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KIDS & TEACHERS

Jim Rohn

yourself.”

“Kids don’t lack capacity,
only teachers.”

PATH OF CONVICTION

J. Kenneth Blackwell

“In life make sure you follow the
path of conviction, rather than the path
of convenience.”



I DREAM A WORLD

Langston Hughes

“I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn.
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,

SECRET OF WINNING

Denis Waitley

“Success in life is not reserved for the talent-
ed, and it’s not in the high IQ, nor in the gift at
birth. It’s not always in ability, or in the best
equipment.

Success is almost totally dependent upon
drive and persistence – the extra energy required
to make another effort, to try another approach,
to take a new tack. This is the secret of winning.”

Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind –
Of such I dream, my world!”

ON POLITICS

Russell Kirk

“Politics is the art of the possible, not the art
of the ideal.”

LONG-TERM VISION

Kouzes & Pozner

The Leadership Challenge, p. 113

“The first task in enlisting others is to find
out what your constituents have in common. No
matter how grand the dream of the individual
visionary, if others do not see in it the possibility
of realizing their own hopes and desires, they will
not follow. It is incumbent upon the leader to
show others how they too will be served by the
long-term vision of the future.”

MERTON ON PRAYER

Source Unknown

“Prayer is basically response. In prayer we
are continually responding to the questions of
who we are and who God is. We’re working here
with reality – the reality of our own identity and
freedom and its relationship to God.

Prayer has but one function: to bring us to a
personal awareness of our oneness with God in
Christ...We will achieve awareness only if
we discover our true self, the ground of
our being...Seeking God with our whole
heart is finding God within us; and
where we are, there God is.”

VALUE OF TIME

Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski

Growing Each Day, Cheshvan 26
<http://www.aish.com/sp/ged/45659542.html>

“Time should be precious to us. It
is irreplaceable; unlike money, a mo-
ment that is lost can never be regained.
Still, we protect our money far more than
our time.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Orison Swett Marden

“The golden opportunity you are seeking is
in yourself. It is not in your environment; it is not
in luck or chance, or the help of others; it is in

Absolute idleness consists of doing nothing.
But there is also a relative idleness, when we oc-
cupy ourselves with things of lesser value.

If what we are doing at any given time is not
the most important thing at that moment, some-



thing else must be even more important. If that is so, why are we neglecting what is more important and spending our time on what is less important? Would we be so foolish to spend our time earning less money when we could just as well be earning more?

Today I shall...try to realize the value of time, and make every moment count."

EVERYONE IS A LEADER Chris Lowney
Heroic Leadership, p. 17

"Everyone is a leader, and everyone is leading all the time – sometimes in immediate, dramatic, and obvious ways, more often in subtle, hard-to-measure ways, but leading nonetheless."

WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 2004 St. John Paul II

"The Church...has always taught and continues today to teach a very simple axiom: *peace is possible*. Indeed, the Church does not tire of repeating that *peace is a duty*. It must be built on the four pillars indicated by Saint John XXIII in his Encyclical *Pacem in Terris*: truth, justice, love and freedom. A duty is thus imposed upon all those who love peace: that of *teaching these ideals to new generations*, in order to prepare a better future for all mankind.



...[F]or the establishment of true peace in the world, justice must find its fulfilment in charity....Justice and love sometimes appear to be *opposing forces*. In fact they are but *two faces of a single reality*, two dimensions of human life needing to be mutually integrated....

For this reason I have often reminded Christians and all persons of good will that *forgiveness is needed for solving the problems of individuals and peoples. There is no peace without forgiveness!*

BETTER THAN A BELL Franklin Public Library
http://www.town.franklin.ma.us/Pages/FranklinMA_Library/libraryhistory

In 1778, when the town was incorporated, the city fathers designated the name Exeter, Massachusetts changed to Franklin in honor of Dr. Benjamin Franklin. In return Franklin was asked to donate a bell for the town's church steeple.

Acknowledging that "sense" was preferable to "sound", Dr. Franklin responded with an offer of books for the use of the town's residents.

When the volumes arrived, a great controversy arose over who should be allowed to use them.

On November 20th, 1790, those attending Franklin's town meeting voted to lend the books to all Franklin inhabitants free of charge. This vote established the Franklin collection as the first public library in the United States.

UNLEASH IMAGINATION William Arthur Ward

"Nothing limits achievement like small thinking; nothing expands possibilities like unleashed imagination."

MATURE WISDOM Dwight D. Eisenhower

"The older I get, the more wisdom I find in the ancient rule of taking *first things first* – a process which often reduces the most complex human problems to manageable proportions."

PURPOSE OF LIFE Leo C. Rosten

"I cannot believe the purpose of life is to be happy. The purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate."

YES, TO THE BEST Zig Ziglar

"I've got to say 'no' to the good so I can say 'yes' to the best."

I AM THE NEW YEAR BIBLE ILLUSTRATOR

"I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have – these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'"

