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The Essence of a New Day

This is the beginning of a new day.

You have been given this day to use as you will.

You can waste it or use it for good.

What you do today is important
because you are exchanging a day of your life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever;
in its place is something that you have left behind.

Let it be something good.

—Unknown

January 1st

Today's Quiet Success Thought Important Personal Goals

are only a wishes-if they are not

written down, dated, then persistently pursued

to completion.

January 2nd

Play TO WIN your game!

Make wise choices.

Get a good education.

Do those things that will let you to continue to win.

Choose the best friends (they become a part of you.)

Choose the Right. Set goals, make plans, prepare well, organize time, stay focused, never give up, and you'll always be a winner.

—BYU Coach LaVell Edwards

January 3rd

To do is to dare.

To fear is to fail.

Take control of your life.

Set deadlines.

Life is meant to be lived fully, each day!

—John Goddard

January 4th

A Family's Most Important Values

Love To promote and maintain the love and unity of our family members

Health To develop and maintain good health

Mental To develop talents, abilities, knowledge, and wisdom

Financial To develop financial resources, security, self-reliance, and avoid debt

Support To provide assistance in time of need, physically and spiritually

Professional . . To develop and promote professional abilities

Altruism To develop spiritual and moral capabilities and render frequent altruistic service

January 5th

Money doesn't always bring happiness.

eople with ten million dollars are not happier than those with nine million dollars.

—Hobart Brown

January 6th

Do It Do it Right Do it right Now

January 7th

he best way to avoid temptation is to remove yourself from the conditions that may overcome your ability to resist.

—Spencer W. Kimball

January 8th

Press On:

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

—Calvin Coolidge

January 9th

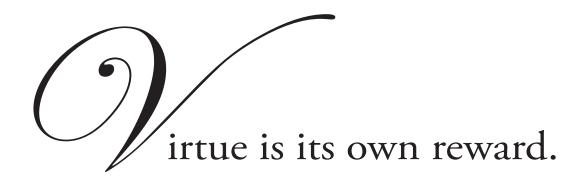
Pailure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.

—Henry Ford

January 10th



—Cicero

January 11th

eading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man.

—Francis Bacon

January 12th

pat on the back is worth twenty kicks in the behind.

January 13th

Develop yourself by self-discipline.

Do things which are hard to do.

"Whate'er thou art, act well thy part."

(David O. McKay's inspiration from a building in Stirling Scotland.)

No other success can compensate for failure in the home.

—David O. McKay

January 14th

Change your attitude!

Be where you ought to be;

doing what you ought to be doing;

when you ought to be doing it.

The path of least resistance makes both men and rivers crooked.

—Courtney Leishman

January 15th

If a man has a talent and cannot use it, he has failed;
If he has a talent and uses only half of it, he has partly failed;
If he has a talent and learns somehow to use the whole of it,
he has gloriously succeeded,
and won a satisfaction and triumph few men ever know.

—Thomas Wolfe

January 16th

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

January 17th

Success...

Por one person, success and greatness in life may include the things that are generally associated with success: wealth, a wonderful family, performance of great and important responsibility in the building of the Lord's Kingdom, etc. For another person, it may mean struggling bravely against the effects of an incurable, debilitating physical ailment, never tasting the joys of "ideal" family life, important church responsibilities, and other indications of success, but always providing an example to others of complete trust and faith in Heavenly Father.

—Larry H. Brim

January 18th

I have a dream...

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 19th

overnment is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; And both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.

he Constitution of the United States was made not merely for the generation that then existed, but for posterity—unlimited, undefined, endless, perpetual posterity.

—Henry Clay

January 20th

We will be blessed

when we anchor ourselves to the word of the Lord and the teachings of His prophets.

—Dallin H. Oaks

January 21st

Vever! Vever! Vever give up!

—Winston Churchill

January 22nd

Try not to become a man of success,
but rather try to become a man of value.
Imagination is more important than knowledge.
Knowledge is limited; imagination encircles the world.
The most precious things in life
are not those you get for money.

—Albert Einstein

January 23rd

Success is . . .

Sastering the highest parental art: rebuke without offending.

January 24th

Success is a combination of many things, but a good character is the foundation of the kind of success that will bring you real happiness.

Choose your friends wisely-they will make or break you.

—J. Willard Marriott

January 25th

Ou cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him discover it in himself.

—Galileo Galilei

January 26th

Jeach young people not what to think but how to think.

—Dr. Albert Schweitzer

January 27th

Success sometimes means...

Having the courage to stand up for what you know is right.

January 28th

The times young people have the most difficulties are when they move away from the Church.

