

Callaway's Quotes

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**“Try not to become a man of success, but rather a man of value.”
-Albert Einstein**

Age

“When you’re over the hill, that’s when you pick up speed.” - *Quincy Jones*

“I’ve got ‘Sometimers.’ Sometimes I remember and sometimes I forget.” - *Spike Lee*

“Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a scoop of ice cream fall from the cone.” - *Jim Feibig*

“To me old age is always fifteen years older than I am.” - *Bernard Baruch*

“Age is a high price to pay for maturity.” - *Tom Stoppard*

“You’re never as old as you’re going to get.” - *Anonymous*

“The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.”
- *Lucille Ball*

“Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you’ve got to start young.”
- *Fred Astaire*

“Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so.” - *Earl of Chesterfield*

“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.” - *Mark Twain*

“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.” - *Mark Twain*

“We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.” - *Will Rogers*

“Don't worry about avoiding temptation... as you grow older, it will avoid you.” - *Winston Churchill*

"In youth we learn, in old age we understand." – *Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach*

I recently ran into the woman who used to clean our house and surprised to hear that she was still at it, despite her advanced age. "How do you manage it?" I asked. She explained her secret: "I just keep clients who can't see the dirt any better than I can." - *Malcolm Campbell*

Attitude

"Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings." - *Samuel Johnson*

"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive." -*Elbert Hubbard*

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows." - *Helen Keller*

"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort." - *Charlie Daniels*

"An optimist believes we live in the best of all possible worlds. A pessimist fears this is true." - *James Branch Cabell*

"Everyone can afford to give away a smile." - *Unknown*

"Pessimists usually get what they expect. So do optimists." - *Doug Callaway*

"Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission." - *Eleanor Roosevelt*

"Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth." - *Mark Twain*

"The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything." - *Anonymous*

"Faith is a deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time." - *Oswald Chambers*

"The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip." - *Anonymous*

"Don't curse the darkness. Light a candle." -*Chinese proverb*

"Cooperation is doing with a smile what you have to do anyhow." -*Anonymous*

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." -*Robert Brault*

"Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart." -*Corrie ten Boom, Dutch evangelist*

"Oh, my friend, it's not what they take away from you that counts, it's what you do with what you have left." -*Hubert H. Humphrey, after cancer surgery*

"I believe in the sun even if it isn't shining. I believe in love even when I am alone. I believe in God even when He is silent." -*World War II refugee*

When your dreams turn to dust ... vacuum. – *Anonymous*

"Whether you think you can or think you can't – you are right." - *Henry Ford*

"Life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it." – *Lou Holtz*

"To have a reason to get up in the morning, it is necessary to possess a guiding principle. A belief of some kind. A bumper sticker, if you will." - *Judith Guest*

It was said that Mother Theresa had this on her wall:

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It never was between you and them anyway.

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." - *Dolly Parton*

"When reading a newspaper, I always turn to the sports section first. The sports page records people's accomplishments; the front page has nothing but a person's failures."
- *Earl Warren*

America

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty." - *John F. Kennedy*

"My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth." - *Abraham Lincoln*

"America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." - *Alexis de Tocqueville*

"We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free." - *Ronald Reagan*

The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission.
- *John F. Kennedy*

"Ours is the only country deliberately founded on a good idea." - *John Gunther*

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."
- *Thomas Jefferson*

"Americans can always be counted on to do the right thing...after they have exhausted all other possibilities." - *Winston Churchill*

"Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return." - *Colin Powell*

"It is by the goodness of God that, in this country, we have three benefits: freedom of speech, freedom of thought, and the wisdom never to use either." - *Mark Twain*

"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself." - *Benjamin Franklin*

"Give the American people a good cause, and there's nothing they can't lick." – *John Wayne*

Business

"The game of business is very much like the game of tennis. Those who fail to master the basics of serving well, usually lose." -*Unknown*

"After all, the chief business of the American people is business." - *Calvin Coolidge*

"The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything." - *Edward John Phelps*

"Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped." - *Calvin Coolidge*

"Our two greatest problems are gravity and paperwork. We can lick gravity, but sometimes the paperwork is overwhelming." - *Werner von Braun*

"Computing machines perhaps can do the work of a dozen ordinary men, but there is no machine that can do the work of one extraordinary man." - *E. B. White*

"If we are facing in the right direction, all we have to do is keep on walking." -*Ancient Buddhist proverb*

