

“I hated every minute of training, but I said, don’t quit.  
Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion”

Muhammad Ali

“. . . one of the goals of life is to try  
and be in touch with one's most personal  
themes--the values, ideas, styles, colors  
that are the touchstones of one's own  
individual life, its real texture and substance.”

Gloria Vanderbilt

“Look at life through the windshield,  
not the rear view mirror.”

Byrd Baggett

“My private measure of success is daily.  
If this were to be the last day of my life would I be content with it?  
To live in a harmonious balance of commitments and  
pleasures is what I strive for.”

Jane Rule

“The life of every man (woman) is a diary in which he (she) means to write one story,  
and writes another.”

James Matthew Barrie

“Your chances of success are directly proportional to the degree of pleasure you desire  
from what you do. If you are in a job you hate, face the fact squarely and get out.”

Michael Korda

“Life is a quarry,  
out of which we are to mold and chisel  
and complete a character.”

Samuel Butler

“Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself; you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you will have had more success than you could possibly have imagined.”

Johnny Carson

“Having once decided to achieve a certain task, achieve it at all costs of tedium and distaste. The gain in self-confidence of having accomplished a tiresome labor is immense.”

Thomas Arnold Bennett

“Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact.”

William James

“The good life, as I conceive it, is a happy life. I do not mean that if you are good you will be happy -- I mean that if you are happy you will be good.”

Bertrand Russell

“We must view young people not as empty glasses to be filled but as candles to be lit.”

Robert Shaffer

“The truth that many people never understand, until it is too late, is that the more that you try to avoid suffering, the more you suffer, because smaller and more insignificant things begin to torture you in proportion to your fear of being hurt.”

Thomas Merton

“I try to take it one day at a time,  
but sometimes several days attack me at once.”

Ashleigh Brilliant

“In moments of despair, take inventory,  
what is the worst that can happen in this situation?  
Then trust that the worst does not happen, for it seldom does.  
You will outlive many worst-case scenarios in your life.”

Andreas Simic

“The hardest things to learn in life  
is which bridge to cross and which bridge to burn.”

David Russell

“Wealth is not of necessity a curse, nor poverty a blessing. Wholesome and easy abundance is better than either extreme; better for our manhood that we have enough for daily comfort; enough for culture, for hospitality, for charity. More than this may or may not be a blessing. Certainly it can be a blessing only by being accepted as a trust.”

R. D. Hitchcock

“My philosophy is that not only are you responsible for your life,  
but doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.”

Oprah Winfrey

“In the attitude of silence the soul finds the path in a clearer light,  
and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clearness.  
Our life is a long and arduous quest after Truth.”

Gandhi

“I never saw an ugly thing in my life:  
for let the form of an object be what  
it may - light, shade, and perspective will always make it beautiful.”

John Constable

“Life is like a blanket too short. You pull  
it up and your toes rebel, you yank it  
down and shivers meander about your shoulder;  
but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees  
up and pass a very comfortable night.”

Marion Howard

“Wherever you go, whatever you do,  
You can never run away from you...  
because wherever you go,  
there you are.”

Michael McDermott

“I find life itself provides ample and sufficient  
tests of my valor and mettle: illness; betrayal;  
fruitless searches for love; working for the abusive,  
the insane, and the despotic. All challenges easily  
as thrilling to me as scrambling over icy rock in a  
pair of barely adequate boots.”

David Rakoff