—Bishop Allan L. Davis

January 29th

You gotta have a dream.

If you don't have a dream,
how you gonna have a dream come true?

- "South Pacific," Rodgers & Hammerstein

January 30th

"Your best is good enough; good enough is not your best."

—Gary E. O'Brien

January 31st

Success:

Throwing an interception that loses a Super Bowl and being able to walk off the field with your head high because you understand its importance with respect to Eternal Life.

—Virgil Carter

February 1st

I am sure in my own mind that
the one business of life is to succeed,
that God did not give us these magnificent brains,
these miraculous personalities,
and these wonderful physical qualities
and then expect us to waste our lives in failure.

—Sterling W. Sill

February 2nd

uccess brings further success.

Work to get a number of successes behind you.

February 3rd

hen a load of bricks, dumped on a corner lot, can arrange themselves into a house; when a handful of springs and screws and wheels, emptied onto a desk, can gather themselves into a watch, then and not until then will it seem sensible, to some of us at least, to believe that all these thousands or millions of worlds could have been created, balanced and set to revolving in their separate orbits, all without any directing intelligence at all.

—Bruce Fairchild Barton

February 4th

You don't need to have a good memory, if you always speak the truth.

February 5th

ur Constitution is a document in which we the people tell the government what it is allowed to do. We the people are free. Men are not free unless government is limited. There can be no security anywhere in the free world if there is no fiscal and economic stability within the United States. Those who ask us to trade our freedom for the soup kitchen of the welfare state are architects of a policy of accommodation.

—Ronald Wilson Reagan

February 6th

Make no little plans.

There is nothing in the little plans

to stir men's blood.

Make big plans.

Once a big idea is recorded,

it can never die.

—Daniel Burnham

February 7th

A brief moment of insight is better than a lifetime of drudgery.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

February 8th

Things that will destroy us...

Politics without principle,
pleasure without conscience,
wealth without work,
knowledge without character,
business without morality,
science without humanity,
worship without sacrifice.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

—Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

February 9th

I have a three-legged milk stool in my office perched on top of a cabinet. It is a great symbol for how to succeed in business. There are three legs: take care of the customer, have a little fun, make a little money. If you don't do that, it doesn't work, but if you do, it comes together easily.

...I worked and worked and worked, day after day, night after night, dawn to bedtime. I was driven to succeed, and the way I did that was the way I do everything—I overpower problems with work.

...I decided as a very young kid that being mediocre is no fun. That drove me to do what I had to do to succeed. ...I took pleasure in the details; I liked to make sure it was done right. I liked the sense of accomplishment and learning new things. Each time I took on a new project, I immersed myself in some new field and became expert at it. ...Good people are hard to find, but they're there. We've got many good people in our organization. The trick is to find them jobs that keep them interested and match the talents and what they want to do (not everyone is a boss). Then you have a happy, motivated work force. In our company, we give our general managers the opportunity to buy 10 percent of the dealerships they manage. We prefer that they do this-obviously, someone who has a financial stake in the business is motivated to work hard and make the business a success.

—Larry H. Miller

February 10th

Give a man fish and he'll live a day.

Show him how to fish,
and he'll live a thousand years.

—Chinese Proverb

February 11th

have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

My own wisdom and that of all about me seem insufficient for that day.

—Abraham Lincoln

February 12th

Success is...

giving your wife and your children a hug every day.

February 13th

Husbands: At the very end of each day, and this the most important part, just before you go to sleep, tell her you love her. – *Just tell her you love her.* –

No three words are as important to anyone at anytime than at that moment. All the world can rage about you. Your children will leave you, difficulties will arise, but if you know that you have each other and that you love each other, nothing else will matter as much. Nothing.

And if you remember to do these things, you will enjoy a beautiful marriage; one that will blossom and bloom like a well-kept garden.

What could bring more joy during a lifetime?

February 14th

Don't read good books.

Read the best.

Life's too short.

February 15th

There are three important things every successful should do:

- Follow up
- Follow up
- Follow up

February 16th

I have felt for a long time that a successful man should have just a few solid ideas or things to achieve in his life. I have always said there isn't much you can leave to your children more than an education coupled with a way of life that is meaningful to our Church and the nominal amount of capital or a base on which the recipient can operate.

If there is any one axiom that I have tried to live up to in trying to become successful in business, it is the fact that I have tried to surround myself with associates that know more about business than I do. This policy has always been very successful and is still working for me.

-Monte L. Bean

February 17th

When on the brink of complete discouragement, success is discerning that...

The line between failure and success is so fine that often a single extra effort is all that is needed to bring victory out of defeat.

