

These are the compiler's Top 20 favorite quotations. This started out as a Top 10 list, but it was just too difficult to narrow 1,400 great quotations down to just 10!

Action / Goals / Initiative

"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."

Leonardo da Vinci (1452 - 1519), Italian architect, engineer, painter, sculptor, inventor and scientist.

Attitude

"Ability will never catch up with the demand for it."

Malcolm S. Forbes (1919 - 1919), American publisher of *Forbes* magazine.

"Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise, risking more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical, and expecting more than others think is possible."

Unknown

"He who laughs, lasts."

Robert Fulghum (1937 -), American author, painter, sculptor and former minister.

"Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude."

Zig Ziglar (1926 -), American author, salesman, and motivational speaker.

Humor

"While not exactly disgruntled, she was far from being gruntled."

Unknown

Leadership

"Leadership is about capturing the imagination and enthusiasm of your people with clearly defined goals that cut through the fog like a beacon in the night."

Unknown

Life

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865), 16th US President. His term of office was from 1861 to 1865 and included the American Civil War.

"Don't take life too seriously, you'll never get out of it alive."

Elbert Hubbard (1856 - 1915), American writer and editor.

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the number of moments that take our breath away."

Maya Angelou (1928 -), American author and poet.

"Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness. Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Appreciate your friends. Continue to learn. Do what you love. Live as if this is all there is."

Mary Anne Radmacher

"The best things in life aren't things."

Art Buchwald (1925 - 2007), American humorist best known for his long-running column in *The Washington Post*.

"There is no future in spending the present worrying about the past."

Unknown

"To love is to risk not being loved in return. To hope is to risk pain. To try is to risk failure, but risk must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing."

Unknown

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Mark Twain, the pen name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835 - 1910), American writer and humorist.

Love / Relationships

"Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy."

Eskimo proverb.

Success / Failure

"Six essential qualities that are the key to success: sincerity, personal integrity, humility, courtesy, wisdom, charity."

Dr. William Menninger (1899 - 1966), American Co-Founder (with his brother Karl and his father) of The Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, an internationally known center for treatment of behavioral disorders.

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."

Michelangelo (1475 - 1564), Italian sculptor, painter, poet and architect of the Renaissance.

Time

"Our time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."

Steve Jobs (1955 -), American businessman and Co-Founder at Apple Inc., the inventor of Mac computers, iPods, iPhones and iPads.

"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time."

Leonard Bernstein (1918 - 1990), American conductor, composer and pianist.