

It is when we all play safe that we create a world of utmost insecurity.

Dag Hammarskjold

# seize the hour and seize the day"

Let yourself be wild and crazy. It is one of the surest ways to stay sane.

It is easy to be brave from a safe distance.  
Aesop

●Find a cruel man and you see a coward.  
—Ancient Proverb

The hopeful man sees success where others see failure, sunshine where others see shadows and storm.

—O. S. Marden

●Do only what is required of you and remain a slave. Do more than is required and become free.

The Fruit . . . Don't be afraid to go out on a limb for God; that's where the fruit is

●If you think you're confused, consider poor Columbus. He didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. And when he got back he didn't know where he'd been.  
—Bits & Pieces

*"Are you ready to throw in the towel? Don't. Hang in there. You will prevail. Not because you are tough but because you are on God's side."*

## Defy mediocrity.

To be is to be vulnerable.

Even a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

Chinese Proverb

The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.  
—Walter Bagehot (1826-1877)

IF THERE is anything the nonconformist hates worse than a conformist it's another nonconformist who doesn't conform to the prevailing standards of nonconformity.

BILL VAUGHAN

Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie!" till you can  
fir One man with courage makes a majority.  
—Andrew Jackson

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

*Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared to believe that something inside them was superior to any outward circumstances.*

—Bruce Barton

Where all men think alike, no one thinks very much.  
—Walter Lippmann

To travel hopefully is better than to arrive.  
—Sir James Jeans

History is the record of an encounter between character and circumstance.  
—Donald Creighton

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

Take a chance! All life is a chance. The man who goes furthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare.  
—Dale Carnegie's Scrapbook, edited by Dorothy Carnegie (Simon & Schuster)

To see what is right and not to do it, is want of courage.  
—Confucius

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—Walter Lippmann, used with permission of Harvard University

—Better try to do something  
And fail in the deed  
Than try to do nothing  
And always succeed.

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.

George S. Patton

If you are cut down in a movement that is meant to save a nation, nothing could be more redemptive.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

**FEAR IS  
THE REASON  
THAT PEOPLE  
STAY SILENT**

Security is mostly superstition.

-Helen Keller

That which comes into the world to disturb nothing deserves neither respect nor patience.

René Char

## Courage, Faith Help Rebuild

Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid.

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

To be is to be vulnerable.

-Norman O. Brown

## Holy Fools Fight the Odd

THERE'S NOTHING TOUGHER TO OVERCOME ( THAN A SENSE OF PURPOSE) EVEN AMONG HUMANS

● Jim Elliot, martyr: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose."

● There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering.

-Theodore Roosevelt

● The wise man does not expose himself needlessly to danger, since there are few things for which he cares sufficiently; but he is willing, in great crises, to give even his life - knowing that under certain conditions it is not worthwhile to live.

-Aristotle

● Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.

-George Washington

● I would rather fail in a cause that someday will triumph than to win in a cause that I know someday will fail.

-Woodrow Wilson

● Character is a victory, not a gift.

● A precious stone, though it falls into the mire, does not thereby lose its brilliance.

-Malay Proverbs

● The measure of a man's character is what he would do, if he knew he would never be found out.

-Macaulay

**I feel guilty because  
of the person I've  
been, but I'm trying  
change. How can I  
find the strength to  
stick with it?**

True courage is not the brutal force of vulgar heroes, but the firm resolve of virtue and reason.

- Paul Whitehead

The biggest sin is sitting on your ass.

- Florynce Kenne

Nothing would be done at all if a man waited till he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it.

John Henry Newman

We must overcome the notion that we must be regular . . . it robs you of the chance to be extraordinary and leads you to the mediocre.

ACTRESS UTA HAWORTH

# Fight Against the Dying of the Light

**Winner Versus Loser**

1. A winner says, "Let's find out"; a loser says, "Nobody knows."
2. When a winner makes a mistake, he says, "I was wrong." When a loser makes a mistake, he says, "It wasn't my fault."
3. A winner goes through a problem; a loser goes around it, and never gets past it.
4. A winner makes commitments; a loser makes promises.
5. A winner says, "I'm good, but not as good as I ought to be." A loser says, "I'm not as bad as a lot of other people are."

6. A winner tries to learn from those who are superior to him. A loser tries to tear down those who are superior to him.
7. A winner says, "There ought to be a better way to do it." A loser says, "That's the way it's always been done here."