—Elbert Hubbard

February 18th

Success is...

not being better than our neighbor but being better than ourselves.

February 19th

And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.

One person can make a difference and every person must try.

—John F. Kennedy

February 20th

ome material things make my life more enjoyable; many, however, would not. I like having an expensive private plane, but owning a half dozen homes would be a burden. Too often, a vast collection of possessions ends up possessing its owner. The asset I most value, aside from health, is interesting, diverse, and long-standing friends.

-Warren Buffett

February 21st

he secret of success is doing well the job close at hand.

—David O. McKay

February 22nd

Do you let things get in your way? Or do you make a way?

February 23rd

aying what SUCCESS has come to mean to me calls for PROLOGUE OF WHAT I TREASURE AND VALUE ABOVE ALL ELSE: Love for our Savior, Redeemer and a desire to live in the Celestial Kingdom with HIM, my family, and friends! Thus, success to me is finding a means that I can keep myself motivated constantly and persistently, to learn-learn-learn by the scriptures, the arts, the sciences, and my relationships with people. And secondly, and more difficult, success is using this assimilated knowledge in delivering loving, responsible and dedicated Service to family and fellowmen.

"It's amazing how much you can accomplish, if you're not concerned about who gets the credit." If we do our best, the Lord moves in and does the rest. He will make up the deficiencies.

—Stella H. Oaks (Mother of Dallin Oaks)

February 24th

Successful steps to a problem's solution

- 1. State the problem on paper
- 2. Gather and list all available information: Obstacles, Sources, People, Alternatives
- 3. Sort, arrange, and categorize
- 4. Interpret and visualize alternative results
- 5. Select and pursue the best course of action until proven

February 25th

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life; when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

—Charles Kingsley

February 26th

Will do that which is most productively possible at every given moment.

February 27th

hat a piece of work is a man!

How noble in reason!

how infinite in faculty! in form,

in moving, how express and admirable in action,

how like an angel!

in apprehension how like a god!

—William Shakespeare

February 28th

Do The Obvious

February 29th

Effective leadership philosophy:

he greatest leader is one who, when the task is completed, the group says, "We did it ourselves."

—Barney McGarry

March 1st

hen your spirituality slips,

dip into the scriptures for renewal.

—Spencer W. Kimball

March 2nd

Success is . . .

Letting a child know how valuable he is.

March 3rd

Use These Most Important Words

The five most important words are:

I am proud of you.

The four most important words are:

What is your opinion?

The three most important words are:

If you please.

The two most important words are:

Thank you.

The one least important word is:

Ī.

March 4th

reedom is the right to live as we wish.

—Epictetus

March 5th

A successful guide for life . . .

- Make a checklist of what must be done.
- Identify your problems.
- Take thirty minutes a month to list the demands on your life.

March 6th

Success is having your daughter say,

"Daddy, I love you."

Success is having your son ask,

"Dad, come and throw the football with me."

Success is knowing that your wife (or husband) thinks you are the greatest.

Success is setting a goal and achieving it.

Success is magnifying your calling.

-Robert J. Parsons

March 7th

t is neither right nor safe to go against my conscience.

—Martin Luther

March 8th

You have no idea of the things you can do . . . until you try.

March 9th

The two secret keys to success:

PREPARATION and WORK

March 10th

Success can only be measured in relationship to the God-given potentialities that each of us possesses. Most people fail short of their potential success because they grossly underestimate their own potentialities.

- First of all success requires a deep and burning belief in yourself.
- Second, success is planned and purposeful goal-setting and working toward these goals.
- Thirdly, the end result must be evaluated not in what we have obtained in life, but in what we have given to the rest of the world.

I am sure that our Creator will not evaluate us according to the awards, medals, and honorary citations we have received, but we will be evaluated by the service we have rendered to mankind.

—Clarence F. Robison

March 11th

Emerson's pattern for success:

Learn directly from life.Know the past through books.Express yourself through action.

March 12th

7ind a meaningful need and fill it better than anyone else.

March 13th

Develop a "Family Mission Statement"

If you were to ask me 'What is the one thing that would have the greatest impact for good on our family?' I would answer, 'Work with your entire family to develop a family mission statement.' It will be the single most important and far-reaching leadership activity you can do.

—Dr. Stephen R. Covey

March 14th

The staggeringly marvelous brains above your neck contain the equivalent of twenty million books of 500 pages each; equal to a 500 miles long bookshelf.

The brain has 100 trillion synapse cells working together in complete harmony.

And a total capacity of 2.5 trillion words.

Is this all just an accident that we take for granted?