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." - *Tom Brokaw*

Change

"The talk you hear about adapting to change is not only stupid, it's dangerous. The only way you can manage change is to create it." -*Peter Drucker*

"If you're not riding the wave of change, you'll find yourself beneath it." -*Unknown*

"There is only one thing about which I am certain, and that is that there is very little about which one can be certain." - *Somerset Maugham, Writer (1874-1965)*

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-- I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." *Robert Frost, The Road Not Taken - US poet (1874 - 1963)*

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." - *Will Rogers*

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. - *Anonymous*

"The displacement of a little sand can occasionally change the course of deep rivers." - *Manuel Prada*

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

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." -*Mother Teresa*

"Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little." -*Edmund Burke*

"Every path has its puddle." -*English proverb*

"To be right too soon, is to be wrong." -*Emperor Hadrian*

"A man always has two reasons for doing anything: a good reason and the real reason." -*J.P. Morgan*

Communication

"The best leaders ... almost without exception and at every level, are master users of stories and symbols." - *Tom Peters, Business writer*

"Once you have them by the funny bone, their hearts and minds will follow." - *Robert Wieder*

"It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt." - *Mark Twain*

"I never give 'em hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell." - *Harry S Truman*

"A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself; and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself." - *Lisa Kirk*

"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please." - *Mark Twain*

"The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said." - *Peter Drucker*

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." – *Mother Teresa*

"Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy." - *Unknown*

"Tact is the art of making guests feel at home when that's really where you wish they were." - *George E. Bergman*

"Diplomacy is the ability to tell someone to 'go to hell' in such a way that they actually look forward to the trip." - *Unknown*

“Never argue with an idiot; they'll drag you down to their level and beat you with experience.” -*Anonymous*

Education

“Learn from the mistakes of others; you'll never live long enough to make them all yourself.” - *Admiral Hyman Rickover*

“Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills.” - *Minna Antrim*

“The greatest teacher is not experience; it is example.” - *John Croyle*

“Knowledge is of two kinds: we know a subject ourselves or we know where to find information upon it.” - *Samuel Johnson*

“To live effectively is to live with adequate information.” - *Norbert Weiner*

“The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.” - *Anonymous*

“It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.” - *Rene Descartes*

“Cynics always say no. Saying yes leads to knowledge. So for as long as you have the strength to, say yes.” - *Stephen Colbert*

“Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.” - *Malcolm Forbes*

“A great teacher never strives to explain his vision – he simply invites you to stand beside him and see for yourself.” - *The Rev. R. Inman*

Encouragement

“If you can dream it, you can do it.” -*Walt Disney*

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” -*Albert Einstein*

“I can live for two months on a good compliment.” - *Mark Twain*

“I have yet to be bored by someone paying me a compliment.” - *Otto Van Isch*

“God know best; He hasn't arranged your anatomy so as to make it easy for you to pat yourself on the back.” - *Anonymous*

“You can't tell by the looks of a frog how far he can jump.” - *E.C. Rowell*

“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, British Prime Minister (1863-1945)*

“Correction does much, but encouragement does more.” - *Goethe*

“Everyone needs a pat on the back ... sometimes a little lower than others.” -*George S. Patton*

“Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.” - *Lady Bird Johnson*

“Treat a child as though he already is the person he’s capable of becoming.” - *Haim Ginott*

“Always listen to experts. They’ll tell you what can’t be done and why. Then do it.” - *Robert A. Heinlein*

“Many of our fears are tissue paper thin, and a single courageous step would carry us clear through them.” - *Brendan Francis*

The Future

“Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future.” - *Niels Bohr*

“Make no mistake, those who are unwilling to confront the past will be unable to understand the present and unfit to face the future.” - *Bernard Lewis*

“The future ain’t what it used to be.” - *Yogi Berra*

“The best way to make your dreams come true is to wakeup.” -*French poet Paul Valery*

“Denial ain’t just a river in Egypt.” - *Grateful Dead*

“*Status Quo* is Latin for ‘the mess we’re in.’” - *Ronald Reagan*

“The world is full of people whose notion of a satisfactory future is, in fact, a return to an idealized past.” - *Novelist Robertson Davies*

“An invasion of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come.” *Victor Hugo*

“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.” - *Yogi Berra*

“The principle mark of genius is not perfection but originality, the opening of new frontiers.” - *Arthur Koestler*

