Trilling

TV, SPECTATORS: The spectator experience is passive, mesmeric, indiscriminating and therefore, not conducive to the refinement of the critical faculties: logic and imagination; linguistic precision, historical awareness and a capacity for long, intense absorption. Mark Miller, Boxed-In: The Culture of TV

VALUES, SELF-DESTRUCTION: The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life. Theodore Roosevelt

VIRTUE, SELF-AWARENESS: If you wish to become virtuous, first acknowledge that you are not. Epictetus

VIRTUE: Before virtue, Gods have placed sweat. Hesiod

VIRTUE: Virtue is not wronging others, but not wishing to wrong others. Democritus

VIRTUE: Cities must be beautified not with beautiful buildings, but with the virtues of their citizens.
Zeno of Elea

VIRTUES: All the virtues are cultivated by studying and learning. Xenophon

VISION, DIRECTION: You can't really predict exactly what will happen, but you can feel the direction that we're going in. And that's about as close as you can get. Then you just stand back and get out of the way, and these things take on a life of their own. Steve Jobs

VISION/DREAMS: Dreams are answers to questions we haven't yet figured out how to ask. Fox Mulder, X-Files

VISION/DREAMS: If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. Henry David Thoreau

VISION/DREAMS: The dream was always running ahead of me. To catch up, to live for a moment in unison with it, that was the miracle. Anais Nin

VISION: God hates visionary dreaming; it makes the dreamer proud and pretentious. Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

VISION: I dream of things that are not and ask why not. Robert F. Kennedy

VISION: If I had asked my customers what they wanted, they'd have said a faster horse. Henry Ford

VISION: Leaders inspire a shared vision. They gaze across the horizon of time, imagining the attractive opportunities that are in store when they and their constituents arrive at a distant destination. Kouzes and Posner

VISION: Radio has no future. Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible. X-rays will prove to be a hoax. Lord Kelvin, physicist, 1899

VISION: The (atomic) bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosives. Admiral William Leahy

VISION: To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act. Anatole France, French novelist

VISION: To be one of the most well-known and respected organizations in the world known for nurturing and inspiring the human spirit. Starbucks vision

VISION: We need leaders of inspired idealism, leaders to whom are granted great visions, who dream greatly and strive to make their dreams come true; who can kindle the people with the fire from their own burning souls. Theodore Roosevelt

VISION: You must have a long-range vision to keep you from being frustrated by short-term failures. Charles Noble

VISION: If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants. Isaac Newton

VITAL OPTIMISM: Success is for the people at the precipice. The entrepreneurs, innovators, risk takers, and dreamers. We remind you to never stop thinking. Proactively seek out fresh answers. Find partners. Remember that you are only as smart as the people you surround yourself with. Seek out people who are smarter than you are . . . Become cosmonauts of change. Motivate forward. Find your buzz. Remember that life is continual uncovering. Most of all, discover the things that thrill you and do them. In the end, they are the only reason to get up in the morning. Pat Hanlon, Thinktopia creed

VOCATION/WORK: Most of us have jobs that are too small for our spirit. Studs Terkel

VOCATION/WORK: The pitcher cries for water to carry and a person for work that is real. Marge Piercy

VOCATION/WORK: The work exists for the person as much as the person exists for the work. Robert Greenleaf

VOCATION: Vocation does not come from willfulness. It comes from listening. I must listen to my life and try to understand what it is truly about - quite apart from what I would like it to be about - or my life will never represent anything real in the world, no matter how earnest my intentions. That insight is hidden in the word vocation itself, which is rooted in the Latin for "voice." Vocation does not mean a goal that I pursue. It means a calling that I hear. Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling me who I am. Parker Palmer, Let Your Life Speak

VOICE: We forfeit three-fourths of ourselves in order to be like other people. Arthur Schopenhauer

WAR: I hate battles . . . you lose your friends and your best men. Duke of Wellington

WAR: I hope to God I have fought my last battle. It is a bad thing always to be fighting. While I am in the thick of it I am too much occupied to feel anything. But it is wretched just after. It is quite impossible to think of glory. Both mind and feelings are exhausted. I am wretched even at the moment of victory, and I always say that next to a battle lost, the greatest misery is a battle gained. Duke of Wellington