—Mile-Hi Evangelist

You must do the thing you think you cannot do.  
—Eleanor Roosevelt

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.  
G. C. Lirk

A timid person is frightened before a danger, a coward during the time, and a courageous person afterwards.  
—Jean Paul Richter (1763–1825)

●A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.

to  
the degree that  
we have a fixed approach,  
a rote set of responses  
to things,  
we limit ourselves  
to a small  
fraction  
of our potential  
H.C. LYON JR.

There's one thing missing in you

Boss.

A touch of madness!

Unless you cut the string,

You'll never really live.

There are  
essentially  
Four kinds of Risk:

- The risk one must accept.
- The risk one can afford to take.
- The risk one cannot afford to take.
- The risk one cannot afford not to take.

Peter Drucker

I am only one,  
But still I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But I can do something;  
And because I cannot do everything  
I will not refuse to do  
The something that I can do.

EDWARD E. HALE

“To travel hopefully  
is a better thing  
than to arrive.”

Robert Louis Stevenson  
(1850-1894)  
"El Dorado"

Risk . . . Go out on a limb -- that's where the fruit is!  
Will Rogers

# Walk a 'Different Path'

The problem is "doing nothing when you're afraid." Take a chance, she suggests. "Grace comes with that one step—and you get the grace as you step."

Lead Thou me on,  
Keep Thou my feet;  
I do not ask to see the distant scene;  
One step enough for me.

John Henry Newman

Coward: A man in whom the instinct of self-preservation acts normally.  
—Sultana Zoraya

Courage is grace under pressure.  
—Ernest Hemingway

Perfect valor is to do unwitnessed what we should be capable of doing before all the world.  
—Duc de La Rochefoucauld (1613–1680)

**HELEN KELLER** 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 either a daring adventure or nothing.

Abba Anthony said - The time is coming when people will be insane, and when they see someone who is not insane, they will attack that person saying - You are insane because you are not like us -

A frontier is never a place; it is a time and a way of life. Frontiers pass, but they endure in their people. —Hal Borland, *High, Wide and Lonesome* (Lippincott)

●Fear not that your life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning.

—John Henry Newman

The paradox of courage is that a man must be a little careless of his life even in order to keep it. *G. K. Chesterton*

*To feel that you have done what should be done raises you in your own eyes.*

EUGENE DELACROIX

*Do Not lose your courage  
We are not people who turn back and  
are lost. Instead, we have faith and are  
saved. Hebrews 10*

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—John Henry Newman

Courage is walking naked through a cannibal village. —Leonard Louis Levinson

The only courage that matters is the kind that gets you from one moment to the next. —Mignon McLaughlin

**“A Life of Safety Is No Life At All”**

*People who dream impossible dreams and strive to achieve them raise man's stature a fraction of an inch in the process, whether they win or lose.*

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**R**isks

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.  
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.  
To reach out for another is to risk involvement.  
To express feeling is to risk expressing your true self.  
To place your ideas, your dreams before the crowd is to risk their loss.  
To love is to risk being loved in return.  
To live is to risk dying.  
To hope is to risk despair.  
To try is to risk failure.  
But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, and is nothing.  
He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he simply cannot learn, feel, change, love, grow, live.  
Chained by his certitude, he is a slave: he has forfeited freedom.  
Only a person who risks is free. —Author unknown

**No Stopping Them**

When a man is determined, what can stop him? Cripple him and you have a SIR WALTER SCOTT; put him in a prison cell and you have JOHN BUNYAN; bury him in the snows of Valley Forge and you have a GEORGE WASHINGTON. Have him born in abject poverty and you have a LINCOLN. Load him with bitter racial prejudice and you have a DISRAELI.

Afflict him with asthma until as a he lies choking in his father's arms you have a THEODORE ROOSEVELT stab him with rheumatic pains until years he cannot sleep without an op and you have a STEINMETZ; put him grease pit of a locomotive roundhouse and you have a WALTER CHRYSLER make him a second fiddle in an obscure South American orchestra and you have TOSCANINI.

●Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the mastery of it.

●Said William Penn: "Right is right even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."

●Oh, do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for power equal to your tasks.

**Walk on the  
wild side**

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY An athlete was blinded in a freak boxing accident. The doctors told him, "You'll never see again." The social workers said, "Learn braille, stay home, accept the fact that you will be dependent on others for the rest of your life." But Morris Frank fought to regain his independence. The result was the development of "The Seeing Eye," the organization which trains seeing eye dogs for the blind. Tragedies remain tragedies only when we choose to allow them to remain as such.

Dwayne Northrop, Calvary Baptist Church, Salinas, CA.

