

An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.

Success And Defeat

It's the defeat more than anything else that hurts you! Defeat is always the hardest thing for you to stand, even in trifles. But don't you know that we have to be defeated in order to succeed? Most of us spend half our lives fighting for things that would only destroy us if we got them. A man who has never been defeated is usually a man who has been ruined.

—J. L. Allen

Anyone established in the process of creative expression, experiences the ecstatic promotion it brings and knows what work it is to acquire this skill and the strength it asks to remain in that joy.
It's work;
that's all there is.

To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labour.
Robert Louis Stevenson

Only a mediocre person is always at his best.
—Somerset Maugham

"Failure is only the opportunity to begin again, more intelligently."

Henry Ford

There is no failure except in no longer trying.
—Elbert Hubbard

●The symptoms of laziness and fatigue are almost identical and only a few persons can tell the difference; for instance, coaches.
—Crow's Nest

●It is far better to be industriously asleep than to be lazily awake.
—Spurgeon

Victory isn't walking
across the goal line . . .

It's struggling through opposition
to goal.

●Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

—Booker T. Washington

Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp—or what's a heaven for?
—Robert Browning (1812–1889)

Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy.

Kahlil Gibran

“The world is round and the place
which may seem like the end may
also be the beginning.”

Ivy Baker Priest (1905–1975)

How do I work? I grope.

Albert Einstein

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure—which is: Try to please everybody.
—Herbert Bayard Swope

“What is defeat? Nothing but education, nothing but the first step to something better.”

Wendell Phillips (1811–1884)

The boy went to his track coach and told him of his new dream. His coach told him, "It's great to have a dream, but to attain your dream you must build a ladder to it. Here is the ladder to your dreams. The first rung is determination! And the second rung is dedication! The third rung is discipline! And the fourth rung is attitude!"

“Everybody deserves a chance to make it on their own. Everybody.”

Slogan of the National Urban League

“When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882–1945)

“It is a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best you very often get it.”

W. Somerset Maugham (1874–1965)

There's no heavier burden than a great potential.
—Linus

“If you don't use it, you'll lose it!”

George Burns
(1896–)
Living It Up

“Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.”

Will Rogers
(1879–1935)
Comment

Napoleon And Time

Napoleon once planned a whole campaign between the acts, while at the theater. He didn't need to take a day off to do a thing. He worked as long hours as the sun would let him and planned his great campaigns while his soldiers slept. Napoleon conquered all Europe, because he utilized the time that the rest of the world was letting go to waste.

—George H. Knox

I never did anything worth doing by accident; nor did any of my inventions come by accident; they came by work.

THOMAS ALVA EDISON

Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.
David Lloyd George

There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.
Peter F. Drucker

●Secret of success is to be like a duck—smooth and unruffled on top, but paddling furiously underneath.

●The world expects result. Don't tell others about the labor pains. Show them the baby.
—Arnold Glasgow

●The world is not interested in the storms you encountered, but did you bring in the ship?

●I would rather fail in the cause that someday will triumph than triumph in a cause that someday will fail.

—Woodrow Wilson

●The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places.

You have not done enough, you have never done enough, so long as it is possible that you have something of value to contribute.

—Dag Hammarskjöld

*It's really not
how well you
do - it's the way
you go about it
the energy
+
enthusiasm*

●Saying "It is too early," makes it too late.
—Japanese Proverb

●Announcement by the Procrastination Club of America: "Last week was National Procrastination Week."

●One of the greatest labor saving devices of today is tomorrow.

●Alexander the Great, being asked how he had conquered the world, replied, "By not delaying."
—Foster

●We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once.
—Calvin Coolidge

●It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.
—Lutheran Digest

●A rolling stone gathers no moss.
—English Proverbs

●The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.

●Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it. —Everywoman's Family Circle

●Every time a man puts a new idea across, he finds ten men who thought of it before he did—but they only thought of it.
—Advertiser's Digest

If at first you don't succeed, you'll get a lot of advice.

A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Until you achieve the goal you set out to accomplish, never let an adversary rest or a bad situation get worse...

Cesar Chavez

The entire history of salvation is a record of second chances. We are called to believe that death never triumphs...not even the death of our belief in each other.

—Joanne McPartland

We know that affliction makes for endurance, and endurance for tested virtue, and tested virtue for hope. And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.
Proverbs 13:11

The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.

Edward Gibbon

“Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction.”

Anne Frank
(1929-1945)
The Diary of a Young Girl

“To live several lives, you have to die several deaths.”

Françoise Giroud
(1916-)
I Give You My Word

“Work done with anxiety about results is far inferior to work done without anxiety.”

Bhagavad Gita

Errors should be reasons for growth not excuses for discouragement.

Men can suck the heady juice of exalted self-importance from the bitter weed of failure—failures are usually the most conceited of men.
—D. H. Lawrence

Whenever one finds oneself inclined to bitterness, it is a sign of emotional failure.
—Bertrand Russell
(Success goes to your head, failure to your heart.)