General Quotes

"The handwriting on the wall may be a forgery." -*Ralph Hodgson*

A day without sunshine is, like, night. - *Anonymous*

"If you want to get across an idea, wrap it up in a person." - *Ralph Bunche*

"Morning comes whether you set the alarm or not." - *Ursula K. LeGuin*

"It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters, in the end." - *Ursula K. LeGuin*

Golf

"Give me the fresh air, a beautiful partner, and a nice round of golf, and you can keep the fresh air and the round of golf." - *Jack Benny*

"If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf." - *Bob Hope*

"You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex-wives. Both of them are so rich that neither of their husbands work." - *Lee Trevino*

"I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced." - *Lee Trevino*

"If you're caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron." - *Lee Trevino*

"If I'm on the course and lightning starts, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let him." - *Bob Hope*

"Golf is not a game, it's bondage. It was obviously devised by a man torn with guilt, eager to atone for his sins." - *Unknown*

"It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course." - *Hank Aaron*

"Golf is a game in which you yell 'fore,' shoot six, and write down five." - *Paul Harvey*

"Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at." - *Jimmy Demaret*

"If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball." - *Jack Lemmon*

"Fifty years ago, 100 white men chasing one black man across a field was called the Ku Klux Klan. Today it's called the PGA Tour." – *Unknown*

"The people who gave us golf and called it a game are the same people who gave us bag pipes and called it music." – *"Silk Stockings" TV Show*

"The first time I played the Masters, I was so nervous I drank a bottle of rum before I teed off. I shot the happiest 83 of my life." - *Chi Chi Rodriguez*

"I always throw my golf club in the direction I'm going." - *Ronald Reagan*

"They throw their clubs backwards and sideways, and that's wrong. You should always throw a club ahead of you so that you don't have to walk any extra distance to get it." - *Tommy Bolt, about the tempers of modern players*

Tommy Bolt, toward the end of one of his infamous high-volume, temperamental, club-throwing rounds, asked his caddie for a club recommendation for a shot of about 155 yards. His caddie said: "I'd say either a 3-iron or a wedge, sir." "A 3- iron or a wedge?" asked Bolt. "What kind of stupid, #*!~%^* choice is that?" "Those are the only two clubs you have left in the your bag, sir." said the caddie.

During an intense discussion about the ethics and nature of human conflict, I posed this question to my 12th-grade class: "Sports are a reflection of our culture. What would sports be without conflict?" One student raised his hand, "Golf," he said. – *Grant Lynch*

Government

"South Carolina is too small for a republic and too large for an insane asylum." -*James L. Petigru, South Carolina Unionist, in December 1860*

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." - *Edmund Burke - Irish orator, philosopher, & politician (1729-1797)*

"Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others." -*Winston Churchill*

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress." - *Ronald Reagan*

"The length of debate varies inversely with the complexity of the issue. *Corollary:* When the issue is simple, and everyone understands it, debate is almost interminable." - *Robert Knowles*

"Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless." - *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

"The struggle of humanity against tyranny is the struggle of memory against forgetting."
- *Elie Wiesel*

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

"The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination." - *Ronald Reagan*

"Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as is cooperation with good." - *Gandhi*

"As sure as man is mortal, and to err is human, justice deferred enhances the price at which you must purchase safety and peace." - *Lord Brougham (1831)*

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom." - *William Pitt, the Younger (1783)*

"Never murder a man who is committing suicide." - *Woodrow Wilson*

"Ancient Rome declined because it had a Senate; now what's going to happen to us with both a Senate and a House?" - *Will Rogers*

"I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle." - *Winston Churchill*

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul." - *George Bernard Shaw*

"A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money." - *G. Gordon Liddy*

"Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner." - *James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)*

"Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries." - *Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University*

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."
- *Ronald Reagan (1986)*

"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts." - *Will Rogers*

"If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free." - *P.J. O'Rourke*

"In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other." - *Voltaire (1764)*

"No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session." - *Mark Twain*

"Talk is cheap ... except when Congress does it." - *Unknown*

"The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other." - *Ronald Reagan*

"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery." - *Winston Churchill*

"The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin." - *Mark Twain*

"There is no distinctly native American criminal class save Congress." - *Mark Twain*

"What this country needs are more unemployed politicians." - *Edward Langley, Artist*

"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have." - *Thomas Jefferson*

"I've laid down the law, though, to everyone from now on about anything that happens: No matter what time it is, wake me. Even if it's in the middle of a Cabinet meeting." - *Ronald Reagan*

