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He who learns but does not think is lost.
~Chinese Proverb

Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them.
~Unknown

I think, therefore I am.
~Renée Descartes

Imagination is more important than knowledge.
~Albert Einstein

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.
~Albert Einstein

We measure our enjoyments by the sum expended.
~Felix Adler

Not he is great who can alter matter, but he who can alter my state of mind.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.
~Helen Keller

Our life is shaped by our mind; we become what we think.
~Buddha

Success is never final, failure is never fatal; it's courage that counts.
~Sir Winston Churchill

Whenever man comes up with a better mousetrap, nature immediately comes up with a better mouse.
~James Carswell

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.
~Marie Curie

There is no great genius without a mixture of madness.
~Aristotle

If there is to be any peace, it will come from being, not having.
~Henry Miller

When asked what single event was most helpful in developing the Theory of Relativity, Albert Einstein replied, "Figuring out how to think about the problem."
~W. Edwards Deming

The biggest mistake you can make is to believe that you work for someone else.
~Unknown



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Teachers open the door, but you must enter yourself.
~Chinese Proverb

This is the real secret of life: to be completely engaged with what you are doing in the here and now. And instead of calling it work, realize it is play.
~Alan Watts

You are free the moment you do not look outside yourself for a solution to your problems.
~Anonymous

Brain cells create ideas; stress kills brain cells; stress is a bad idea.
~Frederick Saunders

Inventions have long since reached their limit, and I see no hope for further development.
~Julius Sextus Frontinus (40 – 103 AD)

Some people change when they see the light, others when they feel the heat.
~Caroline Schoeder

In charity there is no excess.
~Sir Francis Bacon

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and it looks like work.
~Thomas Edison

Some people see things as they are and say, “Why?” I dream things that never were and say, “Why not?”
~George Bernard Shaw

One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.
~André Gide

The future has many names: For the weak, it means the unattainable. For the fearful, it means the unknown. For the courageous, it means opportunity.
~Victor Hugo

Benjamin Franklin may have discovered electricity, but it was the person who invented the meter who made the money.
~Earl Wilson

Waste your money and you’ve only wasted your money...waste your time and you’ve lost part of your life.
~Anonymous

Failure is only the opportunity to begin again, this time more wisely.
~Jo Ryan

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
~Aesop Fable

We must be the change we wish to see in the world.
~Gandhi



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When written in Chinese, the word CRISIS is composed of two characters. One represents danger, and the other represents opportunity.

~John F. Kennedy

If the going is easy, beware! You may be going downhill.

~Greg Taunt

Remove the word “problem” from your vocabulary and replace it with “challenge.” Life will suddenly become a lot more interesting and enjoyable.

~Donna Watson

I am what I am and I’m all that I am.

~Popeye the Sailor

Two basic rules of life are: 1) Change is inevitable; 2) Everybody resists change.

~W. Edwards Deming

Whatever is begun in anger ends in shame.

~Benjamin Franklin

When you are content to be simply yourself and don’t compare or compete, everybody will respect you.

~Lao Tzu

‘Attitude’ is rooted in a person’s insecurity.

~R. L. Dubé

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

~Abraham Lincoln

The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.

~Marcel Proust

Great opportunity is usually disguised as unsolvable problems.

~Gretchen Clement

In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins—not through strength, but through persistence.

~Zen saying

Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

~Ronald E. Osborn

To know what you know and to know what you don’t know, that is real wisdom.

~Confucius

Be careful what you wish for because you might get it.

~Anonymous

One must learn how to lose before learning how to play.

~Mexican Proverb



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Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people.

~Mark Twain

Contentment is natural wealth. Luxury is artificial poverty.

~Socrates

When we act out of our own negativity, the effect is like carving it into stone. The imprint remains for a long, long time.

~Genpo Merzel

Attitude determines altitude!

~Zig Ziglar

Curiosity is one of the most permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind.

~Samuel Johnson