

I'd Like to Quote You!

The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant. —Max DePree

I have six locks on my door all in a row. When I go out, I lock every other one. I figure no matter how long somebody stands there picking the locks, they are always locking three.
~ Elaine Boosler

You manage things; you lead people.

~ Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.
~ Mark Twain

My responsibility is getting all my players playing for the name on the front of the jersey, not the one on the back.
~Unknown

I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin-deep. That's deep enough. What do you want - an adorable pancreas?

~ Jean Kerr

To help ensure I am the best possible coach, I have been doing a lot of reading and re-reading about the power of the subconscious mind, the importance of repeating positive messages to ourselves and others, and how being happy impacts our jobs, families and health.

My reading reminded me of a class I took years ago which was intended to help attendees define their “real” leader within. The first assignment was for all of us to choose the quote that most closely described us ‘ideally’. In other words, the instructor wanted to know what famous quote best illustrated how we wanted to live our lives and treat others.

I am fond of Maya Angelou’s, “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.” Unstated there is, of course, the goal to help make people feel more valued, happier, cared about, etc.

But then there are times like yesterday when my reaction to the barely understandable mortgage servicing representative -- whose company had erroneously charged me a multi thousand dollar service transfer fee -- made me sure that Maya and I are not always in sync. ☺

Maybe I most aspire to be something described by great John Maxwell quotes such as, “Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another.” Or, “The greatest mistake we make is living in constant fear that we will make one.”

Finally, consider the #1 Fortune quote on leadership by Lao Tzu: “A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.”

Can you please help me? What quote best describes the ideal you. Which famous person said something you love? What quotable message do you play over and over again in your mind on a daily basis? Or, just for fun – and I have started the ball rolling here –what quote simply makes you laugh or smile, surely noble goals for all leaders?

I will post some good, inspirational, or hysterical quotes on the FYI page of my [web site](#). And when you check those out in a week or so, also please check out the services we offer and the coaching we’re doing. After all, “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” — John F. Kennedy

Thank you,

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All generalizations are false, including this one.
~ Mark Twain

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do. — Eleanor Roosevelt

I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade... And try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka, and have a party.
~ Ron White

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.

—Jack Welch

A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice.
~ Bill Cosby

You don't lead by hitting people over the head— that's assault, not leadership. — Dwight Eisenhower

I never said most of the things I said.
~ Yogi Berra

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