Majestic Engineering!

March 15th

Success is when you suddenly realize...

"I CAN DO IT!"

March 16th

It isn't a question of how much a man knows, but what use he makes of what he knows.

Not a question of what he has acquired and how he has been trained, but of what he is and what he can do.

—J.G. Holland

March 17th

The Lord gives us a plan to follow
It is outlined in his commandments.
And all those commandments
are designed to build stability within us.
We are not to excuse our failures and weaknesses;
we are not to say we are made the way we are,
and thereby justify our sins.

The Lord expects us to rise above our weaknesses, become strong and pattern ourselves after him.

—The Desert News, Church Section, 1952

March 18th

he truth about success is long overdue. There is nothing mysterious about it. Success can be predicted and measured with mathematical precision and will come to us in the exact degree of effectiveness with which we live each day. Success is simply a matter of luck. Ask any failure. We become what we think about all day long. Think about becoming successful. Believe and succeed. Picture what you will be like when you achieve your goal. Can you visualize a boat leaving a harbor without a destination? Or a farmer deciding what to grow on his land? What we plant we reap. What we sow, we reap. Plant your goal in your mind and cultivate it. Success is the progressive realization of a worthy ideal. Make your life an exciting adventure. Do more than what you have to do. Save ten percent of what you earn. Know where you are going, not how. Seek and ye shall find. Have faith. Don't worry. Act as though it was impossible to fail. Keep a card of your goals and review it daily.

—Earl Nightingale

March 19th

man's true wealth is measured by the extension of his influence for good.

March 20th

A government of laws, and not of men.

Let us . . . cherish, therefore, the means of knowledge.

Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write . . .

Let every sluice of knowledge be opened and set a-flowing.

There is danger from all men.

The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty.

Be good. Do good.

The happiness of society is the end of government.

—John Adams

March 21st

Don't spend all your life wading in shallow water.

March 22nd

Ponder,
Meditate,
Pray,
. . . and Listen

—The Osmond family

March 23rd

here are people who have money, and those who are rich.

—Coco Chanel

March 24th

De cannot achieve nor be anything of any importance without first visualizing and feeling that action in our own minds.

March 25th

Our happiness and success in life are predicated on our mental attitude and the way we use our time.

March 26th

ne year in high school our football coach enrolled all the team members in a motivational "positive-thinking" seminar for a weekend. Eight years later the concept of perceiving my discouragements and frustrations as **temporary setbacks** has proven to be the most beneficial idea presented during those two days. It seems failures of any degree have a way of creeping into our minds and causing us to doubt ourselves. In most instances we are our own worst critics. This doubting reduces our optimism about our abilities to succeed in the future and, therefore, reduces the probability to do so. By maintaining the conviction that setbacks will be temporary, regardless of their severity, our ability to cope and work through disappointing situations will improve. And, also, we increase the likelihood of reaching the goals we have set for ourselves.

—Marc Wilson

March 27th

with some sacrifice of leisure.

—Spencer W. Kimball

March 28th

man who dares
to waste one hour of time
has not discovered the value of life.

—Charles Darwin

March 29th

Remember Successfully . . .

- To remember anything it must be associated with something you already know.
- You must see it in your mind.
- Create action and detail to improve the image.
- It should be like, near or opposite that which is to be remembered.

March 30th

He who fails to plan already plans to fail.

March 31st

If any young man expects, without faith, without thought, without study, without patient, persevering labor, in the midst and in spite of discouragement, to attain anything in this world that is worth attaining, he will simply wake up by and by and find that he has been playing the part of a fool.

—M. J. Savage

April 1st

Success is . . .

not only using your own brains, but using all those you can borrow too.

April 2nd

I leave this incident in the lives of my parents who never obtained wealth or were highly educated. However, when their youngest son was married, all their ten children were present with them in the temple, having been properly recommended and being considered worthy to be present and to enjoy the blessings that are there promised. I know of no greater mark of achievement and I consider my parents paramount among the successful people I have known anywhere.

—William Grant Bangerter

April 3rd

Every single person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says,

"Make me feel important."

If you can do that, you'll be a success. not only in business but in life as well.

—Mary Kay Ash

April 4th

Give your criticisms as suggestions for improvement.

April 5th

What Are Our Family's Most Important Values?

he concept here is to focus on your defined family values, and then decide... "What are we going to do *about* these values?"

- This is an opportunity to get the whole family involved.
- Make some of your goals thought-provoking statements, and then follow up with specifics to fulfill your chosen values—not an easy job!
- Let everyone in the whole family come up with the answers so that these goals will be representative of your entire family.