DIFFERENT

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## I AM STRONG, COURAGEOUS, CONFIDENT.

### Courage

Many times the answer to some need lies in following through on guidance received in prayer. We may know what we should do, but feel immobilized by fear. If so, now is the time to take heart and know that the Christ Spirit within continually supplies us with courage, confidence, and strength.

Let us see ourselves as courageous, capable, and decisive. We have the power and the inner resources to mold and shape the course of our lives. We begin to take control first with the inner acceptance and approval of who we are. This attitude imbues us with strength and gives birth to the courage and confidence needed to say *yes* to life. Whatever the need before us, we are capable of meeting it and transforming it into a steppingstone to greater growth and good. We are spiritual beings of strength, courage, and confidence.

*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew  
their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.*

—Isa. 40:31

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Will Rogers

Strength . . . is the ability to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands -- and then eat just one of the pieces.  
Bits and Pieces

Difficulty . . . "Gentlemen, when you are face to face with a difficulty, you are against a discovery." Lord Kelvin

ATTITUDE People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin but to give up interest wrinkles the soul.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage -- so long are you young.

When your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then and only then are you grown old -- and then, indeed, as the ballad says, you just fade away.

I give up unproductive thinking and admit fearlessness.  
I AM FEARLESS, FOR I PLACE MY EXPECTATION  
ON THE DIVINE PRESENCE AND POWER  
WITHIN ME.

Fearless

In reading the 14th chapter of Matthew, I am reminded that Peter was able to walk on water only as long as he focused his attention on Jesus and not on fear about the instability of the water beneath him. Peter was able to do the seemingly impossible as a fearless follower of Jesus Christ.

I keep this example in mind and focus on the Christ within me. I am uplifted in thought to beholding the good in myself, others, and the situations and circumstances of my life.

Free from fear, I am also free to explore new and enriching opportunities. My trust and confidence is in the Christ presence that upholds me in positiveness wherever I go and whatever I do.

*"Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid."*  
—Isa. 12:2.

If we are to be happy, we must first react against our tendency to follow the line of least resistance, which causes us to remain as we are, or to look primarily to activities external to ourselves for what will provide new impetus to our lives. Pierre Teilhard De Chardin

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AUTHOR UNKNOWN

*Most well-trodden paths lead nowhere.*

# Fish or Cut Bait

## Never Say Die!

You can always better your best. You don't know what you can do until you try. Nothing will come of nothing. If you don't go out on a limb, you are never going to get the fruit. There is no failure except in

### Whatever Happened to the Enraged for Life?

### What Is The Real Counter Culture Of Our Time?

# ARE YOU BORING?

I AM FEARLESS AND UNDAUNTED.  
I GO TO MEET MY GOOD.

Fearless

To know that good awaits me around every bend and beyond every rise is to banish fear from my mind. To hold to the promise of God's good always before me is to lay to rest any feeling of fear or anxiety about what the next hour, day, or year holds in store for me. God is with me now and throughout eternity; there is nothing to fear.

I am fearless and undaunted. I know that I live in God's friendly universe, surrounded by loving hearts and smiling faces. I feel at ease and secure wherever I go. I trust in God and find His loving presence in all people, in all places, and in all things.

I go to meet my good. As I daily listen for God's direction and guidance, I am assured of right actions and outcomes. I know that God is with me always, leading me into greater and greater good.

*"It is the Lord who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed."*—Deut. 31:8

**WHAT TO FEAR** "Fear not that your life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning."  
Cardinal Newman.

True strength is delicate.

—Louise Nevelson

I STAND FIRM ON THE TRUTH OF GOD.

Stand Firm

My life, affairs, and everyday living are built on the permanent foundation of God's Truth. I stand firm on the Truth of God.

In the midst of seeming disorder within my family, workplace, or world, I stand firm on the Truth of God's order. God is the only power active in my life. I do not yield my thinking or activity to the influence of fear.

I do not give symptoms of apparent physical challenges the power over my thoughts or body. I stand firm on the Truth of God's perfect life within me. I call forth this perfection with affirmations for perfect health.

Although others may see me as expressing less than my full potential, I do not become discouraged. I stand firm on the Truth of God as my constant guide, leading me to the full expression of my potential.

I do not look to material wealth or the lack of it as a gauge to my prosperity. I stand firm on the Truth of God as the one source of all good, which is always available to me.

*The truth of Christ is in me.*—II Cor. 11:10

I AM STRONG, HEALTHY, VIGOROUS, AND HAPPY.

