

100 Very Inspirational Positive Quotes

SUCCESS & FAILURE

- "Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure" - *George E Woodberry*
- "To me success can only be achieved through repeated failure and introspection. In fact, success represents 1% of your work that results from the 99% that is called failure." – *Henry Ford*
- "Would you like me to give you a formula for success? It's quite simple, really. Double your rate of failure. You are thinking of failure as the enemy of success. But it isn't at all. You can be discouraged by failure -- or you can learn from it. So go ahead and make mistakes. Make all you can. Because remember that's where you will find success." - *Thomas J Watson*
- "You haven't failed until you quit trying." - *Unknown*
- "I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward." - *Thomas A. Edison*
- "Use the past as a guide for the future, not an excuse for not dealing with it." - *Patricia Fripp*
- "The road of success is like running up an escalator going down, you need to keep running, if you walk, you stand still, if you stop you are going down!" - *Anneloes Zuiderveen*
- "You'll succeed best when you put the restless, anxious side of affairs out of mind, and allow the restful side to live in your thoughts." - *Margaret Stowe*
- "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." - *Einstein*
- "The starting point of all achievement is desire. Keep this constantly in mind. Weak desires bring weak results, just as a small amount of fire makes a small amount of heat." – *Napoleon Hill*
- "Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose." - *Bill Gates*
- "Laziness is a secret ingredient that goes into failure. But it's only kept a secret from the person who fails." - *Robert Half*
- "Ninety-nine percent of failures come from people who have a habit of making excuses." - *George Washington Carver*
- "Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it." - *Margaret Thatcher*

- "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose." - *Lyndon B. Johnson*
- "The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone." - *Harriet Beecher Stowe*
- "People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them." - *George Bernard Shaw*
- "I think that sometimes the difference between winning and losing, success and failure, is this gray line between will, passion and self-belief that says, 'I'm going to do this'." - *Howard Schultz*
- "The only way to fail is to fail to try." - *Jacqueline McLarens*
- "I do not believe in a fate that falls on men however they act, but I believe in a fate that falls on men unless they act." - *G.K. Chesterton*
- "You can't push anyone up the ladder unless he is willing to climb himself." - *Andrew Carnegie*
- "The results you're achieving are the ones you've learned to achieve and if you want to change those results, then you must change the thinking and behavior that's responsible for them." - *Paul Counsel*
- "All blame is a waste of time. No matter how much fault you find with another, and regardless of how much you blame him, it will not change you. The only thing blame does is to keep the focus off you when you are looking for external reasons to explain your unhappiness or frustration. You may succeed in making another feel guilty about something by blaming him, but you won't succeed in changing whatever it is about you that is making you unhappy." - *Wayne Dyer*
- "Don't try to great in all things. Pick a few things to be good at and be the best you can." - *Liz Ashe*
- "The difference between a successful person and others is not lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." - *Vincent T. Lombardi*
- "The only real limitation on your abilities is the level of your desires. If you want it badly enough, there are no limits on what you can achieve." - *Brian Tracy*
- "The successful person makes a habit of doing what the failing person doesn't like to do." - *Thomas Edison*

RISK, ADVERSITY & OPPORTUNITY

- "There's no scarcity of opportunity to make a living at what you love. There is only a scarcity of resolve to make it happen." - *Wayne Dyer*
- "Luck is when preparation meets opportunity" - *Brian Tracy*
- "Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." - *T.S. Elliot*

- "The greatest success stories were created by people who recognized a problem and turned it into an opportunity." - *Joseph Sugarman*
- "You must learn how to handle difficulty; it always comes after opportunity." - *Jim Rohn*
- "Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them." - *Ann Landers*
- "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." - *Anne Brads*
- "If you don't risk anything, you risk even more." - *Erica Jong*
- "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy." - *Martin Luther King*
- "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*
- "Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is a daring adventure or nothing at all." - *Helen Keller*

COURAGE

- "Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared." - *Eddie Rickenbacker*

DREAMS, BELIEFS & VISIONS

- "If you believe you can, you probably can. If you believe you won't, you most reassuredly won't. Belief is the ignition switch that gets you off the launching pad." - *Denis Waitley*
- "Believe it can be done. When you believe something can be done, really believe, your mind will find ways to do it. Believing a solution paves the way to solution." - *Dr David Schwartz*
- "Dreams are extremely important. You can't do it unless you imagine it." - *George Lucas*
- "You'll see it, when you believe it." - *Dr Wayne Dyer*
- "No one knows exactly where thought comes from, but it can be said that thought comes from the same place as whatever it is that beats our heart. It comes from being alive." - *Richard Carlson*
- "What you see depends mainly on what we look for." - *Sir John Lubbock*
- "Someone once asked me what is the hardest part about creating what you want? My reply was "Learning to stop figuring out how you will get what you want." - *Jim Rohn*
- "To have no vision of your own means living the vision of someone else." - *Laurie Beth Jones*