All you really need to know about government and bureaucracy:

- Pythagorean Theorem: 24 words
- Lord's Prayer: 66 words
- Archimedes' Principle: 67 words
- 10 Commandments: 179 words
- Gettysburg Address: 286 words
- Declaration of Independence: 1300 words
- US Government regulations on the sale of cabbage: 26,911 words

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program." - *Ronald Reagan*

Human Nature

"Few things are harder to put up with than a good example." - *Mark Twain*

“Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.” - *John F. Kennedy*

“People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.” - *Elizabeth Kübler-Ross, Psychiatrist and Author*

“Often it does seem such a pity that Noah didn’t miss the boat.” - *Mark Twain*

“Each time history repeats itself, the price goes up.” - *Ronald Wright*

“Adversity may be blessing in disguise!” - *Anonymous*

“Blessed are those who listen, for they shall learn.” - *Anonymous*

“The devil is easy to identify. He appears when you’re terribly tired and makes a very reasonable request which you know you shouldn’t grant.” - *Fiorello LaGuardia*

“God gives us relatives; thank God, we can choose our friends.” - *Addison Mizner*

“Jealousy is all the fun you think they had.” - *Erica Jong*

“We are what we pretend to be so we must be careful what we pretend to be.”
- *Kurt Vonnegut*

“Crowding a life does not always enrich it.” - *Anonymous*

“In regard to the moral character generally of our ancestors, the settlers of New England, my opinion is that they possessed all the Christian virtues but charity; and they seem never to have doubted that they possessed that also.” - *Daniel Webster*

“One on God’s side is a majority ... “ - *Wendell Phillips (1859)*

“May God save the country, for it is evident that the people will not.” - *Millard Fillmore*

“The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.” - *Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)*

“For fast-acting relief, try slowing down.” - *Lily Tomlin*

“An apology is a good way to have the last word.” - *Unknown*

Leadership

“Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.” - *John F. Kennedy*

"Vision is the art of seeing the invisible." -*Jonathon Swift*

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." -*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." -*Thomas Jefferson*

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." -*Robert F. Kennedy*

"Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever." -*Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)*

"I have never accepted what many people have kindly said, namely that I inspired the nation. It was the nation ... that had the lion heart. I had the luck to be called upon to give the roar." -*Winston Churchill*

"He was a bold man who first ate an oyster." -*Jonathan Swift, Writer (1667-1745)*

"We should be developing 'servant' leaders who more are interested in meeting the needs of those around them instead of their own. (*That's why it's called Community Service or Public Service.*) It's not about us, it's about them!" -*Doug Callaway*

"Life is a place of service. Joy can be real only if people look upon their life as a service and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness." -*Leo Tolstoy*

"The real path to greatness, it turns out, requires simplicity and diligence. It requires clarity, not instant illumination." -*Jim Collins, author of "Good to Great"*

"A leader is someone who selects a noble objective and pursues it with such passion and intensity that he brings others along with him." -*Anonymous*

"Passion is the 'fuel' that drives any truly successful endeavor. If you don't seem to care, why should anyone else?" -*Doug Callaway*

"People want leadership. And in the absence of genuine leadership, they'll listen to anyone who steps up to the microphone." -*Michael J. Fox's character in "The American President" (1995)*

"Why not go out on a limb? That's where the fruit is." -*Will Rogers*

"The key to being a good manager is keeping the people who hate me away from those who are still undecided." -*Casey Stengel*

"A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done." -*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

“A leader is a dealer in hope.” – *Napoleon Bonaparte*

“The task of a leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been.” - *Henry Kissinger*

“To lead the people, walk behind them.” - *Lao-tzu*

“The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.” - *Theodore Hesburgh*

“A leader knows what's best to do; a manager knows merely how best to do it.” - *Ken Adelman*

“The person who knows how will always have a job. But the person who knows why will be his boss.” - *Carl C. Wood*

“Whoever is open, loyal, true; of humane and affable demeanour; honourable himself, and in his judgement of others; faithful to his word as to law, and faithful alike to God and man ... such a man is a true gentleman.” -*Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)*

“We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.” - *Will Rogers*

Media

"A politician complaining about the media is like a fisherman complaining about the sea." -*Enoch Powell, British Member of Parliament*