WAY OF CHRIST: The Christian way is different – both harder and easier. Christ says, "Give me ALL. I don't want just this much of your time and this much of your money and this much of your work – so that your natural self can have the rest. I want you. Not your things. I have not come to torture your natural self . . . I will give you a new self instead. Hand over the whole natural self – ALL the desires, not just the ones you think wicked but the ones you think innocent – the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead." The almost impossibly hard thing is to hand over your whole self to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is remain what we call "ourselves" – our personal happiness centered on money or pleasure or ambition – and hoping, despite this, to behave honestly and chastely and humbly. And that is exactly what Christ warned us you cannot do. C.S. Lewis

WEALTH: He who dies wealthy, dies disgraced. Andrew Carnegie

WELLS: If we desire fresh, cool water, we must dig a deeper well. We will not find pure, refreshing water by digging many shallow wells. Twenty-first century humans are masters of digging shallow wells spiritually, intellectually, and creatively, and it is killing us. Dick Staub, The Culturally Savvy Christian

WIFE, MARTYR: What should the wife of saint be called? A martyr? Frank Earl

WISDOM: He who can properly summarize many ideas in a brief statement, is a wise man. Euripides

WISDOM: Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. George Santayana

WISDOM: We are in the Information Age. And it really won't be the quality of information but the quality of interpreting that information that will make the difference.

WISDOM: Wisdom comes at the price of suffering. Aeschylus, Agamemnon

WISDOM: Wisdom comes from good judgment, answered the master. But how does one obtain good judgment asked the apprentice. By experiencing enough bad judgment answered the master.

WISELY STRATEGIC: I see you've been busy. Now tell me what you've accomplished. James A. Autry

WOMEN: I don't think a woman should be in any government job whatsoever . . . mainly because they are erratic. And emotional. Men are erratic and emotional, too, but the point is a woman is more likely to be. President Richard Nixon on why he would not appoint a woman to the Supreme Court

WOMEN: There is a real penalty for a woman who behaves like a man. The men don't like her and the women don't either.

WOMEN: What does a woman want? Freud famously asked. Simple. She wants a partner who cares what she wants, Daniel Goleman famously answered.

WONDER: The sole origin of philosophy is wonder. Socrates

WORDS: Words with me are instruments. I wish to impress upon the people to whom I talk the fact that I am sincere, that I mean exactly what I say, and that I stand for the things that are elemental in civilization. Theodore Roosevelt

WORK ETHIC, INTENTIONALITY: Without the ceaseless work ethic, Michael Jordan is merely another talented athlete gliding through an admirable career, but nothing historic.

WORK ETHIC: I'm a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it. Thomas Jefferson

WORK: Live for your days on, not your days off. Marcia Hughes, Emotionally Intelligent Teams

WORLDVIEW, MORALITY: Declining morality is not the cause of a war of worldviews but evidence of it. During times of titanic cultural upheaval, central moral battles rise to the surface. As the old order passes and a new order rises up, the old moral restraints begin to fall away before the new boundaries have stabilized. Rex Miller, Millennium Matrix

WRINKLES: Age wrinkles the body. Quitting wrinkles the soul. Douglas MacArthur

WRINKLES: You don't get old from living a particular number of years; you get old because you have deserted your ideals. Years wrinkle your skin; renouncing your ideals wrinkles your soul. Worry, doubt, fear, and despair are the enemies which slowly bring us down to the ground and turn us to dust before we die. Douglas MacArthur

WRITING: Unprovided with original learning, uninformed in the habits of thinking, unskilled in the art of composition, I resolved to write a book. Edward Gibbon, the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire

WRITING: Your manuscript is both good and original, but eh part that is good is not original and the part that is original is not good. Samuel Johnson

YES: Those who think "no" is the most powerful word are missing something. "Yes" is the most powerful word. Yes is freeing and inspiring. It means permission. It means possibility. It means you give yourself and others the chance to dream. Saying yes makes you feel good. Howard Behar, It's Not About the Coffee

YOUTH: I see no hope for the future of our people if they depend on the frivolous youth of today, for certainly all youth are reckless beyond words. When I was a boy we were taught to be discreet and respectful of elders, but the present youth are exceedingly wild and impatient of restraint. Greek poet Hesiod, 800 B.C.

YOUTH: When you're young, you don't know what you don't know. We just did it.

ZEAL: Moderation in all things, except in zeal for Christ.