Leadership Guide
Quotations for Leaders and Thinkers
Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

—George S. Patton
The best way out is always through.

—Robert Frost
Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

—Mark Twain
Little strokes fell great oaks.

—Benjamin Franklin
Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right.

—Henry Ford
Good bread was never made from bad grain.

—French proverb
What makes the desert beautiful is that somewhere it hides a well.

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery
Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.

—John F. Kennedy
If you can dream it, you can do it.

—Walt Disney
It takes a long time to become young.

—Pablo Picasso
The time is always right to do what is right.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Nothing is impossible, the word itself says “I’m possible!”

—Audrey Hepburn
Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition.

—Marilyn Monroe
No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

—Eleanor Roosevelt
Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

—Thomas Edison
A leader is a dealer in hope.

—Napoleon Bonaparte
Example is leadership.

—Albert Schweitzer
I have always supported measures and principles and not men.

—Davy Crockett
Well done is better than well said.

—Benjamin Franklin
Education is hanging around until you’ve caught on.

—Robert Frost
They succeed, because they think they can.

—Virgil
Don’t fight the problem, decide it.

—George C. Marshall
You just can't beat the person who never gives up.

—Babe Ruth
A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.

—Eleanor Roosevelt
To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

—Winston S. Churchill
Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.

—Helen Keller
A happy life is one spent in learning, earning, and yearning.

—Lillian Gish
All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence, and then success is sure.

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

— Mahatma Gandhi
Whatever you are, be a good one.

—Abraham Lincoln
Sometimes if you want to see a change for the better, you have to take things into your own hands.

—Clint Eastwood
We acquire the strength we have overcome.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
Brevity is the soul of wit.

—William Shakespeare
Courage is being scared to death...and saddling up anyway.

—John Wayne
The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud.

—Coco Chanel
Creativity takes courage.

—Henri Matisse
It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

—Aristotle
It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.

—William Shakespeare
Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

—Will Rogers
Being uncool is being pretty much the coolest you can be.

—Rufus Wainwright
Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

—Abraham Lincoln
Logic will take you from A to B.
Imagination will take you everywhere.

—Albert Einstein
To know what you know and what you do not know, that is true knowledge.

—Confucius
Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

—Benjamin Franklin
I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship.

—Louisa May Alcott
The minute that you’re not learning I believe you’re dead.

—Jack Nicholson
Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.

—Confucius
Don’t cry because it’s over.
Smile because it happened.

—Dr. Seuss
If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased.

—Katharine Hepburn
The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

—Mark Twain
Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

—Arthur Ashe
When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt
It’s not what you look at that matters, it’s what you see.

—Henry David Thoreau
The most effective way to do it, is to do it.

—Amelia Earhart
You’ve got to go out on a limb sometimes because that’s where the fruit is.

—Will Rogers
Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

— Nelson Mandela
Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

—B.F. Skinner
It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers.

— James Thurber
Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

—Henry Ford
It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

—Harry S. Truman
You can observe a lot by watching.

—Yogi Berra
The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark.

—Michelangelo
He who opens a school door, closes a prison.

— Victor Hugo
Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.

—Theodore Roosevelt
Never mistake motion for action.

—Ernest Hemingway
My only fault is that I don’t realize how great I really am.

—Muhammad Ali
Set your course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship.

—Omar N. Bradley
The road to success is always under construction.

—Arnold Palmer
Success is often achieved by those who don’t know that failure is inevitable.

—Coco Chanel
Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

—Winston Churchill
I begin with an idea and then it becomes something else.

—Pablo Picasso
Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

—Isaac Newton
Anyone who has begun to think, places some portion of the world in jeopardy.

—John Dewey
The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt
I believe things cannot make themselves impossible.

—Stephen Hawking
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
Education is the best provision for old age.

—Aristotle
What you are will show in what you do.

—Thomas Edison
Habit is the nursery of errors.

—Victor Hugo
Stay hungry, stay foolish.

—Steve Jobs
Life itself is the proper binge.

—Julia Child
Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.

—John Wooden
In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.

—Abraham Lincoln
You always pass failure on your way to success.

—Mickey Rooney
Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.

— Jimi Hendrix
Every cloud engenders not a storm.

—William Shakespeare
Art is what you can get away with.

—Andy Warhol
Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.

—Babe Ruth
If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing.

—Benjamin Franklin
A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
To lead the people, walk behind them.

—Lao-Tzu
The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

—Mahatma Gandhi
Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.

—Carl Sagan
You can’t build a reputation on what you are going to do.

—Henry Ford
It is never too late to be what you might have been.

—George Eliot, British author (1819-1880)
This world is but canvas to our imaginations.

—Henry David Thoreau
The worst thing that happens to you may be the best thing for you if you don’t let it get the best of you.

—Will Rogers