



"Quotes for Your Wall"

A few inspirational thoughts to motivate you and your students.

Thomas Edison

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

Seneca

"If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favorable."

Napolean Hill

"What ever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve."

Claudia Black

"Trust in yourself. Your perceptions are often far more accurate than you are willing to believe."

Virgil

"They can because they think they can."

Stephen Covey

"Be patient with yourself. Self-growth is tender; it's holy ground. There's no greater investment."

Buddha

"In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins - not through strength, but through persistence."

Francis Bacon

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

George Dana Boardman

"Sow an act, and you reap a habit; sow a habit, and you reap a character; sow a character, and you reap a destiny."

Albert Einstein

"Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others, it is the only means."

Jim Ryun

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."

Jim Rohn

"Don't wish it were easier, wish you were better."

Confucius

"Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance."

Anthony Robbins

If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten.

Brian Tracy

"You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control your attitude toward what happens to you, and in that, you will be mastering change rather than allowing it to master you."

Tom Krause

"Courage is the discovery that you may not win, and trying when you know you can lose."

Stanley Bronstein

"Conflict is a catalyst that can fuel the flames that fire us all."

Woody Allen

"Eighty percent of success is showing up."

Wilfred Peterson

"Success is focusing the full power of all you are on what you have a burning desire to achieve."

Galileo Galilei

"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them."

Abd-el-Kadar

"Collect as precious pearls the words of the wise and virtuous."

Kahlil Gibran

"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."

James Dean

"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today."

Leonardo da Vinci

"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do."

Thornton Wilder

"Seek the lofty by reading, hearing and seeing great work at some moment every day."

Peter Marshall

"When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure"

John W. Gardner

"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser."

Vince Lombardi

"Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is."

Walt Whitman

"Character and personal force are the only investments that are worth anything."

Arthur C. Clarke

"The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible."

Maya Angelou

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Miguel de Cervantes

"Make it thy business to know thyself, which is the most difficult lesson in the world."

Mae West

"It's not what I do, but the way I do it. It's not what I say, but the way I say it."

Lao Tzu

"Great acts are made up of small deeds."

Alexander Graham Bell

"Sometimes we stare so long at a door that is closing, that we see too late the one that is open."

Benjamin Franklin

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

Howard Thurman

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Anne Frank

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Marcus Aurelius

"Such as are thy habitual thoughts, such also will be the character of thy mind; for the soul is dyed by the thoughts."

Thomas Jefferson

"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."

Henry David Thoreau

"You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one."

Viktor Frankl

"Life can be pulled by goals just as surely as it can be pushed by drives."

Theodore T. Hunger

"Keep steadily before you the fact that all true success depends at last upon yourself."

Voltaire

"Work spares us from three evils: boredom, vice, and need."

Basho

"Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the men of old; seek what they sought"

Menander

"Know thyself means this, that you get acquainted with what you know, and what you can do."

Samuel Johnson

"Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome."

Socrates

"The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear."

Bruce Barton

"When you're through changing, you're through."

Aristotle

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Robert Collier

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

Alex Shalman

"Happiness is being the creator of your experience, choosing to take pleasure in what you have, right now, regardless of the circumstances, while being the best you that you can be."

Quotes for (and about) Teachers

"A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron." -- *Horace Mann*

"Once children learn how to learn, nothing is going to narrow their mind. The essence of teaching is to make learning contagious, to have one idea spark another." -- *Marva Collins*

Ideal teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross, then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own." -- *Nikos Kazantzakis*

"Learning is finding out what we already know. Doing is demonstrating that you know it. Teaching is reminding others that they know just as well as you. You are all learners, doers, and teachers." -- *Richard Bach*

"A teacher who can arouse a feeling for one single good action, for one single good poem, accomplishes more than he who fills our memory with rows and rows of natural objects, classified with name and form." -- *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

"Thought flows in terms of stories -- stories about events, stories about people, and stories about intentions and achievements. The best teachers are the best storytellers. We learn in the form of stories." -- *Frank Smith*