Strength

We have all had the experience of being faced with a seemingly impossible challenge and, in the midst of it, discovered extraordinary strength to overcome. From where or whom does this unlimited strength come? All strength comes from God.

What a joy and a privilege it is to rediscover that which we have overlooked all too often—divine power, energy, and strength within. Realizing our oneness with God and divine attributes, let us now affirm with enthusiasm: "I am strong, healthy, vigorous, and happy." We say these words, believe them, and realize new strength, health, vigor, and joy in every fiber of our beings.

We are strong, healthy, vigorous, and happy! These words of victory resound throughout our entire beings and return as a silent prayer of thanksgiving to God, the source of all strength and health and vigor.

*God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.*—Psalms 73:26

Today I receive and share the gift of faith.

I STAND FIRM IN MY FAITH IN GOD.

Stand Firm

Standing firm in our faith in God, we hold steadfastly to divine ideas such as health, wisdom, and prosperity.

We continue to stand firm, for we know that the good we are seeking to express is even now seeking to be expressed by us. We know that no person or circumstance can impede our expression of the truth to which we are holding.

Standing firm in our faith in God brings rich rewards of prosperous living, vibrant health, and loving relationships. We can achieve our heart's desires through faith-filled thinking, affirming, and living.

Today is the day for steadfastness in Truth. Today is the day for faithful, God-centered thoughts. Today is the day to realize success in the expression of divine ideas. Today is the day to stand firm, sure, and certain in our faith in God.

*"Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today."*—Exod. 14:13



“Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.”

**Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)**

When, because of love, we face the painful situations we don't run we don't turn our back we don't shrink or make excuses, we face them—in that moment we are totally transformed.

*to understand  
life and history  
according  
to the meaning  
given it by Christ  
& to  
be able to survey  
the cross of  
any present  
or the peril of any  
future, without  
sinking into despair.*

*Reinhold Niebuhr*

GLADSTONE gave no evidence of unusual ability as a boy. NAPOLEON stood forty-second in his class at the military academy; but who ever heard of the other forty one? PATRICK HENRY was a lazy boy, uninterested in study; he failed at business, at farming, and again in business; then he tried law, and American history tells the rest of the story.

DARWIN, the scientist, could never master any language; his father accused him of being interested only in dogs, shooting, and rat-catching, and said he would be a disgrace to the family.

HENRY WARD BEECHER, as a boy, was a "poor writer, a miserable speller, with a thick utterance and a bashful reticence which people took for stolid stupidity." BOOKER T. WASHINGTON was born a slave, had an early life of most unusual struggle, and became one of the most valued educators of his time. GRANT had a dismal time as a tanner and a farmer, and found himself in distinguished military service.

told the guards that he was alone in the world and would be willing to die instead of the sergeant. A few weeks later Rev. Kolbe died from starvation and a dose of carbolic acid.

Cajowniczek survived the rigors of Auschwitz and was reunited with his loved ones at the end of the war. At the 1972 ceremonies he spoke with moving simplicity. He said he wanted to express his thanks for the gift of life he received, and wanted to honor Rev. Kolbe for his heroic sacrifice.

**Substitute At Auschwitz**  
In October, 1972 a crowd of 150,000 Europeans gathered between the barracks and crematories of the Auschwitz extermination camp to honor a man who gave his life to save a fellow prisoner. The martyr was Rev. Maximillian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest, who stepped forward to take the place of Sgt. Franciszek Gajowniczek. It happened in July, 1941. Gajowniczek had been selected at random by Nazi guards to die.

When the victim pleaded for his life, so that he might see his wife and children, the priest stepped forward and offered to take the doomed man's place. Rev. Kolbe

**FLIGHT FROM FEAR:**

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. The road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. And the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road through I may know nothing about it. Will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

“Our whole way of life today is dedicated to the removal of risk.”

**Shirley Temple Black**  
(1928- )  
Quoted in *The Sinking of the Lollipop*, by Rodney G. Minott

“Sometimes even to live is an act of courage.”

**Seneca**  
(4 B.C.-A.D. 65)  
*Letters to Lucilius*



I need HOPE if I am to have COURAGE. I need COURAGE to RISK. I need to RISK if I am to ACCOMPLISH. I need to ACCOMPLISH something worthy of me if I am to have HOPE.

HOPE IS BORN OF CARING . . .

"In the sense in which a person can ever be said to be at home in the world, the person is at home not through dominating, or explaining, or appreciating, but through caring and being cared for."