April 6th

Obtain and constantly use as many proven success methods as possible.

April 7th

hat greater or better gift can we offer the Republic than to teach and instruct our youth.

—Cicero

April 8th

The presume success is an aspiration of every person regardless of his faith or church membership. It believe any successful person has to believe in God and place emphasis on serving his Father in Heaven and his fellow men. Beyond these two actions, the following things would have to be considered for success: Dedication or determination to accomplish a goal. Organization of time to proceed in a progressive manner. Periodic examination of progress. Be knowledgeable in several areas for a broad understanding. Know how to work effectively—budget time—establish schedules. Possess a good sense of humor—be happy with your work. Develop self-discipline—be a good detailist—accept constructive criticism. Be honest—have integrity—make your word as good as your bond. Be yourself—don't try to imitate someone you may idolize. Be a good citizen and neighbor—recognize the good in all people. Be a good example for your family and associates. Take time to acknowledge people and listen to their problems. Develop good health habits; be active and have a hobby or other interest. Take pride in being well-groomed. Care about personal appearance and good taste. Even though success is often measured by the wealth or assets one may accumulate, priorities must be established with good health, a family and a selected group of friends, or life can be lonely and meaningless.

—Stan Watts

April 9th

There is no greater waste than to set to work without a plan.

April 10th

If you help a person,
you strengthen him;
If you do it for him,
you weaken him.

April 11th

A most important key to successful leadership is your ability to direct and challenge the very best that is in those whom you lead.

April 12th

Te hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

he democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who are not.

Those who hammer their guns into plows will plow for those who do not.

—Thomas Jefferson

April 13th

Success is . . .

aking your home a pleasant place to be.

April 14th

These five principles of economic constancy, when followed, will bring financial security and peace of mind under any economic circumstance.

Constancy #1 - Pay an honest tithe.

Constancy #2 - Live on less than you earn.

Constancy #3 - Learn to distinguish between needs and wants.

Constancy #4 - Develop and live within a budget.

Constancy #5 - Be honest in all your financial affairs.

—N. Eldon Tanner

April 15th

Success is...

receiving a patriarchal blessing; understanding it, and fulfilling it.

April 16th

In hour of conversation with a wise man is worth a year of study.

April 17th

Code for Success

- 1. Find your own particular talent.
- 2. Be big.
- 3. Be honest.
- 4. Live with enthusiasm.
- 5. Don't let your possessions possess you.
- 6. Don't worry about your problems.
- 7. Look up to people when you can-down to no one.
- 8. Don't cling to the past.
- 9. Assume your full share of responsibility in the world.
- 10. Pray consistently and constantly.

—Conrad Hilton

April 18th

The principle is

competing against yourself.

It's about self-improvement,

about being better than you were the day before.

-Steve Young

April 19th

am the master of my fate:

am the captain of my soul.

-William Ernest Henley

April 20th

For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward. Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in no wise lose their reward. But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a command with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness the same is damned.

—Doctrine & Covenants 58:26-29

April 21st

We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough.

Do the best you can.

Face your deficiencies and acknowledge them, but do not let them master you.

Let them teach you patience, sweetness, insight.

When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life or in the life of another.

—Helen Keller

April 22nd

The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder, a waif, a nothing, a no man.

Have a purpose in life, and having it, throw such strength of mind and muscle into your work as God has given you.

—Thomas Carlyle

April 23rd

Expect of yourself that you will dream high, and then, extend your reach still higher than you ever before thought possible.

April 24th

eason deceives us often; conscience never.

—Jean Jacques Rousseu

April 25th

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly.

—Thomas Huxley

April 26th

Add a little success to your life by . . .

Doing something for yourself, and doing something for someone else without his knowing who did it.

April 27th

I have never invented anything. I give all the credit to God.

—Philo Taylor Farnsworth

April 28th

World is a triumph of enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever achieved without it because it gives any challenge or any occupation no matter how frightening or difficult, a new meaning. Without enthusiasm you are doomed to a life of mediocrity, but with it you can accomplish miracles.

—Og Mandino

April 29th

room without books is like a body without a soul.

—Cicero

April 30th

If you give people tools, [and they use] their natural ability and their curiosity, they will develop things in ways that will surprise you very much beyond what you might have expected. I think it's fair to say that personal computers have become the most empowering tool we've ever created. They're tools of communication, they're tools of creativity, and they can be shaped by their user. I'm excited by the possibilities I see for medicine, for education and of course for technology, ...And I believe that through our natural inventiveness, creativity and willingness to solve tough problems, we're going to make some amazing achievements in all these areas in my lifetime.