“If you believe everything you read, better not read.” - *Japanese proverb*

“The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense.” - *Tom Clancy*

“Don't screw up on a dull news day.” - *BC*

“Don't say anything you are not willing to see reduced to a six word headline.” - *Ron Nessen*

Military

“Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose.” - *Ronald Reagan*

“The objective of military power is to allow moral ideals to take root.” - *Alfred T. Mahan, U.S. Naval Strategist*

"Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong." - *Ronald Reagan*

“There are no bad soldiers, only bad officers.” - *Napoleon Bonaparte*

"Sure, we want to go home. We want this war over with. The quickest way to get it over with is to go get the b*stards who started it. The quicker they are whipped, the quicker we can go home. The shortest way home is through Berlin and Tokyo. And when we get to Berlin, I am personally going to shoot that paper hanging son-of-a-b*tch Hitler just like I'd shoot a snake". -*George S. Patton*

“Diplomacy is the art of saying ‘Nice doggie’ until you can find a rock.” - *Will Rogers*

“Speak softly and carry a big stick.” - *Theodore Roosevelt*

“Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.” - *Admiral Hyman Rickover, U.S. Navy (1900-1986)*

“He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander.” - *Aristotle*

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women." - *Ronald Reagan*

“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight – it’s the size of the fight in the dog.” - *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

“I hear it said that West Berlin is militarily untenable - and so was Bastogne, and so, in fact, was Stalingrad. Any danger spot is tenable if men - brave men - will make it so.” - *John F. Kennedy*

If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. - *John F. Kennedy*

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility - I welcome it. - *John F. Kennedy*

It is an unfortunate fact that we can secure peace only by preparing for war.
- *John F. Kennedy*

There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction. - *John F. Kennedy*

Money

“Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.” - *P.T. Barnum*

“A man’s conscience tells him what he shouldn’t do – but it doesn’t keep him from doing it.” - *Frank Clark*

"A fool and his money are soon parted, but you never call him a fool 'till the money is gone." - *Anonymous*

"If you want to know what God thinks of money, look at the people he gives it to."
- *New England saying*

"Half of something is better than all of nothing." - *B.K. Roberts*

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - *Winston Churchill*

Politics

"I am a man of fixed and unbending principles, the first of which is to be flexible at all times." - *Senator Everett Dirksen*

"Politics is the only field in which the more experience you have, the worse you get."
- *Kinky Friedman, Texas musician/humorist/author and independent gubernatorial candidate, touting his political inexperience as an advantage over other candidates*

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you." - *Pericles (430 B.C.)*

"The absent are always wrong." - *Machiavelli*

"Take part in politics or be taken apart by it." - *Former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson*

"An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought." - *Simon Cameron, 19th century Senator from Pennsylvania*

"Man is by nature a political animal." - *Aristotle, 343 B.C.*

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book." - *Ronald Reagan*

"In politics, when you're explaining – you're losing." - *Doug Callaway*

"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first." - *Ronald Reagan*

"As the old philosopher once said, facts are nice but slogans sell beer." - *John Ehrlichman*

"Always be sincere whether you mean it or not." - *Reubin Askew*

"The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant: It's just that they know so much that isn't so." - *Ronald Reagan*

"A little vagueness goes a long way in this business." - *Jerry Brown*

"A politician will always tip off his true belief by stating the opposite at the beginning of the sentence. For maximum comprehension, do not start listening until the first clause is concluded. Begin instead at the word "but" which begins the second – or active – clause." - *Frank Mankiewicz*

"A year before the election [everything] is neat, simple, cold, logical, and wrong."
- *Morris Udall*

"If you are listening to a rock star in order to get your voting information on who to vote for, you are a bigger moron than they are. Why are we rock stars? Because we're morons." - *Shock rocker ALICE COOPER*

"One has to belong to the intelligentsia to believe things like that: no ordinary man could be such a fool." - *George Orwell (paraphrase version: Some ideas are so stupid, only an intellectual could believe them.)*

"There are two things important in politics, the first is money and I can't remember what the second one is." - *Mark Hanna, Republican National Committee Chairman (1896)*

"Let us be thankful for fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed." - *Mark Twain*

"There is something about a Republican that you can only stand him just so long, and, on the other hand, there is something about a Democrat that you can't stand him quite that long." - *Will Rogers*

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it and then misapplying the wrong remedies." - *Groucho Marx*

"Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it important. – *Eugene McCarthy*

"All politics is local." - *Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr.*

