KIDS & TEACHERS  
Jim Rohn  
“Kids don’t lack capacity, only teachers.”

PATH OF CONVICTIO  
J. Kenneth Blackwell  
“In life make sure you follow the path of conviction, rather than the path of convenience.”

SECRET OF WINNING  
Denis Waitley  
“Success in life is not reserved for the talented, 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.”

ON POLITICS  
Russell Kirk  
“Politics is the art of the possible, not the art of the ideal.”

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.”

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 yourself.”

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,  
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!”

LONG-TERM VISION  
Kouses & 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.”

VALUE OF TIME  
Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski  
Growing Each Day, Cheshvan 26  
http://www.aish.com/sp/ged/4959457.html  
“Time should be precious to us. It is irreplaceable; unlike money, a moment that is lost can never be regained. Still, we protect our money far more than our time. Absolute idleness consists of doing nothing. But there is also a relative idleness, when we occupy 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](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.’”