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# 101 Life Changing Ideas

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1. Success is knowing what God's will is for your life and doing it with all your might.  
T. O'Reggio  
My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work. John 4:34.
2. Vengeance is a passion to get even. It is a hot desire to give back as much pain as someone gave . . . . The problem with revenge is that it never gets what it wants; it never ever evens the sum. Fairness never comes. The chain reaction set off by every act of vengeance always takes its unhindered course. It ties both the injured and the injurer to an escalator of pain. Both are stuck on the escalator as long as parity is demanded, and the escalator never stops, never lets anyone off.  
Lewis Smedes.  
But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. Matt 5:39
3. If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess freedom and yet depreciate agitation are persons who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one or it may be both, but there must be struggle.  
Frederick Douglas  
Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 1 Tim. 6:12
4. You will never be the person you can be if pressure, tension, and discipline are taken out of your life.  
James C. Bilkey  
But the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish and strengthen you.  
1 Peter 5:10
5. It is more noble to give yourself completely to one individual than to labor diligently for the salvation of the masses..  
Selected  
Greater love had no man than this that a man laid down his life for his friends. John 15:13

6. Think positively about yourself, keep your thoughts and your actions clean, ask God who made you to keep on remaking you.  
Norman Vincent Peale  
Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise think on these things. Phil. 4:8
  
7. There are many ways to fail in the Christian life. But all of them begin with a lack of discipline, a conscious decision to take the easy route.  
Erwin Lutzer  
But I keep my body and bring it under subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Corinthians 9:27.
  
8. Character is always lost when a high ideal is sacrificed on the altar of conformity and popularity.  
Chuck Swindoll  
Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.  
Romans 12:2
  
9. No man is more than four steps from God: conviction, repentance, consecration, and faith.  
Roy L. Smith  
Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31  
Without faith it is impossible to please God. Repent and be baptized. Acts 2:38
  
10. Do not consider painful what is good for you.  
Euripides ( 484-406 B.C.)  
No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. NIV Heb 12:11
  
11. Many of our fears are tissue paper thin, and a single courageous step would carry us clear through them.  
Brendon Francis  
For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and of a sound mind.  
2 Tim. 1:7

12. The greatest of all disorders is to think we are whole and need no help.  
Thomas Wilson (1663-1730)  
Those that are whole need not a Physician but they that are sick . I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:31, 32
13. It is not the man who has too little but the man who craves more who is poor.  
Lucius Annaeus Seneca (cc 4 B.C. - A.D. 60)  
But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Tim 6:6
14. Contentment consists not in great wealth but in few wants.  
Epictetus © 55-130)  
I have learned in whatever state I am therewith to be content. Phil. 4:11
15. The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved.  
Victor Hugo  
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16
16. Love is the first requirement of mental health.  
Sigmund Freud  
And above all things have fervent charity (love) among yourselves for charity covers a multitude of sins 1 Peter 4:8
17. Beware of no man more than yourself; we carry our worst enemy with us.  
Charles Hadden Spurgeon (1834-1892)  
The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it?  
Jer. 17:9
18. If I am half-full of myself, there is no way I can be full of God.  
Richard Owen Roberts  
Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me. Ps 51:10
19. It is not my business to think about myself. my business is to think about God. It is for God to think about me.  
Simone Weil (1909-1943)  
How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them. Ps 139:17

20. God sends no man away except those who are full of themselves.  
D. L. Moody (1837–1899)  
A high look and a proud heart and the plowing of the wicked is sin. Prov. 21:4
21. Most of the trouble in the world is caused by people wanting to be important.  
T. S. Elliot (1888–1965)  
Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust and respecteth not the proud, nor as such to turn aside to lies. Ps 48:4
22. Pride is the ground in which all other sins grow and the parent from which all the other sins come.  
William Barclay (1907–1978)  
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due season. ! Pet 5:6
23. Trouble is inevitable, but misery is optional. Attitude has to do with the way I choose to think about things. It has to do with one's focus. Two men looked through prison bars—one saw the mud, the other saw the stars.  
Gary Chapman  
Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. 1 Pet 4:12
24. If knowing the answers to life's question is absolutely necessary to you, then forget the journey. You will never make it, for this is a journey of unknowables—of unanswered questions, enigmas, incomprehensibles, and most of all, things unfair.  
Madame Jeane Guyon  
For without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb 11:6
25. Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do however virtuous can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love.  
Reinhold Niebuhr  
Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb 12:2