- "Before a painter put brush to canvas, he sees his picture mentally ... If you think of it in terms of a painting, what do you see? Is the picture you think worth painting? ... You create yourself in the image you hold in your mind." - *Thomas Dreier*
- "I can tell you how to get what you want: You've got to keep a thing in view and go for it and never let your eyes wonder to the left or right or up or down. And looking back is fatal." - *William J Lock*
- "Formulate and stamp indelibly on your mind a mental picture of yourself as succeeding. Hold this picture tenaciously. Never permit it to fade. Your mind will seek to develop that picture... Do not build up obstacles in your imagination." - *Norman Vincent Peale*
- "Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out if they've got a second. Give your dreams all you've got and you'll be amazed at the energy that comes out of you." - *William James*
- "Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts." - *J.W. Goethe*
- "The state of your life is nothing but a reflection of the state of your mind." - *Dr Wayne Dyer*

POTENTIAL

- "You wonder from room to room. Hunting for the diamond necklace that is already around your neck!" - *Jalal-Uddin Rumi*
- "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great makes you feel that you, too can become great." - *Mark Twain*
- "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared with what lies within us." - *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- "We are what we repeatedly do." - *Aristotle*
- "Of all the judgments we pass in life, none is as important as the one we pass on ourselves." - *Unknown*

DETERMINATION & ACTION

- "What you have to do and the way you have to do it is incredibly simple. Whether you're willing to do it, that's another matter." - *Peter Drucker*
- "Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do." - *Johann von Goethe*
- "Everyone who has taken a shower has an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off and does something about it that makes a difference." - *Nolan Bushnell*
- "There are three types of people in this world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened." - *Mary Kay Ash*
- "You've got to get up every morning with determination, if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction" - *George Lorimer*

- "To avoid criticism... Do nothing... Say nothing... Be nothing!" - *Elbert Hubbard*
- "A man who dares to waste one hour of life has not discovered the value of life." - *Charles Darwin*
- "Luck is a dividend of sweat. The more you sweat, the luckier you get." - *Ray Croc*
- "Action may not always be happiness, but there is no happiness without action." - *Benjamin Disraeli*
- "If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain." - *Jimmy Durante*
- "To make progress you must actually get started. The key is to take a step today." - *Jim Rohn*
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- "Not only strike when the iron is hot, but make it hot by striking." - *Oliver Cromwell*
- "The person who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." - *Anonymous*
- "All speech is vain and empty unless it is accompanied by action." - *Demosthenes*
- "Persistence: Fall down seven times, stands up eight." - *Japanese Proverb*
- "Remember always that it is your concentrated purpose [determination] to reach what you want, your faith that you WILL reach what you want and you're doing successfully everything you have to do which keeps you moving towards your goal" - *W.D. Wattles*
- "Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all, confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this something, at whatever cost, must be attained." - *Marie Curie*
- "It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste time." - *Henry Ford*
- "The act of taking the first step is what separates the winners from the losers." - *Brian Tracy*
- "Discipline isn't on your back needling you with imperatives. It is at your side encouraging you with incentives." - *Cybil Stanton*
- "Sometimes you must fight and win, just because all the pain and suffering you experienced up to this point on your quest would be rendered futile if you were to surrender now." - *Alvin Day*

LIFE

- "When life's problems seem overwhelming, look around and see what others are coping with. You may consider yourself fortunate." - *Ann Landers*

- "Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." - *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- "How am I going to live today in order to create the tomorrow I'm committed to?" - *Anthony Robbins*
- "We are not animals. We are not a product of what has happened to us in the past. We have the power of choice." - *Stephen Covey*
- "Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present." - *Zig Ziglar*
- "You are what you are today because of the choices you made in the past." - *Jim Rohn*
- "When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive -- to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love." - *Marcus Aurelius*

FOCUS

- "Nothing can add more power to your life than concentrating all of your energies on a limited set of targets" - *Nido Qubein*
- "Rowing harder doesn't help if the boat is headed in the wrong direction." - *Kenichi Ohmae*

PASSION

- "If you aren't fired by enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm." - *Vince Lombardi*
- "It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving." - *Mother Teresa*
- "When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way." - *Wayne Dyer*
- "Do what you love to do and commit to doing it in an excellent fashion." - *Brian Tracy*

OTHER WORDS OF WISDOM

- "Reading without reflection is like eating without digestion." - *Edmund Burke*
- "Most people are too busy earning a living to make any money." - *Unknown*
- "The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own." - *Benjamin Disraeli*
- "Self esteem is the reputation we gain within ourselves." - *Nathaniel Branden*
- "The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work." - *Robert Frost*
- "I used to say 'I sure hope things will change.' Then I learned that the only way things are going to change for me is when I change." - *Jim Rohn*

- "Every truth passes through three stages before it is recognized. In the first, it is ridiculed. In the second, it is opposed. In the third, it is regarded as self evident." - *Arthur Schopenhauer*

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