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

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence." -- *Helen Keller*

"In education it isn't how much you have committed to memory or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't. It's knowing where to go to find out what you need to know and it's knowing how to use the information you get." -- *William Feather*

"They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel." - *Carol Buchner*

"I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." -- *Christopher Reeve*

"Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny." -- *Frank Outlaw*

"If a seed of a lettuce will not grow, we do not blame the lettuce. Instead, the fault lies with us for not having nourished the seed properly." - *Buddhist proverb*

"The great end of education is to discipline rather than to furnish the mind; to train it to the use of its own powers rather than to fill it with the accumulation of others." -- *Tyron Edwards*

"Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers." --*Josef Albers*

"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength of the nation." -- *John F. Kennedy*

"Your role as a leader is even more important than you might imagine. You have the power to help people become winners." --*Ken Blanchard*

"If you want to live more, you must master the art of appreciating the little everyday blessings of life. This is not altogether a golden world but there are countless gleams of gold to be discovered in it." --*Henry Alfred Porter*

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve." -- *Mary Kay Ash*

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done." -- *Marie Curie*

"Every truth has four corners: as a teacher I give you one corner, and it is for you to find the other three." -- *Confucius*

"Life is no brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." -- *George Bernard Shaw*

"No matter how he may think himself accomplished, when he sets out to learn a new language, science or the bicycle, he has entered a new realm as truly as if he were a child newly born into the world." -- *Frances Willard*

"We should not teach children the sciences but give them a taste for them." -- *Jean Jacques Rousseau*

"Much education today is monumentally ineffective. All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants." -- *John Gardner*

"The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind." -- *Kahlil Gibran*

"A very wise old teacher once said: "I consider a day's teaching wasted if we do not all have one hearty laugh." He meant that when people laugh together, they cease to be young and old, master and pupils, jailer and prisoners. They become a single group of human beings enjoying its existence." -- *Gilbert Highet*

"To ensure that your work is also a play, I recommend that you develop a personal mission statement. This will help you find what it is to enjoy so much that you lose track of time when you're doing it." -- *Ken Blanchard*

"Each man must look to himself to teach him the meaning of life. It is not something discovered. It is something molded." -- *Antoine De Saint-Exupery*

"It is not what is poured into a student that counts but what is planted." -- *Linda Conway*

"The greatest sign of a success for a teacher...is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist." -- *Maria Montessori*

"There is in every child a painstaking teacher so skillful that he obtains identical results in all children in all parts of the world. The only language men ever speak perfectly is the one they learn in babyhood, when no one teaches them anything." -- *Maria Montessori*

"We learn by example and by direct experience because there are real limits to the adequacy of verbal instruction." -- *Malcom Gladwell*

"You must train the children to their studies in a playful manner and without any air of constraint with the further object of discerning more readily the natural bent of their respective characters." -- *Plato*

"Worry a little bit every day and in a lifetime you will lose a couple of years. If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry. Worry never fixes anything." -- *Mary Hemingway*

"As you begin changing your thinking, start immediately to change your behavior. Begin to act the part of the person you would like to become. Take action on your behavior. Too many people want to feel, then take action. This never works." -- *John C. Maxwell*

"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire." --*William Butler Yeats*

"Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theatre." -- *Gail Goldwin*

"There are two kinds of people; those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there." -- *Indira Gandhi*

"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child." -- *Carl Jung*

"Every time you wake up and ask yourself, "What good things am I going to do today?," remember that when the sun goes down at sunset, it takes a part of your life with it." --*Indian proverb*

"Education would be much more effective if its purpose was to ensure that by the time they leave school every boy and girl should know how much they do not know and be imbued with a lifelong desire to know it." -- *William Haley*

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." -- *Albert Einstein*

"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired." -- *Mother Theresa*

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." -- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." -- *Benjamin Franklin*

"I challenge you to make your life like a masterpiece. I challenge you to join the ranks of those people who live what they teach, who walk their talk." -- *Anthony Robbins*

"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank...but the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child." -- *Forest Witchcraft*