26. Man's maker was made man that He, author of the stars might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the light sleep, the way be tired on its journey; that Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the foundation be suspended on wood; that strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life may die.  
Augustine  
Great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory. 1 Tim 3:16
27. Higher than the highest human thoughts can reach is God's ideal for his children. Godliness is the goal to be reached. Before the student is opened a path of continual progress.  
E. G. White  
Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. John 3:2
28. Face your deficiencies and acknowledge them, do not let them master you. Let them teach you patience, sweetness, insight. When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our own life, or in the life of another.  
Helen Keller  
If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
John 1:8
29. The spirit of unselfish labor for others gives depth, stability, and Christlike loveliness to the character, and brings peace and happiness to its possessor.  
E. G. White  
We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves. Rom 15:1
30. The pure sort of living is to draw from each person his best.  
Lillian Whiting  
Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Heb 10:24
31. To acknowledge your imperfections does not mean you're a failure; it is rather to admit that you're human. As humans you and I have the potential for loving, kind and good behavior, but we also have the potential for self-centered, destructive behavior.  
Gary Chapman

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty . . . 1 Cor 1:27

32. Occasionally we talk of Christianity that solves our problems, and there is a sense in which it does. Long before it does so, however, it increases both the number and intensity of the problems . . . . If a man wishes to avoid the effect of paradoxes, the best advice is for him to leave the Christian faith alone.

Elton Trueblood

Casting all your care upon him for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7

33. We receive enlightenment only in proportion as we give ourselves more and more completely to God by humble submission and love, we do not first see, then act: we act, then see . . . . And that is why the man who waits to see clearly, before he will believe, never starts the journey.

Thomas Merton

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while make you perfect, stablish, strength, settle you.

1 Peter 5:10

34. Let it be written upon the conscience as with a pen of iron upon the rock, that real success whether for this life or for the life to come can be secured only by faithful adherence to the eternal principles of right.

E. G. White

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. Isa 1:19

35. The secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort. Those who achieve the greatest results are those who rely most implicitly upon the Almighty arm.

E. G. White

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honor. Prov 21:21

36. The formation of a noble character is the work of a lifetime and must be the result of diligent and persevering effort. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them.

E. G. White

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3

37. If we succeed without suffering, it is because someone has suffered for us; if we suffer without success, it is because someone will succeed after us.

Selected.

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Pet 4:16

38. Young man, life is before you. Two voices are calling you—one coming out from the swamps

of selfishness and power which success means death and the other from the hilltop of justice and progress, where even failure brings glory.

John P. Altgeld

In the way of righteousness is life and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

Prov 12:28

39. Consider the rights of others before your own feelings, and the feelings of others before your own rights.  
John Wooden  
Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgives you, so also do ye. Col 3:13
40. The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes of mind.  
William James  
Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. 1 Cor 5:17
41. Decide what you want, decide what you are willing to exchange for it. Establish your priorities and go to work.  
H. L. Hunt  
Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might for there is no work nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. Eccl. 9:10
42. Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.  
John Quincy Adams  
Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof and to be patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Eccl. 7:8
43. Excuses are the patches with which we seek to repair the garment of failure.  
Selected.  
Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompense of reward.  
Heb 10:35
44. Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.  
Abraham Lincoln  
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.  
Ps 1:3
45. It is a sin to be silent when it is your duty to protest.  
Abraham Lincoln  
Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.  
Prov 3:27
46. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working

of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.

