

1	When that One Great Scorer comes to write against your name. He marks not if you won or lost, but how you played the game.	Grantland Rice
2	See yourself as others see you.	YMCA sign
3	I would rather wear out than rust out.	Larry Piper
4	There is no chance, no destiny, no fate that can circumvent, or hinder, or control the firm resolve of a determined soul.	Ella Wheeler Wilcox
5	You can never win; but you can affect the rate at which you lose.	Larry Piper
6	What knows he of England, who only England knows?	Rudyard Kipling
7	It's not what you don't know that hurts you, it's what you know that isn't so.	Mark Twain &/or Satchel Paige
8	If you are what you do, then when you don't, you aren't.	Wayne Dyer
9	Is anybody there? Does anybody care? Does anybody see what I see?	John Adams, 1776
10	John, you always said there are only two creatures of value on this earth: those with a commitment and those who require a commitment of others.	Abigail Adams, 1776
11	We keep you alive to serve this ship; row well and live. (You are all condemned men ...)	Quintus Arrius, Ben Hur
12	Now this is the law of the jungle	Rudyard Kipling
13	Life emulates chemistry. Stupidity and stupid people are like Hydrogen - They are evenly distributed throughout the universe.	Larry Piper
14	You are what you are because of where you were, when. When you were about 12-14 years of age.	David Massey

15	Some trails are happy trails ...	Roy Rogers
16	Can a frog hop?	Larry Piper
17	Not everything that is countable, counts; Not everything that counts is countable.	Albert Einstein
18	What we have here is a failure to communicate.	Cool Hand Luke
19	If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.	Henry David Thoreau
20	Our activities are like rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic.	Larry Piper
21	Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.	President John F. Kennedy
22	Other than that Mrs. Lincoln, how did you like the play?	reporter
23	He has more money than brains.	Scot Piper
24	For what is a man, what has he got? If not himself ...	Frank Sinatra
25	I have a dream.	Martin L. King
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27	One ship drives east and the other drives west ...	Ella W. Wilcox
28	Never ask an old person how they feel, unless you have lots of time to listen.	Larry Piper
29	The most important thing in the Olympics ...	Baron de Coubertin
30	If you can keep your head when all about you ...	Rudyard Kipling
31	Not all doctors wear white coats, and not all people who wear white coats are doctors.	Unknown
32	You are traveling through another dimension ...	Twilight Zone
33	I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as ...	Joyce Kilmer, 1886
34	Go placidly amid the noise and haste ...	Desiderata
35	Never argue with people who buy ink by the gallon.	Tommy Lasorda

36	Never go to a doctor whose office plants are dead.	Erma Bombeck
37	If I had some humility, I'd be perfect.	Ted Turner
38	The breakfast of champions is not Wheaties. It is the opponent.	Nick Seitz
39	I can't believe that out of 100,000 sperm, you were the fastest.	Stephen Pearl
40	We don't see things as they are; we see things as we are.	http://www.onlinemotivator.info
41	There are no free lunches.	Anonymous
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43	Nothing is more important to you as a human being than having a daily sense of purpose, a MISSION in your life.	Wayne Dyer
44	The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet.	Daymon Runyon
45	He is a perfectionist. If he was married to Rachel Welch, he would expect her to cook.	Don Meredith
46	I'd like to see the won-lost records on a doctor's door.	Abe Lemons, Texas FB coach
47	When you win, you eat better, you sleep better, your beer tastes better and your wife looks like Gina Lollabrigida	John Pesky, Boston Red Sox pitcher
48	One size does NOT fit all	John Madden
49	If you build it, he will come.	Field of Dreams
50	We have met the enemy, and he is us.	Walk Kelly
51	The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.	Edmund Burke
52	Don't poke the bear (referring to don't push recovery)	Dr. Geo Muschler
53	Sometimes the Gods punish us by answering our	Isak Dinesen, <i>Out</i>