●John Wesley: "Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I will shake the world."

●The few words Churchill used to encourage the English people during World War II could be used appropriately in a commencement speech. He said: "This is not the end, this is not even the beginning of the end. This is just the end of the beginning."

#### Roosevelt's Stamina

President Theodore Roosevelt offers one of the best examples of a man overcoming terrific handicaps. Born with weak eyes, he nevertheless became a keen-eyed hunter, a wide-ranged reader, and a skilled naturalist. Although he lost the use of one ear, he could distinguish the calls of many birds. With a body wracked by pain, Roosevelt kept working at his correspondence until he fainted. Cripples will take heart when they hear what the Rough Rider said when his physician told him in the last month of his life that he might be confined to his

chair for the remainder of his days: "All right!" said Teddy. "I can live that way!"

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“The first and great commandment is: Don't let them scare you.”

**Elmer Davis** (1890–1958)

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“Don't play for safety. It's the most dangerous thing in the world.”

**Hugh Walpole** (1884–1941)

Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it will achieve. Dream great dreams and make them come true. Do it now.

I have never been especially impressed by the heroics of people convinced that they are about to change the world. I am more awed by the heroism of those who are willing to struggle to make one small difference after another.

ELLEN GOODMAN

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“What is a rebel? A man who says no.”

**Albert Camus** (1913–1960)

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“Don't listen to those who say, 'It's not done that way.' . . . Don't listen to those who say, 'You're taking too big a chance.' Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor, and it would surely be rubbed out by today.”

**Neil Simon** (1927–)

If one is forever cautious, can one remain a human being?

*Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*

Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.

*Satchel Paige*

Worry . . . is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.

“There ain’t NO way to be out in front  
Without showing your tail  
To the horse behind.”

**Langston Hughes**  
(1902–1967)  
“A Letter from Baltimore”

*to hope means  
to be ready  
at every moment  
for that which  
is not yet born...  
those whose hope is weak  
settle down  
for comfort  
or for violence;  
those whose hope is strong  
see and cherish all signs  
of new life  
and are ready at every moment  
to help the birth  
of that which  
is ready to be born.*

*Erich Fromm*

**WHO SAYS HELL-RAISING  
HAS GONE OUT OF STYLE?**

“Courage is grace  
under pressure.”

**Ernest Hemingway** (1898–1961)

“Tell a man he is  
brave, and you help  
him to become so.”

**Thomas Carlyle** (1795–1881)

#### Greatness From Adversity

JOHN KEATS live just twenty-six years, yet his poetry will live forever, much of it equal to that of Shakespeare. FRANZ SCHUBERT died at thirty-one. In those thirty-one years he wrote more than 110 musical compositions, more than sixty of them lyric songs.

Here is a boy so ugly and ridiculously clothed that he was tormented by his schoolmates. He spent his time reading to forget his misery. At eighteen he worked as a bricklayer. But he finally won the acclaim and esteem of England. He was honored by Queen Elizabeth and decorated by King James. His name was BEN

JOHNSON, and he was one of the most brilliant playwrights England ever produced.

Here is a morbid, sensitive son of a poor preacher. He was regarded as a stupid blockhead in the village school. When he finally got a degree from college, he was the lowest on the list. He was rejected for the ministry. He tried law with the same result. He borrowed a suit of clothes to take an examination as a hospital mate, failed, and pawned his clothes. He lived in garrets, failing at everything he tried. Only one thing he wanted to do—write. This he did and rose

above the handicaps of illness, poverty, and obscurity to high rank among the greatest writers of all time. His name was OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

THOMAS EDISON lost most of his hearing at about eight years of age, but he gave us the electric light, phonograph, movies and over a hundred other useful inventions.

There was another man who had terrible hemorrhages of the lungs, and he almost died several times from coughing spells. Yet, while he was an invalid, he gave us at least two masterpieces, *Treasure Island* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. He was ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

“Courage is the  
secret of power.”

**Homer**  
(9th century B.C.)  
*The Iliad*

“He has half the  
deed done, who has  
made a beginning.”

**Horace** (65–8 B.C.)

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Because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
The man, the woman, who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, is nothing.

“Innovators are inevitably controversial.”

**Eva Le Gallienne**  
(1899- )  
*The Mystic in the Theatre:*  
*Eleonora Duse*

“There is no such thing as security. There never has been.”

**Germaine Greer**  
(1939- )  
*The Female Eunuch*

To accomplish great things, you must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe. If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost—but put foundations under them. Yes you can. Believing is magic.

*The most glorious moments in your life are not the so-called days of success, but rather those days when out of dejection and despair you feel rise in you a challenge to life, and the promise of future accomplishments.*

FLAUBERT

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.

Mark Twain

One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.

André Gide

*You cannot ever succeed if  
you are not willing to  
risk catastrophic  
failure*

• Whatever the mind can conceive, it can believe, the mind can achieve.

—Napoleon Hill

• There are three kinds of people in the world, the wills, the won'ts and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything.

• The greatest achievements of mankind have been accomplished by two types of men—those who were smart enough to know it could be done, and those too dumb to know it couldn't.

—Oakland Tribune

COLUMBUS was the son of a weaver, and a weaver himself. CERVANTES was a common soldier. HOMER was the son of a small farmer. MOLIERE was the son of a cutler. TERENCE was a slave. OLIVER CROMWELL was the son of a London brewer. HOWARD was an apprentice to a grocer. FRANKLIN was a journeyman printer, and son of a tallow-chandler and soap-boiler. DR. THOMAS, Bishop of Worcester, was the son of a linendraper.

DANIEL DEFOE was a hostler, and son of a butcher. WHITEFIELD was the son of an innkeeper at Gloucester.

VIRGIL was the son of a porter. HORACE was the son of a shopkeeper. SHAKESPEARE was the son of a wood-stapler. MILTON was the son of a money-scrivener. ROBERT BURNS was a ploughman in Ayrshire.

MOHAMMED, called the prophet, was a driver of asses. MOHAMET ALI was a barber. MADAME BERNADOTTE was a washerwoman of Paris. NAPOLEON, descendant of an obscure family of Corsica, was a major when he married Josephine, the daughter of a tobacconist Creole of Martinique. GEN. ESCARTERO was a vestry clerk. BOLIVAR was a drug-gist.

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persistent. When Winston Churchill went back to his alma mater to speak, the audience anticipated a great speech from the prime minister. He stood before them and said six words: "Never, never, never, never give up." That was it; the speech was over. And that is probably the speech for which he is most remembered. Stand firm on your commitment. Don't be a quitter.

# COURAGE

*Matt 10:26-31 - Do not be afraid*

*Acts 4:23-31 - Early disciples pray for Boldness*

*Philippians 1:28-30 Don't Be Afraid*

*2 Timothy 1:7 - God's Spirit gives us Courage*

“We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run over.”

**Aneurin Bevan** (1897-1960)

“The uniqueness of human beings is represented by the capacity to do something for the first time.”

**Norman Cousins**  
(1915- )  
*Human Options*

I had to see what I could do in the place no one else would go.  
—Stokely Carmichael

# Dare to be More.

## COURAGE

*The quality of being fearless or brave; the attitude of facing and dealing with anything recognized as dangerous or difficult, as opposed to withdrawing from it.*

**People Who Don't  
Grow Shrink.  
Stretch Yourself!**

### Triumph Over Handicaps

History is full of men who triumphed over handicaps. POPE was a hopeless invalid, unable to stand without the aid of a cruel brace. CERVANTES stuttered but he became a public speaker of remarkable power. Look at the two sickly, puny children with scarcely a chance for maturity who turned out to be CHOPIN and THEODORE ROOSEVELT. STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, hunchback and statesman; EDISON, deaf and perfecting the phonograph; MILTON, blind and writing England's greatest poem;

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, crippled by infantile paralysis and becoming President of the United States—all of them were victors over handicaps.

**The sole defeat  
in our life is to yield  
in the face of  
difficulties;  
even more,  
to give up the fight.**

**Alberione**

**THE LOVE-FILLED CHRIST WITHIN  
STRENGTHENS ME AND GIVES ME THE FAITH  
AND CONFIDENCE TO MEET LIFE  
VICTORIOUSLY.**

### Strength

Is there some situation that I have felt incapable of handling? If so, today is a day of freedom for me, for I know that through the Christ Spirit within I have the strength to do whatever needs to be done by me.

The Christ Spirit imbues me with physical strength and stamina. As I keep my attention focused on the task at hand, I feel a continuous flow of energy and rejuvenation.

The Christ Spirit is my strong and solid emotional anchor. If difficult decisions are before me, Christ steadies me with love and enables me to make right choices with confidence and courage.

The Christ Spirit quickens my mind, helping me to learn new skills and retain any needed information. I am mentally strong and alert, eager to participate fully in life.

*God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.—Psalms 73:26*

To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men.

**We Can't Stay Afraid of Everything**