"All politics is personal." - *Doug Callaway*

"If you want to make a friend, let someone do you a favor." - *Benjamin Franklin*

"If you don't have something good to say about someone come sit next to me." - *Alice Roosevelt Longworth*

"I've been right and I've been paranoid, and it's better being paranoid." - *William Safire*

"All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions." - *Adlai Stevenson*

"A radical is a man with both feet firmly planted in the air." - *Franklin Roosevelt*

"Politics: the conduct of public affairs for private advantage; a strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principle". - *The Devil's Dictionary, by Ambrose Bierce*

"Politics are almost as exciting as war, and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times." - *Winston Churchill*

Power

"It's nice to be important, and it's more important to be nice." - *Unknown*

"It's important to be right, but it's more important to be important and even more important to be important and right." - *Ralph Haben*

"It infuriates me to be wrong when I know I'm right." - *Moliere*

"Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys." - *P.J. O'Rourke*

"The time is always right to do what is right." -*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

"Silence is the ultimate weapon of power." - *Charles deGaulle*

"The reputation of power is power." - *Thomas Hobbes*

Sports

"Fatigue makes cowards of us all." -*Vince Lombardi*

"He frequently opens his mouth to lace his shoes." - *Doug Logan (then-MLS Commissioner) about U.S. Men's National Soccer Coach Bruce Arena*

"Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries." – *James Michener*

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way; if you don't, you'll find an excuse."
- *Anonymous*

Success

"Hit your ball over the fence and you can take your time going around the bases." -*John Raper*

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." -*Thomas Alva Edison*

"Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance." - *Samuel Johnson*

"First we will be best, and then we will be first." -*Grant Tinker*

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." -*Henry David Thoreau*

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."
-*Bill Cosby*

"Diligence is the greatest of teachers." -*Arabian Proverb*

"Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn't really matter." -*Anonymous*

"Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in." -*Bill Bradley, former U.S. Senator and basketball Hall of Famer*

"Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to." - *Unknown*

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." - *Thomas Edison*

"Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way." - *Booker T. Washington*

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary." - *Vince Lombardi*

"Success is only a matter of opinion. Failure is a cold hard fact." - *Peter Gent*

"With ignorance and arrogance, success is assured." - *Mark Twain*

"Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles." - *Walter Cronkite*

“Success is when your name is in everything but the phone book.” - *Unknown*

“Few things are impossible to diligence and skill. Great works are performed, not by strength, but perseverance.” - *Samuel Johnson*

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” – *Walt Disney*

“A doctor can bury his mistakes, but an architect can only advise his clients to plant vines.” - *Frank Lloyd Wright*

“Success is never final, and failure is never fatal; it’s courage that counts.” – *Unknown*

“Rather fail with honor than succeed by fraud.” – *Sophocles*

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” – *Albert Einstein*

“I’ve always been in the right place at the right time. Of course, I steered myself there.”
– *Bob Hope*

“The chief factor in any man’s success or failure must be his own character.” –*Theodore Roosevelt*

“Failure comes only when we forget our ideals, objectives and principles.” - *Nehru*

“The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success.” - *Anonymous*

Wisdom

“Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.” - *Abraham Lincoln*

“Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.” - *Jimmy Hendrix*

“The trouble with a rat race is that even when you win, you’re still a rat.” - *Lily Tomlin*

“Never try to teach a pig to sing; it wastes your time and it annoys the pig.” – *Paul Dickson*

“Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.” - *Thomas Jefferson*

“Experience makes fools wise.” - *Daniel O’Connell*

Work

“Committee – a group of people who individually can do nothing but as a group decide that nothing can be done.” - *Fred Allen*

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” - *Confucius*

“Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably why so few people engage in it.” - *Henry Ford*

"If you have a job without aggravations, you don't have a job." -*Malcolm Forbes*

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all." -*Sam Ewig*

“Happy pearl divers go overboard for work.” - *Unknown*

“Few can be induced to labor exclusively for posterity. Posterity has done nothing for us.” - *Abraham Lincoln*

"The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water." - *John W. Gardner*

“If you can do something with your eyes closed, it’s time to find something new.” - *Kathy Lee Gifford*

“I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.” - *Thomas Jefferson*

“Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity.” - *Oprah Winfrey*

“The highest reward for a person’s toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.” - *John Ruskin*

“Meetings are indispensable when you don’t want to do anything.” - *John Kenneth Galbraith*

“Don’t find fault. Find a remedy.” - *Henry Ford*