	prayers.	<i>of Africa</i>
54	When I get older, losing my hair ...	Paul McCartney & John Lennon
55	It's too bad we learn our history from Oliver Stone, get our news from MTV and get advice on foreign policy from Jane Fonda. (also Michael Moore,	Larry Piper
56	Vote early and vote often.	Al Capone
57	Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.	Marie Curie
58	The trouble with born-again Christians is that they are an even bigger pain the second time around.	Unknown
59	Let me have men about me that are fat, sleek-headed men and such as sleep a-nights. Yon Cassius has a lean and hungry look. He thinks too much. Such men are dangerous.	Shakespeare in Julius Caesar
60	Living with a saint is even harder than being a saint.	Judy Piper
61	The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one.	Mr. Spock in <i>Wrath of Kahn</i>
62	Damn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead.	Admiral Farragut
63	I have yet begun to fight.	John Paul Jones
64	There are two theories on hitting the knuckle ball. Unfortunately, neither of them works.	Charlie Lau, batting coach
65	When you're as great as I am, it is hard to be humble.	Muhammad Ali
66	I am like a mosquito in a nudist colony. I know what to do, I just don't know where to start.	Pee Wee Reese on being named coach
67	It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.	John Wooden
68	Some people give their bodies to science. I gave mine to paddleball.	Larry Piper
69	Secretariat is everything I am not. He's young; he's beautiful; he has lots of hair; he's fast; he's durable; he has a large bank account; and his entire sex life is	Cy Burick, sportswriter, Dayton Daily News

	before him.	
70	The magazines Playboy and National Geographic are a lot alike. Both have places I'm never going to visit.	Don James, football coach
71	That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.	Neil Armstrong
72	Do you believe in miracles? Yes!	Al Michaels
73	In my 20 years of observations I have noticed that a fan's knowledge of the game is inversely proportional to the cost of his seat.	Bill Veeck, Baseball owner
74	Where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came. You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same You wanna be where everybody knows your name.	Cheers bar, 1982
75	All children want from their parents is their approval. This is true for their entire life.	Judy Piper
76	The thrill of victory, the agony of defeat.	Jim McKay
77	You were never alone.	Spock in <i>Star Trek the Movie</i>
78	When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.	Larry Piper
79	On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people.	Boy Scout Oath
80	But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.	Isaiah 40:33
81	Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects	Will Rogers
82	I'm going to give my psychoanalyst one more year, then I'm going to Lourdes	Woody Allen

83	Lead, follow or get the hell out of the way.	Lee Iacocca
84	I'm going to do something; it may be wrong, but I'm going to do something.	John Piper
85	Don't ask your barber if you need a haircut.	H.D. Cotton Galvin
86	Thou shouldst eat to live, not live to eat.	Socrates
87	Those who danced were thought to be quite insane by those who could not hear the music.	Angela Monet
88	The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who does not read.	Mark Twain
89	Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good.	Voltaire
90	You can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price.	Vince Lombardi
91	It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.	Unknown
92	Personally, I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.	Winston Churchill
93	Giving Congress the power to tax and spend is like giving a teenager the keys to the car and a case of beer	Unknown
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95	Never underestimate the heart of a champion.	Rudy Tomjanovich basketball coach
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97	Oh no, not my second favorite organ.	Woody Allen, about a brain transplant
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Additional Favorite Sayings

The sayings in the previous section were collected, culled and re-prioritized throughout my lifetime. Most of their origins have been verified.

Those sayings on this page are others which I have written down (often in my Franklin Planner) when I read them. Many good quotes come from Byrne's *The 657 Best Things Anybody Ever Said*, and its sequels (see the Bibliography). I also own a book on sports quotes (currently missing) that likely is the source of every sport's quote in this article.

"There are two lasting bequests we can give to our children. One is roots, the other is wings." Hodding Carter, Jr.

"He can run, but he can't hide." Joe Louis

"The buck stops here." President Harry S. Truman

"I am the greatest." Muhammad Ali

"If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck." Lee Iacocca

"Husbands are like fires, they go out if unattended." Zsa Zsa Gabor

"You've got to stop and smell the roses." Mac Davis

"A billion here and a billion there—pretty soon it adds up to real money." Everett Dirksen

"I hold in my left hand tonight's top 10 list." Dave Letterman

"I regret that I have but one life to give." "Give me liberty or give me death." Nathan Hale

"What you see is what you get." Flip Wilson

"I tell it like it is." Howard Cossell

"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." Alvin Toffler

"I can't come with my daughter tonight; it's my night to wash the dog." Nancy Preihs

"Good judgment comes from experience, and often experience comes from bad judgment."

- [Rita Mae Brown](#)

"It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory" [W. Edwards Deming](#)

"If I play my best, I can win anywhere in the world against anybody." [Ray Floyd](#)

"My education was dismal. I went to a series of schools for mentally disturbed teachers."