Nothing can be
More Useful to a Man
Than a determination

Not to be
Hunted.

Thoreau

• Work as if you were to live 100 years.
Pray as if you were to die tomorrow.
—Benjamin Franklin

• The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention!
—The Bible Friend

The significance of a man is not in what he attains but rather in what he longs to attain.
Kahlil Gibran

Creed Of Olympic Games
These words were spelled out in lights at the 18th Olympics at Tokyo:

“The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part; just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is... to have fought well.”

The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars.
Elbert Hubbard

There are two kinds of people: those who are always well and those who are always sick. Most of the evils of the world come from the first sort and most of the achievements from the second.
Louis Dudek

More Famous Writers

Sir WALTER SCOTT put in fifteen hours a day at his desk, rising at four o'clock in the morning. He averaged a book every two months, and turned out the “Waverly Novels” at one a month. BURKE wrote the conclusion of his speech at the trial of Hastings sixteen times, and BUTLER rewrote his famous *Analogy* twenty times. VIRGIL spent seven years on his *Georgics* and twelve on the *Aeneid*. Nevertheless, he was so displeased with the latter that he tried to rise from his deathbed to throw the manuscripts into the flames.

Success . . . Eighty percent of success is showing up.
Woody Allen

Only a mediocre person is always at his best.
—Lawrence Peter

Work
is
Holy-
et as
where
God
dwells
& waits
for men
my
Reality

Famous Scientists

GEORGE STEPHENSON spent fifteen years to perfect the locomotive. WATTS worked for thirty years on the condensing engine, and hard rubber cost GOODYEAR ten years of study, poverty and public ridicule.

FIELD crossed the ocean fifty times to lay a cable so men could talk across the oceans. BURBANK the plant wizard at one time personally conducted over 6,000 experiments before finding the solution. WESTINGHOUSE was treated as a mild lunatic by most railroad executives. "Stopping a train by wind! The man's crazy!" Yet he persevered and finally sold the air-brake idea.

ADAM CLARK spent 40 years writing his Commentary on the Holy Scriptures. GEORGE BANCROFT used 26 years of his life on History of the United States. Sir ISAAC NEWTON seldom went to bed before 2 A.M.

In the British Museum one can see 75 drafts of THOMAS GRAY'S "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard." HEMINGWAY is said to have gone over the manuscript of "The Old Man and the Sea" 80 times.

When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion.

Ethiopian proverb

Everyone must row with the oars he has.

English proverb

Better is the enemy of good.

Voltaire

Every calling is great when greatly pursued. *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*

Any jackass can kick down a barn, but it takes a good carpenter to build one. *Sam Rayburn*

God gives the nuts, but he does not crack them. *German proverb*

They are able who think they are able.

Virgil

The biggest things are always the easiest to do because there is no competition. *William Van Horne*

What we do upon some great occasion will probably depend on what we already are: and what we are will be the result of previous years of self-discipline. *H. P. Liddon*

●Idleness is the parent of all vice.

—English Proverb

●No mill, no meal. An idle brain is the Devil's workshop. —English

●He that would eat the kernel must crack the nut. —Scotch

●Doing nothing is about the most tiresome work in the world because you cannot stop and rest.

●"What is life's heaviest burden?" asked a youth to a sad and lonely old man. He answered: "To have nothing to carry."

●Sign at highway construction site: "Men working ahead—we hope."

—Nashville Banner

●Some girls' idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

●There are always too many people who reach for the stool when there is a piano to be moved.

●The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.

“The only people who make no mistakes are dead people. I saw a man last week who had not made a mistake for four thousand years. He was a mummy in the Egyptian department of the British Museum.”

H.L. Wayland (1830-1898)

“My husband often told the children that if a man had nothing that was worth dying for, then he was not fit to live.”

Coretta Scott King

(1927-)

My Life with Martin Luther King, Jr.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done. *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. *Theodore Roosevelt*

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

Robert F. Kennedy

Patience

A necessary ingredient of Genius.

Disraeli

Our Weakest Moments

Temptation often comes not at our strongest, but our weakest moments. When we are at the limit of our patience, love, etc. we are tempted to be unChristian, beware. Jesus' temptation began after 40 days of fasting.

People usually are more impressed when they see us act under pressure. One weak act may spoil a whole lifetime of witness.

Musicians And Artists

BEETHOVEN is unsurpassed in his painstaking fidelity to his music. Hardly a bar of his was not written and rewritten at least a dozen times. **JOSEF HAYDN**, through much hardships, produced over 800 musical compositions, and at age 66 gave the world that matchless oratorio "The Creation."

SCHUMANN-HEINK's parents were so poor they could not afford a good piano, but a dilapidated old one. For 20 years, she fought off poverty to become one of the world's greatest singers.

