

40 Best Inspirational Quotes for Entrepreneurs

Don't just read them. Live them, and make your dreams a reality.



Sometimes, all you need is a little push. A little nudge. A little burst of inspiration. Here are 40.

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But most important, pick the one that makes your skin tingle, your heart race, your motor rev, and place it somewhere you'll see it every day: your monitor, your screen saver, your background...

...and let it help take you to places you've always wanted to go.

1. "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."
Chinese proverb
2. "I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse." *Florence Nightingale*
3. "The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity." *Amelia Earhart*
4. "Do it or not. There is no try." *Yoda*
5. "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover." *Mark Twain*
6. "When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be." *Lao Tzu*

7. "The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." *Alice Walker*
8. "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." *John Lennon*
9. "Eighty percent of success is showing up." *Woody Allen*
10. "It is never too late to be what you might have been." *George Eliot*
11. "When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." *Henry Ford*
12. "You can't fall if you don't climb. But there's no joy in living your whole life on the ground." *Unknown*
13. "Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." *Joshua Marine*
14. "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." *Booker T. Washington*
15. "Rarely have I seen a situation where doing less than the other guy is a good strategy." *Jimmy Spithill*
16. "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." *Steve Jobs*
17. "I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my *decisions*." *Stephen Covey*
18. "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." *Maya Angelou*
19. "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." *Mark Twain*
20. "Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it." *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
21. "Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage." *Anais Nin*
22. "There is only one way to avoid criticism: Do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing." *Aristotle*
23. "Do what you can, where you are, with what you have." *Teddy Roosevelt*
24. "Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear." *George Addair*
25. "Fall seven times and stand up eight." *Japanese proverb*
26. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." *Robert Frost*
27. "The extra mile is a vast, unpopulated wasteland." (*OK, that one's mine*)
28. "What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do." *Bob Dylan*
29. "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." *Albert Einstein*
30. "The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it." *Chinese proverb*
31. "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." *Maya Angelou*

32. "You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take." *Wayne Gretzky*
 33. "Build your own dreams, or someone else will hire you to build theirs." *Farrah Gray*
 34. "It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." *Confucius*
 35. "If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten." *Tony Robbins*
 36. "You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try." *Beverly Sills*
 37. "Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him." *Booker T. Washington*
 38. "Remember, no one can make you feel inferior without your consent." *Eleanor Roosevelt*
 39. "The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me." *Ayn Rand*
 40. "The only way to do great work is to love what you do." *Steve Jobs*
- And a bonus: "Fat, drunk, and stupid is no way to go through life, son." *Dean Wormer*
I haven't overcome the stupid part, but I'm trying.