



Sayings & quotes from history

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**"I'd rather have 1% of 100 peoples efforts than 100% of my own"**

**Andrew Carnegie**

**Guiding philosophy of GlobalTeamsDirect**

**20 Letters 10 words**

**1 powerful message**

If it is to be, it is up to me.

Attributed to William H Johnsen

# **It Couldn't Be Done**

**Somebody said that it couldn't be done  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That maybe it couldn't but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he tried  
So he buckled right down with the trace of a grin  
On his face, if worried he hid it  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done and he did it.**

**Somebody scoffed, "Oh, you'll never do that  
At least no one has ever done it,"  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin  
Without any doubt or quibble  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done and he did it**

**There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done  
There are thousands to prophesy failure  
There are thousands to point out to you one by one  
The dangers that wait to assail you  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin  
Just take off your coat and get to it  
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done" and you'll do it.**

**Anon**

# **Habit**

**I am your constant companion.**

**I am your greatest helper or heaviest burden**

**I will push you onward or drag you down to failure.**

**I am completely at your command.**

**Half the things you do you might as well turn over to me and**

**I will be able to do them quickly and correctly.**

**I am easily managed – you must merely be firm with me.**

**Show me exactly how you want something done and after a  
few lessons I will do it automatically.**

**I am the servant of all great men: and alas, of all failures, as  
well.**

**Those who are great, I have made great.**

**Those who are failures, I have, made failures.**

**I am not a machine, though I work with all the precision of a  
machine plus the intelligence of a man.**

**You may run me for a profit or run me fro ruin – it makes no  
difference to me.**

**Take me, train me, be firm with me, and I will place the  
world at you feet.**

**Be easy with me and I will destroy you.**

**Who am I? I am habit!**

**Anonymous**

## **Persistence**

**Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out,  
Don't give up though the race seems slow,  
You may succeed with another blow.**

**Success is failure turned inside out,  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And they never can tell how close you are,  
It may near when it seems so far.  
So stick to the fights when you're hardest hit,  
It's when things seem worse,  
That you must not quit.**

**Author unknown**

# **My Wage**

**I bargained with Life for a penny,  
And life would pay no more,  
However I begged at evening,  
When I counted my scanty store;**

**For life is a just employer,  
He gives you what you ask,  
But once you have set the wages,  
Why, you must bear the task.**

**I worked for a menial's hire,  
Only to learn, dismayed,  
That any wage I had asked of Life,  
Life would have gladly paid.**

**Jessie B. Rittenhouse**

# **Excellence can be attained if you...**

- **Care more than others think is wise**
- **Risk more than others think is safe**
- **Dream more than others think is practical**
- **Expect more than others think is possible.**

Source the Maverick Report

The only limit to our realisation of  
tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

Attributed to Franklin D. Roosevelt

**'Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?'**

**'That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,' said the Cat.**

**'I don't much care where - - ' said Alice.**

**'Then it doesn't matter which way you go,' said the Cat.**

**Lewis Carroll**

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

# **Simplicity**

**By understanding the simplex we can understand the complex.**

**We increase our understanding of any subject by progressing from the simple to the complex.**

**When we divide the complex into simple parts no project is too difficult.**

**The key to mastery is simplicity.**

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**The common conception is that motivation leads to action,  
but the reverse is true – action precedes motivation.**

**You have to “prime the pump” and get the juices flowing,  
which motivates you to work on your goals.**

**Getting momentum going is the most difficult part of the job,  
and often taking the step is enough to prompt you to make  
the best of your day.**

**Robert J. McKain**

**If we began life with the wisdom of age many paths would have been different. Why then are we so often blind to the wisdom of those who have gone before us.**

**If the passing of time and experience is the food of wisdom why do so many not savour the fare and benefit from its nourishment.**

# **Responsibility**

**The power to fulfil our dreams is within reach of each of us.**

**We alone have the responsibility to shape our lives.**

**When we understand this, we know that nothing and no one,  
can deny us greatness.**

**We are the ones pushing ourselves forward or holding  
ourselves back.**

**The power to succeed or fail is ours alone.**

## Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, & remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many people strive for high ideals; and everywhere the world is full of heroism.

Be yourself, especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of Spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you the, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be Happy.

By Max Ehrmann 1872-1945