MICHAELANGELO's "Last Judgment," one of the twelve master paintings of the ages, was the product of 8 years' unremitting toil. Over 2,000 studies of it were found among his papers. And **LEONARDO DA VINCI** worked on "The Last Supper" for 10 years, often so absorbed he forgot to eat for whole days.

Too often we forget that genius . . . depends upon the data within its reach, that Archimedes could not have devised Edison's inventions.

Ernest Dimmet

100% -- I DID

90% -- I WILL

80% -- I CAN

70% -- I THINK I CAN

60% -- I MIGHT

50% -- I THINK I MIGHT

40% -- WHAT IS IT?

30% -- I WISH I COULD

20% -- I DON'T KNOW HOW

10% -- I CAN'T

0% -- I WON'T

Famous Writers

PLATO wrote the first sentence of his famous *Republic* nine different ways before he was satisfied. **Cicero** practiced speaking before friends every day for thirty years to perfect his elocution. **NOAH WEBSTER** labored 36 years writing his *Dictionary*, crossing the Atlantic twice to gather material.

MILTON rose at 4:00 A.M. everyday in order to have enough hours for his *Paradise Lost*. **GIBBON** spent 26 years on his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. **BRYANT** rewrote one of his poetic masterpieces 99 times before publication, and it became a classic.

Discoveries Outside Of The Routine

When Edison was a train newsboy he lay over between runs in Detroit. Most of us would have gone to a ball game or to the movies or something to kill time, but Edison went to the library and put in time with books that gave him further information and education. Many great discoveries have been the result of a hobby, avocation, or specific need outside of the regular routine of living.

The father of photography was an army officer; of the electrical motor, a bookbinder; of the telegraph, a portrait painter. The inventor of the typewriter was a farmer; a carpenter invented the cotton gin, and the locomotive was invented by a coal miner. The telephone came from the after-school work of a schoolteacher, and a physician invented the pneumatic tire. How do you use your spare time?

He has half the deed done who has made a beginning.

Horace

Give me where to stand, and I will move the earth.

Archimedes

The only way round is through.

Robert Frost

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

Henry David Thoreau

Is there anything in life so disenchanting as attainment?

Robert Louis Stevenson

I'm a slow walker, but I never walk back.

Abraham Lincoln

That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for Mankind.

Neil Armstrong

You cannot fly like an eagle with the wings of a wren.

William Henry Hudson

STRUGGLE

To know how to survive
and progress
against impossible odds,
is to know how to live
in balance
and respect
among all people
and the rest
of creation.
From struggle
comes reward.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they some-
times will,
When the road you're trudging seems
all uphill,
When the funds are low and the
debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have
to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a
bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is queer with its twists and turns;
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he
stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems
slow—
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the
victor's cup;
And he learned too late when the
night came down,
How close he was to the golden
crown.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you
are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're
hardest hit,—
It's when things seem worst that you
mustn't quit.

DRIVE/DETERMINATION

Determination--
one's earnest pursuit of
accomplishment or motive.
Determination--
one's choice to do,
the firmness of intent,
the child of motivation.

Without determination,
drive, alone, cannot exist.
Drive is determination
in action--the stepping stone
from determination
to destination.

Motivation fuels drive.
Without drive,
spiritual purpose cannot
be transformed,
be manifested.

Therefore,
drive is the necessary ingredient
to fulfill spiritual purpose.

Drive becomes the ingredient to
accomplishment,
the power of form
to function.

Thus, things fail when
drive dissipates,
determination dies.

Without determination and drive,
there can be no growth,
no success
no reward.

An ancient story recalls how Satan once summoned his top three aides to plan how to stop a group of dedicated Christians from effective missionary work.

One of the lieutenants, Rancor, said to Satan, "We should convince them that there is no God." Satan sneered at Rancor and replied, "That would never work. They know that there is a God."

Another of Satan's aides, Bitterness, spoke up. "We'll convince them that God does not really care about right or wrong." Satan toyed with the notion for a few moments, but rejected it because he knew that too many Christians know that God does care.

Malice, the third satanic helper, came up with his idea. "We'll let them go on thinking that there is a God and that He cares about right and wrong. But we will keep whispering that there is no hurry, there is no hurry."

Satan howled with glee. He advanced Malice higher in his malevolent organization. Satan knew that he would find this strategem successful with many, many Christians.

“Success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.”

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.”

George Eliot (1819-1880)

Hazy goals produce hazy results. Clearly define your goals. Write them down, Make a plan for achieving them, set a deadline, visualize the results and go after them. Just don't look back unless you want to go that way.

Defeat may test you; it need not stop you. If at first you don't succeed, try another way. For every obstacle there is a solution. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. The greatest mistake is giving up.

Wishing will not bring success, but planning, persistence and a burning desire will. There is a gold mine within you from which you can extract all the necessary ingredients. Success is an attitude. Get yours right.

No difficulties
no discovery, no pains, no gains. Learn from the mistakes of others - you
can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Never give up and never give in.

-Hubert Humphrey