

RANDOM INTELLIGENCE

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THE ONLY CERTAINTY IS THAT NOTHING IS CERTAIN.

Pliny the Elder

**IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE TO LIVE HAPPILY
EVER AFTER ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS.**

Margaret Bonnano

**VERY LITTLE IS NEEDED TO MAKE A
HAPPY LIFE.**

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

**MOST FOLKS ARE ABOUT AS HAPPY AS
THEY MAKE UP THEIR MINDS TO BE.**

Abraham Lincoln

**HAPPINESS MAKES UP IN HEIGHT FOR
WHAT IT LACKS IN LENGTH.**

Robert Frost

TO FILL THE HOUR — THAT IS HAPPINESS.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**I HAVE A SIMPLE PHILOSOPHY. FILL
WHAT'S EMPTY. EMPTY WHAT'S FULL.
SCRATCH WHERE IT ITCHES.**

Alice Roosevelt Longworth

KEEP BREATHING.

Sophie Tucker

ALWAYS DO WHATEVER'S NEXT.

George Carlin

DO IT BIG OR STAY IN BED.

Larry Kelly

**FINISH EACH DAY AND BE DONE WITH IT.
YOU HAVE DONE WHAT YOU COULD.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU ARE, IT'S WHAT YOU
DON'T BECOME THAT HURTS.**

Oscar Levant

**I WANT TO BE WHAT I WAS WHEN I
WANTED TO BE WHAT I AM NOW.**

Anonymous

WE ARE WHAT WE PRETEND TO BE.

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE, BUT NOT WHAT WE MAY BE.

William Shakespeare

WHATEVER YOU ARE, BE A GOOD ONE.

Abraham Lincoln

**A WISE MAN WILL MAKE MORE
OPPORTUNITIES THAN HE FINDS.**

Sir Francis Bacon

**IF YOU DON'T RISK ANYTHING YOU RISK
EVEN MORE.**

Erica Jong

**SUCCESS ISN'T PERMANENT, AND FAILURE
ISN'T FATAL.**

Mike Ditka

**SUCCESS IS THE ABILITY TO GO FROM
ONE FAILURE TO ANOTHER WITH NO
LOSS OF ENTHUSIASM.**

Sir Winston Churchill

**I DON'T KNOW THE KEY TO SUCCESS, BUT
THE KEY TO FAILURE IS TRYING TO PLEASE
EVERYBODY.**

Bill Cosby

**A MAN IS A SUCCESS IF HE GETS UP IN THE
MORNING AND GOES TO BED AT NIGHT AND
IN BETWEEN DOES WHAT HE WANTS TO DO.**

Bob Dylan

**TRY NOT TO BECOME A MAN OF SUCCESS
BUT RATHER TO BECOME A MAN OF VALUE.**

Albert Einstein

A LIFE SPENT MAKING MISTAKES IS NOT ONLY MORE HONORABLE BUT MORE USEFUL THAN A LIFE SPENT DOING NOTHING.

George Bernard Shaw

EXPERIENCE TEACHES YOU TO RECOGNIZE A MISTAKE WHEN YOU'VE MADE IT AGAIN.

Anonymous

MISTAKES ARE THE PORTALS OF DISCOVERY.

James Joyce

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE FAILED; WE HAVE FOUND ANOTHER WAY THAT DOESN'T WORK.

Anonymous

HAVE NO FEAR OF PERFECTION—YOU'LL NEVER REACH IT.

Salvador Dali

**GENIUS IS ONE PERCENT INSPIRATION AND
NINETY-NINE PERCENT PERSPIRATION.**

Thomas Edison

**THE ONLY REASON SOME PEOPLE GET
LOST IN THOUGHT IS BECAUSE IT'S
UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY.**

Paul Fix

**THE VERY BEST BRAINS IN THE WORLD
TAKE ONE A VERY LITTLE WAY IF ONE HAS
NOT THE WILL TO USE THEM.**

Raymond Asquith

**IT'S NOT THE HOURS YOU PUT IN YOUR
WORK THAT COUNTS, IT'S THE WORK
YOU PUT IN THE HOURS.**

Sam Ewing

**LET ME TELL YOU THE SECRET THAT HAS
LED ME TO MY GOAL. MY STRENGTH LIES
SOLELY IN MY TENACITY.**

Louis Pasteur

**EVERY MORNING I GET UP AND LOOK
THROUGH THE FORBES LIST OF THE
RICHEST PEOPLE IN AMERICA. IF I'M NOT
THERE, I GO TO WORK.**

Robert Orben

**I'M A GREAT BELIEVER IN LUCK, AND I
FIND THE HARDER I WORK THE MORE I
HAVE OF IT.**

Thomas Jefferson

**PEOPLE ALWAYS CALL IT LUCK WHEN
YOU'VE ACTED MORE SENSIBLY THAN
THEY HAVE.**

Anne Tyler

**BEING EFFECTIVE IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAN BEING RECOGNIZED.**

Margaret Beckett

**EVEN IF YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, YOU'LL
GET RUN OVER IF YOU JUST SIT THERE.**

Will Rogers

**THE SHORTEST WAY TO DO MANY THINGS
IS TO DO ONLY ONE THING AT ONCE**

Samuel Smiles

ONLY THE MEDIOCRE ARE ALWAYS AT THEIR BEST.

Jean Giraudoux

ABOUT THE PROJECT

“I wish I would have...”

I decided some time ago that those five words are the five I don't want to be saying before I die. I'm hoping that's a solid 40 or 50 years away, but like everyone else, I have no real way of knowing.

With that in mind, I made the decision to try and live an extraordinary life. My goal is not to become rich or famous; my goal is to live life on my own terms. To travel where I want to travel, experience culture, meet interesting people and share interesting stories. I've discovered that it's very difficult to do any of those things while you're sitting behind a desk.

Therefore, I've been collecting these quotations¹ over the years as an inspiration to myself to not be mediocre; but extraordinary. I'm sharing them with you in the hopes that you'll be inspired as well. Inspired to meet your goals, reach for your dreams, and live extraordinary lives - because life is too amazing not to.

¹ I believe that all the included quotations are accurate and correctly attributed. Unfortunately, a great variety of quotations have been incorrectly reprinted or attributed through the years - so much so that many frequently referenced quotations aren't accurate at all.

BE TRUE TO YOUR WORK, YOUR WORD, AND YOUR FRIEND.

Henry David Thoreau

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