—Bill Gates

May 1st

And behold, all that he requires of you is to keep his commandments; and he has promised you that if ye would keep his commandments, ye should prosper in the land; and he never doth vary from that which he hath said; therefore, if ye do keep his commandments he doth bless you and prosper you.

-Mosiah 2:22

May 2nd

The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night.

A defeat may be a victory in disguise.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

May 3rd

Money is like muck, not good except it be spread.

—Francis Bacon

May 4th

I can accept failure.

Everyone fails.

But I cannot accept someone who doesn't try.

I don't do things half-heartedly because I know if I do

then I can expect half-hearted results.

I've failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.

I've never been afraid to fail.

—Michael Jordan

May 5th

Napoleon once described happiness:

"It is the highest possible development of myself."

May 6th

Men do not fail, but often, rather they simply quit trying.

May 7th

A Harvard Study recently indicated:

The single greatest success factor for children, regardless of economic level, is the *mother* and what she teaches the child before the age of three.

May 8th

I repent every day.

—Gordon B. Hinckley

May 9th

Nobody's a zero, unless you make him such.

May 10th

A reads with understanding, and writes and speaks with clarity. He recognizes and appreciates beauty. He has the perspective that comes from a breadth of knowledge and understanding, and the self-discipline to apply himself or herself to do well in the work of the world. Finally, an educated person is guided by an ethic, philosophy, or religious belief that gives direction and meaning and a sense of inner peace to life.

—Dallin H. Oaks

May 11th

ever doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

—Margaret Mead

May 12th

There's only one thing to do:

The Right Thing.

May 13th

Unhappy is the man who only reacts to others. He is the servant of their whims toward him. You will never have a greater or lesser dominion than over yourself. The height of a man's success is gauged by his self-mastery. The depth of his failure by his self-abandonment...and this law is the expression eternal justice. He who cannot establish dominion over himself will have no dominion over others.

—Leonardo Da Vinci

May 14th

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by the inciting class hatred.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

-Attributed to Abraham Lincoln

May 15th

Life is tough!
It's even tougher when you're stupid.

—John Wayne

May 16th

Think Straight

Individual and family growth towards eternal living in the presence of our Heavenly Father is best obtained when we solve our individual and family problems by learning to "THINK STRAIGHT" at all times. When we learn to control our thought processes with sound positive STRAIGHT THINKING we insure a fuller and happier life in this world and guarantee a place in the eternities with our Heavenly Father, and Savior, Jesus Christ.

—M. Russell Ballard

May 17th

Success is . . .

Attention To Detail

May 18th

The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.

-Michelangelo

May 19th

Before we die, we need to gather up our heritage and offer it to our children.

-Will Durant

May 20th

A Successful life?

How much worthwhile learning have I acquired?

How much good have I effected?

May 21st

Success is saying . . .

"I care about you."

May 22nd

When you fall,

to your feet

and try again.

May 23rd

And the American people are the greatest people in the world. What makes America the greatest nation in the world is the heart of the American people: hardworking, innovative, risk-taking, God-loving, family-oriented American people.

—Mitt Romney

May 24th

What It Takes To Succeed

The quality of a person's life
is in direct proportion
to their commitment to excellence,
regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.

—Vince Lombardi

May 25th

here are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure. If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude.

—Colin Luther Powell

May 26th

One man with courage makes a majority.

—Andrew Jackson

May 27th

hat a man

can imagine or conceive in his mind, he can accomplish.

—John Keats

May 28th

ounsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day.

—Alma 37:37

May 29th

e are

what we repeatedly do.

Excellence, then,
is not an act,
but a habit.

—Aristotle

May 30th

he difference between the impossible and the possible is a person's determination.

—Tommy Lasorda

May 31st

I WILL

Make this happen!

June 1st

Success is a singleness of purpose, and once you have agreed upon the price that you and your family must pay, you forget the price. It comes to you first imagining that you are a success and then practicing toward that goal. The Scriptures tell us "For as he think it in his heart so is he." The Lord wants all of us to be a success.

—Coach James (Jim) Spencer

June 2nd

Every day in every way
I'm getting better and better;
it is my absolute purpose
to steadfastly move on—
to develop the hidden talents
and greatness within me.

June 3rd

he most precious thing we can give our children is our time and our company. The man who does not read good books, has not advantage over the man who can't read them. If first you don't succeed, fail, fail again. Age is an issue of mind over matter; if you don't mind, it doesn't matter. Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand. I've never let my school interfere with my education. Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. Humor is mankind's greatest blessing.

