



Seeking Inspiration

As we cope with relentless daily pressures, we need to create the space for rest and relaxation — a place where inspiration can grow. I hope you can find some of that during this holiday season.

One place where I find inspiration is in short quotations — ones that I think are both poetic and powerful. This month, I want to share some of the quotes I have collected that inspire me on a daily basis. Please enjoy them as you celebrate this holiday season — one full of joy, love, and peace of mind. I look forward to working together to create relevant experiences for you so that together we contribute to a world where we can live humanely and peacefully.

"As long as we are breathing and thinking, and our hearts are beating, the world is ours to shape as we please, according to our values."

Doris Haddock

"I believe we can change the world if we start listening to one another again. Simple honest, human conversation. No mediation, negotiation, problem solving, debate, or public meetings. Simple, truthful conversation where we each have a chance to speak, we each feel heard, and we each listen well. This is how great chances begin, when people begin talking to each other about their experiences, hopes, and fears."

Margaret Wheatley

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

Mahatma Gandhi

"Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing."

Helen Keller

"Leaders are visionaries with a poorly developed sense of fear and no concept of the odds against them."

Dr. Robert Jarvik, inventor of the artificial heart

"Becoming a leader is synonymous with becoming yourself. That simple, that difficult."

Warren Bennis

"The ultimate in being successful is the luxury of giving yourself the time to do what you want to do."

Anonymous

"Leadership is a matter of how to be, not how to do. We spend most of our lives mastering how to do things, but in the end it is the quality and character of the individuals that define the performance of great leaders."

Frances Hesselbein

"Leadership demands making the impossible happen, being prepared for the unexpected, and learning from the lessons of history. It is the human spirit that makes the difference."

Lady Margaret Thatcher

"Leadership is about empathy. It is about having the ability to relate and to connect with people for the purpose of inspiring and empowering their lives."

Oprah Winfrey

"I believe that the very purpose of our life is to seek happiness. That is clear. Whether one believes in religion or not, whether one believes in this religion or that religion, we all are seeking something better in life. So, I think the very motion of our life is towards happiness."

The Dalai Lama

"Not I, not anyone else, can travel that road for you. You must travel it for yourself."

Walt Whitman

"Today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday."

Anonymous

"Success is never final."

J.W. "Bill" Marriott Jr.

Happy holidays and please have a safe, joyous 2004!