Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.

Circumstances determine our lives. But we shape our lives by what we make of our circumstances.

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

From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.

It’s easy to make a buck. It’s tougher to make a difference.

Plant trees. They give us the two most crucial elements for our survival; oxygen and books.

Generosity is the first step toward peace.

A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.

Talk doesn’t cook rice.
If you can’t make a mistake, you can’t make anything.
Marva N. Collins, Educator

It is better to be part of a great whole than to be the whole of a small part.
Frederick Douglass, Abolitionist

It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.
Professor Dumbledore
Harry Potter books

If you don’t like the way the world is, you change it. You have an obligation to change it. You just do it one step at a time.
Marian Wright Edelman
Children’s Defense Fund

I haven’t failed, I’ve found 10,000 ways that don’t work.
Thomas Alva Edison, Inventor

I never perfected an invention that I did not think about in terms of the service it might give others… I find out what the world needs, then I proceed to invent.
Thomas Alva Edison, Inventor

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

Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life’s coming attractions.
Albert Einstein, Scientist

What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.
Ralph Waldo Emerson, Author

When spider webs are woven together, they can tie up a lion.
Ethiopian Proverb
How wonderful it is that no one need to wait a single moment before starting to change the world.

Anne Frank, Teen Diarist

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle.

Collier Graham, Musician

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi, Statesman

Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference. And we have a choice: What sort of difference do we want to make?

Jane Goodall, Environmental Activist

The influence of a beautiful, helpful character is contagious, and may revolutionize a whole town.

Benjamin Franklin, Statesman

It’s never too late to do something great.

Dorothy Haddock, Activist

A mind that is stretched by a new idea can never go back to its original dimensions.

Daniel Hoogterp

Imagine what a harmonious world it could be if every single person, both young and old, shared a little of what he is good at doing.

Quincy Jones, Musician

Everybody has their ups and downs so I decided to have mine between good and great.

Bruce Joyce, Educator

We have to reinvent the wheel every once in awhile, not because we need a lot of wheels; but because we need a lot of inventors.
Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint on it you can.

Danny Kaye, Actor

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller, Author

Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence.

Vince Lombardi, Coach

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A different world cannot be built by indifferent people.

Horace Mann, Educator

I must say that I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a book.

Groucho Marx, Comedian

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it; but that it is too low and we reach it.

Michelangelo, Artist

If you think you’re too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.

Anita Roddick, Businesswoman

Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.

Will Rogers, Author
If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

Will Rogers, Author

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt
First Lady of the United States

Why not go out on a limb? Isn’t that where the fruit is?

Frank Scully, Author

The future depends entirely on what each of us does every day.

Gloria Steinem, Writer

It’s not enough to be busy; so are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?

Henry David Thoreau, Author

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain, Author

I couldn’t wait for success. So I went ahead without it.

Jonathan Winters, Comedian

Let there be no distance between the words you say and the life you live.

Senator Paul Wellstone

If you need a helping hand, you’ll find one at the end of your arm.

Yiddish Proverb

You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because thorns have roses.

Ziggy, Comic Strip Character
Don’t count the days. Make the days count.

Mohammed Ali, professional boxer and activist

I can’t understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I’m frightened of the old ones.

John Cage, composer

The most fulfilled people are those who get up every morning and stand for something larger than themselves.

Wilma Mankiller, first woman chief of the Cherokee Nation

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Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa

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Wangari Maathai, environmental activist

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Maya Angelou, poet

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