—"Mark Twain"

June 4th

f you listen to your fears, you will die never knowing what a great person you might have been.

—Dr. Robert H. Schuller

June 5th

Eisenhower's D-Day Invasion Speech

Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force:

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other fronts you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world. Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well-trained, well-equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely. But this is the year 1944. Much has happened since Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The united nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man to man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our home front have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory. Good luck, and let us all beseech the blessings of almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

June 6th

bad peace is always better than a good war.

—Cicero

June 7th

Success is . . .

attaining the full measure of your creation.

June 8th

How To Become A Success

As an administrator in post-high school education for over sixty years, I talked to numerous students on how to be a success. Nearly all of them expected me to tell them what sort of job paid best. But that is facing the problem from the wrong end. My advice to all was essentially this:

- 1. Find out what talent God, or Nature to some, has given you. Would you be happy if you worked mainly in that field? If you would, take the second step toward success.
- 2. Get the best kind of professional training available to develop your natural God-given talent. Stay with it! Don't give up!
- Now go ahead and put your trained talent to work.
 Don't just talk about it—do it! Produce! Don't worry about pay.
 Good money always pays for expertise.

—Gerrit de Jong, Jr.

June 9th

here is no greater joy in life than seeing your children succeed in the things that are really important.

June 10th

That great thing would you attempt if you knew you could not fail?

—Dr. Robert H. Schuller

June 11th

he power is within me to change for good that part of the world over which I have some influence.

June 12th

Success is . . .

living so that when we need to call on Him,

He will answer.

June 13th

believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

—William Tyler Page

June 14th

Success:

We try and try and try and try and try and then we get it right.

All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.

But whatever it takes to achieve lasting quality must be done because good enough never is.

Think. Believe. Dream. Dare.

-Walt Disney

June 15th

ollow your passion.

-Victor Borge

June 16th

By far

the most important successes of life are not measured in dollars, but in deeds.

June 17th

Success is never final; failure is never fatal.

It's courage that counts!

—Coach John Wooden

June 18th

ore often, it isn't the person, it's the correct principles he follows, that makes him notable. The great opportunity and purpose of life is—to fulfill the full measure of our individual God-given talents and abilities, and by seeking, even through courageous persistence of heart, we exercise continually these correct and righteous principles.

June 19th

failure in the home comes from a lack of expectation of the family.

June 20th

First say to yourself what you would be; And then do what you have to do.

— Epictetus

June 21st

In becoming a missionary. . . be ready for those who are ready for you.

June 22nd

Final Ten Commandments for Reducing Stress

- 1. Thou shalt not be perfect, not even try
- 2. Thou shalt not try to be all things to all people
- 3. Thou shalt leave things undone that ought to be done
- 4. Thou shalt not spread thyself too thin.
- 5. Thou shalt learn to say no.
- 6. Thou shalt schedule time for thyself and thy support network
- 7. Thou shalt switch off and do nothing regularly
- 8. Thou shalt be boring, inelegant, untidy and unattractive at times
- 9. Thou shalt not feel guilty
- 10. Thou shalt not be thy own worst enemy, but be thy best friend.

—Michael N. Olpin, Ph.D.

June 23rd

Encouraged people achieve the best; dominated people second-best; neglected people achieve the least.

June 24

orrect and righteous principles are as true and immovable as the North Star, a star that through the ages has unerringly guided men to reach their destinations—and likewise, to the presence of our Father in Heaven.

June 25th

Grasp the subject. The words will follow.

—Marcus Porcius Canto

June 26th

Don't miss a . . .

"Daddy, come play with me," before you can't.

June 27th

ell me thy company and I'll tell thee what thou art.

—Miguel de Cervantes

June 28th

If it is not right, don't do it.

If it is not true, don't say it.

—Marcus Aurelius

June 29th

t's easy to play any musical instrument:
all you have to do is touch the right key
at the right time and the instrument will play itself.

—Johann Sebastian Bach

June 30th

Teach them correct principles and they govern themselves.

—Joseph Smith, Jr.

July 1st

azy people are always looking for something to do.

-Marquis de Vauvenargues

July 2nd

Success for ourselves
and for others who share this country
means seriously upholding
and carefully guarding
our precious rights and freedoms
through being aware citizens
in this land—which is choice above all other lands.

July 3rd

hese are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; 'til dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be highly rated.

—Thomas Paine, 1776

July 4th

reedom is nothing else but a chance to be better.

—Albert Camus

July 5th

ecommend virtue to your children; it alone, not money, can make them happy.

I speak from experience.

