

Motivational Moments

Boldness becomes rarer the higher the rank.
Karl von Clausewitz

The greatest masterpieces were once only pigments on a palette.
Henry S. Haskins

Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least.
Goethe

You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.
Naguib Mahfouz

The most important thing that a commander can do is to see the ship from the eyes of the crew.
Commandar D. Michael Abrashoff

When you know a thing to recognize that you know it; and when you do not, to know that you do not know – that is knowledge.
Confucius

No one can persuade another to change. Each of us guards a gate of change that can only be opened from the inside. We cannot open the gate of another, either by argument or by emotional appeal.
Marilyn Ferguson

Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing.
Clive James

Everything that can be invented has been invented.
Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899

The world we have made as a result of the level of thinking we have done thus far creates problems we cannot solve at the same level of thinking at which we created them.
Albert Einstein

There is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to handle, than to initiate a new order of things. For the reformer has enemies in all who profit by the old order. This luke-warmness arises partly from fear of their adversaries, who have the law in their favor; and partly from the incredulity of mankind, who do not truly believe in anything new until they have had actual experience of it.
Machiavelli "The Prince"

Ignorant people are sure of the causes of everything. *James Thorpe*

You cannot not communicate. *Steve Andreas*

Some drink from the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle.
Anon

A ship in a harbor is safe, but that's not what a ship is built for.
Anon

Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.
George Bernard Shaw

Knowledge is like money: To be of value it must circulate, and in circulating it can increase in quantity and value.
Louis L'Amour

Align people's passions with their priorities and you'll achieve performance.
Steve Brown

People are generally better persuaded by the reasons, which they have discovered, than by those which have come from the mind of others.
Pascal

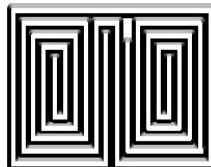
It isn't the incompetent who destroy an organization--it is those who have achieved something and want to rest upon their achievements who are forever clogging things up.
Charles Sorenson

To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.
Mother Teresa

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You can only lead others where you yourself are willing to go.
Lachlan McLean

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.
Sir Benjamin Disraeli

A painting is never finished; it simply stops in interesting places.
Paul Gardner

Where there is no vision, the people perish.
Proverbs

To create better health in a living system, connect it to more of itself.
Meg Wheatley

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

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being.
Goethe

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.
Albert Einstein

Knowledge itself is power.
Francis Bacon

It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent; it is the one that is most adaptable to change.
Charles Darwin

All wish to know, but none want to pay the price.
Juvenal

A great difference between winners and losers is their attitude to what they need to know. Losers feel it's someone else's job to teach them everything they need to know. Winners are determined to learn, and will seek out the best possible training completely on their own.
John Lawhon

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world. The unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.
George Bernard Shaw

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito.
African Proverb

The empires of the future are the empires of the mind.
Sir Winston Churchill

Sometimes you just have to take the leap, and build your wings on the way down.
Yobi Yamada

Men often oppose a thing merely because they have had no agency in planning it, or because it may have been planned by those whom they dislike.
Alexander Hamilton

You cannot address the challenges of tomorrow with yesterday's solutions. Take charge of the future by making change your ally. Instead of struggling to just survive, you'll be busy managing success.
Denis Waitley

We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.
Anais Nin

Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.
Henry Van Dyke

Every problem contains the seeds of its own solution.
Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

People cannot learn by having information pressed into their brains. Knowledge has to be sucked into the brain, not pushed in. First, one must create a state of mind that craves knowledge, interest and wonder. You can only teach by creating an urge to learn.
Victor Weisskopf

Beware of preferring the security of misery to the misery of insecurity.
Anon

Mastering others is strength, mastering yourself is true power; knowing others is intelligence, knowing yourself is true wisdom.
Lao Tsu

Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.
Peter Drucker

Your vision of yourself and your possibilities is a mental picture of what you will become. We must carve our own success in the same way that a sculptor chips away at a block of marble. Like the sculptor who creates a masterpiece from a mental model, we must begin our journey to success by visualizing what we want to become.
Anon

Most of the important experiences that truly educate cannot be arranged ahead of time with any precision.
Harold Taylor

A knowledge worker needs one thing only: to learn how to learn.
Peter Drucker

If you want to know your past - look into your present conditions. If you want to know your future - look into your present actions.
Buddhist Saying

We trained hard - but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we were reorganized. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing, and what a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while actually producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralization. -
Petronius Arbiter, 210 BC. Or Petronius Satyricon, First Century AD