



Inspiring Quotes

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Success really is available to everyone. The biggest problem seems to be that as a species, many of us have very little faith in our own abilities.

This lack of faith leads us to procrastinate over our ideas and spend just enough time *'thinking'* about doing something, for someone else to release the idea we had!

Remember that the only real failure is the failure to act! Thoughts are wonderful, every successful business, every global corporation, every timesaving item you buy in the store was once nothing but a thought.

Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft and the World's richest man (*at the time of writing, [his personal fortune is \\$79.2 Billion](#)*), sold his 'BASIC' computer operating system to [MITS](#) for their [Altait8800](#) microcomputer, before he owned one, or had written any code for it!

This preemptive sale, based primarily on the confidence he had in himself, started the MicroSoft brand in 1975.

Hopefully, after being inspired by the words of the many successful people in this ebook, you too could take your first steps into a successful and fulfilling life.

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DREAMS

Without them the future tastes bland.

“The greatest achievements were at first and for a time dreams. The oak sleeps in the acorn.”

~James Allen

All of humanity's amazing accomplishments were once the seeds of someone's dreams.

“Dreams are today's answers to tomorrow's questions.”

~Edgar Cayce

Someone once dreamed a day might come when they could gaze upon the earth from the vantage point of the moon.

*“Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die,
life is a broken-winged bird that cannot
fly.”*

~Langston Hughes

If we give up on our dreams we give up that which differentiates us from all other creatures—and life becomes condensed to only survival.

“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve; the fear of failure.”

~Paulo Coelho

Most of what stands in the way of our dreams is us. Dare to get out of your own way.

“Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself. Go forward and make your dreams come true.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

You are the engine that fuels your dreams into reality—your participation is paramount.

*“If you can dream it, you can do it.
Always remember that this whole thing
was started with a dream and a
mouse.”*

~Walt Disney

Your mouse is better than Walt's mouse! His didn't even have the internet.

“A dream plus a deadline equals a goal achieved.”

~Donna Kozik

If you want your dreams to come true—you have to create a space for them to exist. When you give yourself a deadline you invite your dreams into the real world.

“Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.”

~Johann Van Goeth

Your actions propel your dreams into reality.

COURAGE

It's not for the faint of heart.

“It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult.”

~Seneca

Courage expressed, has a way of changing obstacles into hurdles.

“There is the risk you cannot afford to take, and there is the risk you cannot afford not to take.”

~Peter Drucker

Isn't it better to regret the things you *did*, rather than the things you *didn't*?

*“Trust that still, small voice that says,
“This might work and I’ll try it.”*

~Diane Mariechild

Make friends with that voice. It knows things.

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.”

~Ambrose Redmoon

When your fear of failure is less important than your need to try, courage has a place to breathe.

*“Courage doesn’t always roar.
Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at
the end of the day saying, “I will try
again tomorrow.”*

~Mary Anne Radmacher

Spend a few minutes watching a toddler who is learning to walk—that’s courage in motion.

“Fear and courage are brothers.”

~Proverb

While fear knows nothing of courage, courage knows fear intimately.

“If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed.”

~David Viscott

You don't fall up a mountain. You reach the summit by taking one step after another.

“Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one’s courage.”

~Anais Nin

Got courage?

FAILURE

The mother of success.

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.”

~Thomas Edison

Your perception of the efforts you make on the road to success makes a big difference in the ultimate outcome.

“Fall down seven times. Stand up eight.”

~Chinese Proverb

Tap into your inner toddler.

“Failure is an event, never a person.”

~William D. Brown

Unsuccessful attempts do not define who you are. Henry Ford failed at his first five business attempts.

“The men who try to do something and fail, are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.”

~Lloyd Jones

The only way to really avoid the possibility of failure, ie. ‘doing nothing’, also ensures you won’t have to deal with success.

“Never confuse a single defeat with a final defeat.”

~F. Scott Fitzgerald

Embrace your failures. There is much to learn from them about what doesn't work.

“Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavour.”

~Truman Capote

If success was the only possible outcome, what would motivate us to be anything but complacent?

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

~Robert F. Kennedy

If you wanna be a trapeze artist, you gotta risk falling on your face!

*“If we will be quiet and ready enough,
we shall find compensation in every
disappointment.”*

~Henry David Thoreau

There is often much more to be learned from our failed attempts at anything than there is from our successes.

PERSPECTIVE

Use it or lose it.

“There is no burnt rice to a hungry person.”

~Philippine Proverb

Your powers of perception are the most important tools you have to navigate your way through life. Use them wisely.

“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.”

~Abraham Lincoln

How you see the world directly impacts how the world sees you. If you don't like how you are perceived, change the way you look at things.

“It is a narrow mind which cannot look at subjects from various points of view.”

~George Elliot

When you take the time to look at things from many angles you not only expand your awareness, you multiply your opportunities.

“Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.”

~Viktor E. Frankl

Attitude and perspective are intertwined. Whether you are mindful of your perspective or not, your attitude will reflect it.

“What we see mainly depends on what we look for.”

~John Lubbock

Challenge yourself to see something or someone differently and watch what happens.

“What you see and hear depends a good deal on where you are standing; it also depends on what sort of person you are.”

~C.S. Lewis

No amount of prodding can make a grumpy person congenial. Only they can decide how they see the world.

*“Loving people live in a loving world.
Hostile people live in a hostile world.
Same world!”*

~Wayne Dyer

Every parent knows a teenager looking for trouble will surely find it. What are you looking for?

*“Life is ten percent what you make it
and ninety percent how you take it.”*

~Irving Berlin

It's not really about what shows up in your world
as much as it is what you decide to do about it.

*“And those who were seen dancing,
were thought to be crazy, by those who
could not hear the music.”*

~Friedrich Nietzsche

Your perception of what someone else may be trying to accomplish may not accurately reflect their reality.

EXCUSES

They're rather unbecoming.

“The person who really wants to do something, finds a way; the other person finds an excuse.”

~Author Unknown

No one really believes your dog ate your homework anyway, so why bother with such silliness?

“Never ruin an apology with an excuse.”

~Kimberly Johnson

Sometimes it is better to be excused than to excuse oneself.

“It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.”

~George Washington

If there is no excuse for what you have, or haven't done, there's no point in compounding the situation.

“It is wise to direct your anger towards problems—not people, to focus your energies on answers—not excuses.”

~William Arthur Ward

Every minute spent constructing or elaborating an excuse costs you sixty seconds of solution finding.

“I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took an excuse.”

~Florence Nightingale

Never use an excuse you wouldn't accept.

“If you don't want to do something, one excuse is as good as another.”

~Yiddish Proverb

Why waste time making excuses for what you don't want to do, instead of making progress with what you do want to do?

“Excuses are the tools with which persons with no purpose in view build for themselves great monuments of nothing.”

~Stephen Grayhm

No one makes excuses for getting things done.

“No one ever excused his way to success.”

~Dave Del Dotto

You cannot attain excellence in anything by making excuses for mediocre results.

Well, I hope you found that as inspiring to read as I did to write.

I'd be grateful if you'd send me an email at Steve@ConfidenceUncovered.com with the quotes that've shaped your life.

I'll add it to the next release.... Go on, share the love!

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