Ellen G. White

But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Prov 3:18

47. Man can shape circumstances, but circumstances should not be allowed to shape the man. We should seize upon circumstances as instruments with which to work. We are to master them, but should not permit them to master us. Ellen G. White  
I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. Isa 48:17 NIV
48. On the great clock of time, there is but one word—NOW.  
Selected.  
behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2b
49. Fame is vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, those who cheer today will curse tomorrow; only one thing endures—character.  
Horace Greely  
A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving faith rather than silver and gold. Prov. 22:1
50. There is no moment like the present. A man who will execute his resolutions when they are fresh upon him can have no hope for them afterwards; they will be dissipated, lost, and perished in the hurry and scurry of the world, or sunk in the slough of indolence.  
Maria Edgeworth  
Do not boast about tomorrow for you do not know what a day may bring. Prov. 27:1
51. Every failure teaches a man something if he will learn.  
Dickens  
My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.  
2 Cor 12:9 NIV
52. Dost thou love life, then do not squander time, for that is the stuff that life is made of.  
Benjamin Franklin  
So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Ps 90:12
53. Some speak but fail to speak the truth. Their words are meaningless. Some speak the truth but not in love; their words destroy. But thanks be to God, when we speak the truth in love, miracles will happen.  
Selected  
Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones.  
Prov 16:24
54. The only way to regenerate the world is to do the duty which lies nearest to us and not hunt after grand, far-fetched ones for ourselves.  
C. Kingsley  
Who is wise and understanding among you. Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in

the humility that comes from wisdom. James 3:13 NIV

55. If you wait to measure every difficulty and balance every perplexity you meet, you will do little. You will have obstacles and difficulties to encounter at every turn, and you must with firm purpose decide to conquer them or they will conquer you.  
Ellen G. White  
For verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Math 17:20
56. We have an enemy without that we need to fear. Our great conflict is with unconsecrated self. When we conquer self, we are more than conquerors through Him who has loved us.  
Ellen G. White  
For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil 1:21
57. Yesterday is but a dream.  
Tomorrow is only a vision,  
But today well lived  
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness  
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
Look well therefore to this day.  
From the Sanskrit  
Take therefore no thought for tomorrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Matt 6:33
58. He who is silent is forgotten; he who abstains is taken at his word; he who does not advance falls back; he who stops is overwhelmed, distanced, crushed; he who ceases to grow greater becomes smaller; he who leaves off gives up; the stationary condition is the beginning of the end.  
Amiel  
But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou has learned them. 2 Tim 3:14
59. Our life is a short time in expectation, a time in which sadness and joy kiss each other at every moment. There is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our life. It seems that there is no such thing as a clear-cut pure joy, but that even in the most happy moments of our existence we can sense a tinge of sadness. In every satisfaction, there is an awareness of limitation. On every success, there is the fear of jealousy. Behind every smile there is a tear. On every embrace, there is loneliness. In every friendship, distance. and in all forms of light, there is the knowledge of surrounding darkness. . . . But this intimate experience in which every bit of death can point us beyond the limit of our existence. It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to the day when one heart will be filled with perfect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us.  
Henri Novwen  
Behold I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

60. The field had to be broken, the iron molten, the orchard lopped, the wheat winnowed, the stream imprisoned about the mill. Perhaps it was the same with mans life. From greater endeavor must be born, from tears increased purpose, from despair hope. Why should a man fall but to rise again, die but to live.  
George Dell  
Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11:25
61. The heart itself is but a small vessel, yet dragons are there and also lions. There are poisonous beasts and all treasures of evil. But there too is God, the angels, the life and the kingdom, the light and the apostles, the heavenly witness and the treasures of grace—all things are there.  
Mancarius  
Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life. Prov 4:23
62. The soul must long for God in order to be aflame by God's love; but if the soul cannot yet feel His longing, then it must long for the longing. To long for the longing is also from God.  
Meister Eckart  
As the heart panteth after the water brooks so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. Ps 42:1, 2
63. Those who say that they believe in God and yet neither love nor fear him, do not in fact believe in him but those who have taught them that God exists. Those who believe that they believe in God, but without any passion in their heart, any anguish of mind; without any uncertainty, without doubt, without an element of despair even in their consolation, believe only in the God idea, not in God.  
Miguel De Unamuno  
Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon his name. Mal 3:16
64. The contented man is never poor, the discontented never rich.  
George Eliot (1819-1886)  
But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim 6:6
65. the Christian is not like an infant crying loudly for his mother's breast, but like a weaned child that quietly rests by his mother's side, happy in being with her . . . and just as the child gradually breaks off the habit of regarding his mother only as a means of satisfying his own desire and learn to love her for her own sake, so the worshiper after a struggle has reached an attitude of mind in which he desires God for himself and not as a means of fulfillment of his own wishes. His life's center of gravity has shifted.  
Arthur Weiser  
Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Isa 26:3