[Woody Allen](#)

"Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"To earn more, you must learn more." [Brian Tracy](#)

Showing up is 80% of life. [Woody Allen](#)

There are worse things in life than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman? [Woody Allen](#)

"We learn from experience that men never learn from experience." GBS

"Set your course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship." - [Omar Bradley](#)

"The challenge is not to manage time, but to manage ourselves." - [Steven Covey](#)

"If one does not know to which port he is sailing, no wind is favorable." Seneca

"My faith demands: I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to make a difference." President Jimmy Carter

"My life as a writer consists of 1/8 talent and 7/8 discipline." John Irving

"And that's the way it is." Walter Cronkite, CBS Evening News

"How sweet it is." Jackie Gleason

"It takes a lickin and keeps on tickin." Timex ad

"Is that your final answer?" Regis Philbin, Millionaire

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain." Maya Angelou

"There are three constants in life...change, choice and principles." [Stephen Covey](#)

"What we see depends mainly on what we look for." - [John Lubbock](#)

"The biggest mistake we could ever make in our lives is to think we work for anybody but ourselves." - [Brian Tracy](#)

"Resistance is futile." The Borg

"What you see is what you get." Geraldine, Flip Wilson Show

"Mom always liked you best." Tommy Smothers

*"a horrible and deadly danger of taking educated people seriously."
~Gilbert Keith Chesterton~*

All men make mistakes, but married men find out about them sooner. Red Skelton

There is more stupidity than hydrogen in the universe, and it has a longer shelf life.
Frank Zappa

"Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon." - Susan Erz

"People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid."

Soren A. Kierkegaard

If it moves, salute it; if it doesn't, police it up. Military saying

If it moves & it shouldn't, duct tape it; if it doesn't move and it should, use WD40.
Handyman creed

If it moves, tax it; if it still moves, regulate it; if it stops moving, subsidize it. U.S.
Government

"Ramming Speed" Quintus Arrius in *Ben Hur*, as he tests his ship's rowing crew

"Again" Coach Herb Brooks, played by Kurt Russell, in *Miracle* as he tests the 1980 USA
Hockey team

"There's lots of people in this world who spend so much time watching their health that they haven't the time to enjoy it." - [Josh Billings](#)

"Far more critical than what we know or do not know is what we do not want to know. One often obtains a clue to a person's nature by discovering the reasons for his or her imperiousness to certain impressions." Eric Hoffer

"Just because something is easy to measure does not mean it is important." [Seth Godin](#)

"Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself."
Eleanor Roosevelt

"Eternity is a very long time, particularly towards the end." Woody Allen

"A global village will still have it's idiots." Martin Rees, *Seeing Further*

"The discipline you learn and character you build from setting and achieving a goal can be more valuable than the achievement of the goal itself." Bo Bennett

"A problem well stated is a problem half solved." Charles F. Kettering

"Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible." Frank Zappa

"Nothing has meaning except for the meaning we give it." T. Harv Eker

"My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they are popular; you make them because they're right." Theodore Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame

"You are a living magnet. What you attract into your life is in harmony with your dominant thoughts." Brian Tracy

"Adversity makes men, and prosperity makes monsters." Victor Hugo

"It's never too late to become the person who might have been." George Elliot

"The quality of your life will be in direct proportion to the amount of uncertainty you can

comfortably tolerate." Tony Robbins

"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." Abraham Lincoln

"You get what you pay for." No! This is not true. Larry Piper

"Runners have three natural enemies: dogs, cars and doctors." Dr. George Sheehan

"In God we trust; all others bring data." Norm Poffenburger (by Cal Snyder at Dow stockholders meeting, May, 12, 2011)

The power of science is without limits. Dow solutions are working for you. Andrew Liveris

"Nurses speak in platitudes; doctors speak in beatitudes; patients think in attitudes." Larry Piper while at Lakewood rehab facility, Dec, 2011

"If you are bisexual, you automatically double your chances for a date on Saturday night."
Woody Allen

"Towns and counties across the state are starting to have to make the real choices - fewer cops, fewer firefighters, slower ambulance response, less teachers in front of the classroom."

MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, on the deficit crisis faced by municipalities in New York, Mar 11, 2012

"History will be kind to me for I intend to write it"

"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

"If you are going through hell, keep going." Winston Churchill (above 4 quotes)

"We've reached the age when life stops giving us things, and starts taking things away."
Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull