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### Don't Quit

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When things go wrong as they sometimes will;  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;  
When the funds are low, and the debts are high;  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;  
When care is pressing you down a bit  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out;  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;  
And you can never tell how close you are;  
It may be near when it seems afar.  
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -  
It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.



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### A New Day

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This is the beginning of a new day. I have been given this day to use as I will.

I can waste it, or use it. I can make it a day long to be remembered for its joy, its beauty and its achievements, or it can be filled with pettiness. What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes this day will be gone forever, but I shall hold something which I have traded for it.

It may be no more than a memory, but if it is a worthy one I shall not regret the price.

I want it to be gain not loss, good not evil, success not failure. What will you do with your new day?



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### The Optimist Creed

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Be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

Talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

Make all your friends feel there is something in them.

Look at the sunny side of everything.

Be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

Give everyone a smile.

Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others.

Be too big for worry and too noble for anger.

What choice will you make today? Will you choose to be an optimist and make our world a better place?

*By Christian D. Larson*



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### To Believe...

To believe is to know that every day is a new beginning. It is to trust that miracles happen, and dreams really do come true.

To believe is to see angels dancing among the clouds, To know the wonder of a stardust sky and the wisdom of the man in the moon.

To believe is to know the value of a nurturing heart, The innocence of a child's eyes and the beauty of an aging hand, for it is through their teachings we learn to love.

To believe is to find the strength and courage that lies within us. When it is time to pick up the pieces and begin again.

To believe is to know we are not alone, That life is a gift and this is our time to cherish it. To believe is to know that wonderful surprises are just waiting to happen, And all our hopes and dreams are within reach.

If only we believe.



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### Change Your World

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You cannot change the world, but you can present the world with one improved person, yourself.

You can go to work on yourself to make yourself into the kind of person you admire and respect.

You can become a role model and set a standard for others.

You can control and discipline yourself to resist acting or speaking in a negative way toward anyone for any reason.

You can insist upon always doing things the loving way, rather than the hurtful way.

By doing these things each day, you can continue on your journey toward becoming an exceptional human being.

*By Brian Tracy*



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### Truths For Living

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The more generous we are,  
the more joyous we become.

The more cooperative we are,  
the more valuable we become.

The more enthusiastic we are,  
the more productive we become.

The more serving we are,  
the more prosperous we become.

The more outgoing we are,  
the more helpful we become.

The more curious we are,  
the more creative we become.

The more patient we are,  
the more understanding we become.

*By William Arthur Ward*

We must be silent before we can listen.  
We must listen before we can learn.  
We must learn before we can prepare.  
We must prepare before we can serve.  
We must serve before we can lead.

*Another inspirational quote by Mr. Ward.*



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### Use Your Imagination To Find Success

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Visualize what you want.  
See it, Feel it, Believe in it.

Your mind is a mental workshop.  
You can build anything in it.  
Make your mental blueprint,  
And begin to build.

The beginning is in your imagination;  
First think, then organize your thoughts into plans  
Then transform your thoughts into reality by taking some positive action.

Use your imagination to perceive your reality,  
Even when it is not fully materialized.

You must first see it clearly in your mind  
Before you can do it.

First visualize and then actualize your way  
To success.

You really can live your dreams.  
All you need to do is try.



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### Lessons From Geese

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**FACT:**

As each goose flaps its wings it creates an “uplift” for the birds that follows. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

People who share a common direction and sense a community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

**FACT:**

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front of it.

If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

**FACT:**

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each others skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

**FACT:**

The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement is the quality of honking we seek.

**FACT:**

When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.





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### Winners Are People Like You

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Winners take chances.

Like everyone else, they fear failing, but they refuse to let fear control them.

Winners don't give up.

When life gets rough, they hang in until the going gets better.

Winners are flexible.

They realize there is more than one way and are willing to try others.

Winners know they are not perfect.

They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.

Winners fall but they don't stay down.

They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing.

Winners don't blame fate for their failures, nor luck for their successes.

Winners accept responsibility for their lives.

Winners are positive thinkers who see good in all things.

From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.

Winners believe in the path they have chosen even when it is hard, even when others can't see where they are going.

Winners are patient.

They know a goal is only worthy as the effort that is required to achieve it.

Winners are people that believe in themselves.

They make this world a better place to be.