66. It is a will act: I compel my mind to open straight out toward God . . . . I fix my attention there and sometimes it requires a long time early in the morning to attain that mental state. I am like a woman rowing against a current. My will-pressure must be gentle but constant, to listen to God, to pray for others incessantly, to look at people or souls and not as clothes for bodies or even minds. The moment the pressure on the oar ceases, I doubt, and downward . . . . “Let go and let God” does not fit my experience. “Take hold and keep hold of God” is what it feels like to me. There is a will-act, and I can feel the spiritual muscles growing from rowing.  
Frank Laubach  
O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee, my flesh thirsteth for thee in a dry land and thirsty land where no water is. Ps 63:1
67. To walk out of his will is to walk into nowhere.  
C. S. Lewis  
For I have no pleasure in the death of him that lieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves and live ye. Ezek 18:32
68. There are no disappointments to those whose wills are buried and in the will of God.  
Fredrich William Faber  
Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Ps 25:23
69. Every soul is surrounded by an atmosphere of its own—an atmosphere, it may be, charted with the life-giving power of faith, courage, and hope, and sweet with the fragrance of love. Or it may be heavy and chill with the gloom of discontent and selfishness, or poisonous with the deadly taint of cherished sin. By the atmosphere surrounding us, every person with whom we come in contact is consciously or unconsciously affected.  
Christ’s object Lessons, 339.  
Ye are our epistle written in our hearts known and read of all me. 2 Cor 3:2
70. Worry is wasting today’s time, cluttering up tomorrow’s opportunities with yesterday’s troubles.  
And that knowing the time that now it is high time to awake out of sleep. For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Rom 13:11
71. Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily.  
Schiller  
The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty but those of everyone who is hasty surely to poverty. Rom 21:5
72. Cure yourself of the inclination to bother about how you look to other people. Be concerned only with the idea God has of you.  
Miguel De Unamuno  
For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jer 29:11

73. No man is ever the same again after he has been tempted—he is either stronger or weaker, depending on his victory or defeat; and every temptation, great or small, leaves its mark on the soul of a man  
G. H. Minchin, *Gateways to God*, 164.  
Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: For when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12
74. “Keep about your work. Do not flinch because the lion roars; do not stop to stone the devil’s dogs; do not fool away your time chasing the devil’s rabbits. Do your work. Let liars lie, let sectarians quarrel, let corporations resolve, let editors publish, let the devil do his worst; but see to it that nothing hinders you from fulfilling the work that God has given you.  
“He has not sent you to make money. He has not commanded you to get rich. He has never bidden you defend your character. He has not set you at work to contradict falsehood which Satan and his servant may start to peddle. If you do those things, you will do nothing else; you will be at work for yourself and not for the Lord.  
Commit thy work unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. Prov 16:3  
“You may be assaulted, wronged, insulted, slandered, wounded, and rejected; you may be abused by foes, forsaken by friends, and despised and rejected of men; but see to it with steadfast determination, with unfaltering zeal, that you pursue the great purpose of your life and object of your being, until at last you say, ‘I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do.’” Selected.  
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 11 Tim 4:6
75. Take time to think—it is the source of power.  
Take time to play—it is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read—it is the fountain of wisdom.  
Take time to pray—it is the greatest power on earth.  
Take time to love and be loved—it is a God-given privilege.  
Take time to be friendly—it is the road to happiness.  
Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul.  
Take time to Give—it is too short a day to be selfish.  
Take time to Work—it is the price of success.  
Ann Landers  
And Enoch walked with God and he was not for God took him. Gen 5:24
76. Dare Greatly  
It is not the critic who counts;  
Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled,  
or where the doer of deeds could have done better.  
The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena;  
whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood;  
Who strives valiantly;  
Who errs and comes short again and again;  
Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions,  
And spends himself in a worthy cause;  
Who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievements;  
And who at the worst, if he fails,  
At least fails while daring greatly;  
So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls  
Who know neither victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

For a just man falleth given times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.  
Prov. 24:16

77. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where  
there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light; and where there is  
sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be  
understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in  
pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
St. Francis  
Defend the poor and the faithless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. deliver the poor and  
needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. Ps 82:3, 4
78. Your thoughts become your words.  
Your words become your actions  
Your habits become your character  
Your character becomes your destiny  
Unknown  
Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. Gal 6:7
79. Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by  
failure, than to take rank with those poor sports who never enjoy nor suffer too much, because  
they live in the grey twilight that knows no victory nor defeat.  
Theodore Roosevelt  
But the people who knew their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits.  
Dan 11:32
80. It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.  
Carl Logan  
Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Matt 5:14
81. I know I am intelligent, because I know that I know nothing.  
Socrates.  
Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not on thine own understanding. Prov 3:5
82. Remember there is nothing stable in human affairs, therefore, avoid undue elation in prosperity,  
or undue depression in adversity.  
Socrates  
Put not your trust in princes nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. Happy is he that  
hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.  
Ps 146:3, 5

83. I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed. Out of the hard and unusual struggle through which he is compelled to pass, he gets a strength, a confidence, that one misses whose pathway is comparatively smooth by reason of birth and race.  
Booker T. Washington  
And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to his purpose. Rom 8:28
84. What a man can conceive and believe He can achieve.  
Napoleon Hill  
But Jesus beheld them and said unto them, with men this is impossible but with God all things are possible. Matt 19:26
85. Every adversity, every failure, and every heartache comes with it the seed of an equivalent of greater benefit.  
Napoleon Hill  
You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Tim 2:3
86. Until you have learned to be tolerant with those who do not always agree with you; until you have cultivated the habit of saying some kind words to whom you do not admire; until you have formed the habit of looking for the good instead of the bad there is in others, you will be neither successful or happy.  
Napoleon Hill  
Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that spitefully use you, and persecute you. Matt 5:44
87. Experience is a dear teacher, and only fools will learn from no other.  
Ben Franklin  
For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. Prov 2:6
88. Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.  
Thomas Jefferson  
I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil 3:20
89. Some people see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not.  
John Kennedy  
To them he gave power to become the sons of God. John 1:14
90. Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character give Him power.  
Abraham Lincoln  
Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not the high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Rom 12:16
91. 'Tis better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.  
Abraham Lincoln  
In the multitude of words there wanteth no sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise. Prov 10:19

92. I will treasure this day with love in my heart. For this is the greatest secret of success in all ventures. Muscles can split a shield and even destroy life itself but only the unseen power of love can open the hearts of man. And until I master this act I will remain no more than a peddler in the market place. I will make love my greatest weapon and none on who I call can defend against its force.  
Og Mandino  
Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20
93. Duty is ours; results are God's. The first and almost the only Book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. In what light source we regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue.  
John Quincy Adams  
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect throughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17
94. Love is the currency of life. The more of it you give away the richer you are. Selected  
And now abideth, faith, hope and love; these three but the greatest of these is love.  
1 Cor. 13:13
95. Man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is the glue.  
George Herbert  
By grace are ye saved through faith, it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8
96. God's forgiveness is unconditional; it comes from a heart that does not demand anything for itself, a heart that is completely empty of self-seeking. . . It calls one to keep stepping over all arguments that say forgiveness is unwise, unhealthy and impractical. It challenges one to step over all my needs for gratitude and compliments.  
Philip Yancey  
God commendeth his love to us that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.  
Rom 5:8
97. Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time for that's the stuff life is made of.  
Benjamin Franklin  
So teach us to number our days, that we apply our hearts unto wisdom. Ps 90:12
98. He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.  
George Herbert  
Bless them which persecute you: bless and curse not. Romans 12:14
99. Power without love is reckless and abrasive . . . Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice.  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
And above all these things put on charity which is the bond of perfectness. Col 3:14

100. Through the medium of prayer we go to our enemy, stand by his side and plead for him to God. Jesus does not promise that when we bless our enemies and do good to them they will not spitefully use and persecute us. They certainly will. But not even that can hurt or overcome us, so long as we pray for them . . . . We are doing vicariously for them what they cannot do for themselves.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Do not overcome evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom 12:21

101. You must be careful to identify God's initiative and distinguish it from your selfish desires. A self-centered life will have a tendency to confuse its selfish desire with God's will. Circumstances for instance cannot always be a clear direction for God's leadership. "Open" and "closed" doors are not always indications of God's directions. On seeking God's direction check to see that prayer, the Scripture and circumstances agree in the direction you sense God leading you.

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In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Prov 3:6