—Ludwig van Beethoven

July 6th

man, as a general rule, owes very little to what he is born with a man is what he makes of himself. Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.

—Alexander Graham Bell

July 7th

If we hope to live,
not just moment to moment,
but in true consciousness of our existence,
then our greatest need
and most difficult achievement
is to find meaning in our lives.

—Bruno Bettelheim

July 8th

Success means applying these Scouting principles:

trustworthy	courteous	thrifty
loyal	kind	brave
helpful	obedient	clean
friendly	cheerful	reverent

... long after Scouting.

July 9th

Don't just do your bestget the job done!

-Stan Watts

July 10th

Success In Two Words:

Mental Toughness

—James (Jim) A. Spencer, Provo High School Basketball Coach

July 11th

He has not acquired a fortune, the fortune has acquired him.

—Wilfred Bion

July 12th

Success is applying this principle:

Our children are like nuts with hard shells. We can smash them open, or they can be nurtured open with love to grow and produce delightful fruit.

July 13th

Achievers Believe:

- It's okay if things get difficult.
- I'm responsible for my own happiness.
- Hard work is the key to success.
- Hard work and learning lead to pride.
- I've got what it takes to learn and solve most of the problems I face.
- I have control over my own life

What a challenge! If I work hard, I can do it!

July 14th

Underachievers believe:

- Life shouldn't be hard.
- Other people are supposed to make me happy.
- I'm entitled to success and all of its perks
- Hard work and learning create misery.
- I can't learn and solve problems on my own.
- What happens to me is completely beyond my control.

"Not fair! This is too hard!"

July 15th

hen the Lord is with you, you seem to succeed, no matter how lacking you may feel in your own abilities or confidence.

o then: a key to success is self-discipline, concentration, coupled with earnest and humble prayer.

—Janie Thompson, BYU Young Ambassadors

July 16th

For life is the mirror of king and slave, 'Tis just what we are and do; Then give to the world the best you have, And the best will come back to you

—Madeline Bridges

July 17

have given considerable thought to your request and offer the following as my personal response to your question: "For a Mormon, success is achieving the special things in life which he knows God wants him to do—things such as: qualifying for the priesthood, going on a mission, being married in the temple, getting all the education possible, excelling in a trade or profession, serving in as many Church capacities as possible, raising a fine, well-trained family, participating in community life as a patriotic citizen, becoming proficient in the scriptures and the knowledge of the Gospel, approaching the golden years of life as a patriarch of a large posterity and finally lying down to rest with a complete assurance of a glorious future enshrined in immortality and eternal life."

—W. Cleon Skousen

July 18th

He who rests, ROTS.

—Arthur Fiedler

July 19th

An idea that is developed and put into action is more important than an idea that exists only as an idea.

Your work is to discover your work and then with all your heart to give yourself to it.

Even death is not to be feared by one who has lived wisely.

—Gautama Buddha

July 20th

Blest hour! It was a luxury—to be!

—Samuel T. Coleridge

July 21st

Nobel Prize winning author Pearl S. Buck said that she learned more between the ages of seventy and eighty than any other time in her life.

July 22nd

ften the word "success" is used exclusively in association with a particular prowess, skill, trade, vocation, or profession. Also, to the world one is a success when he has a lot of money or receives a lot of recognition as an entertainer, pro athlete, TV performer, government official, businessman, banker, lawyer, educator, or whatnot. Too often people who are such successes "in the world" are almost total failures as human beings. Their lives are emotional, moral and spiritual disasters. Their worldly success is only chaff if they fail to achieve excellence in their pursuits in this world; that striving should always be subordinate and guided by their pursuit to celestial character. Therein lies true success.

—David H. Yarn Jr.

July 23rd

If you are not sure of where you are going, you may end up somewhere else.

July 24th

Living a righteous life is like shaving.

We have to do it every day.

July 25th

Are you bored with life?

Then throw yourself into some work you believe in with all your heart, live for it, die for it, and you will find happiness that you had thought could never be yours. Feeling sorry for yourself, and your present condition, is not only a waste of energy but the *worst habit you could possibly have*.

—Dale Breckenridge Carnegie

July 26th

ake the most of yourself, for that is all there is to you.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

July 27th

Hyou love them, show it!

July 28th

Pessimism is the cleverness of the weak.

To every man there comes in his lifetime that special moment when he is figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a special thing, unique to him and fitted to his talent; what a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared or unqualified for the work which would be his finest hour.

—Winston Churchill

July 29th

An unwritten goal will only remain a hope.

July 30th

I grew up in a situation where I had a good father and mother who were the true anchors of my life. My father was a church leader and very busy, so when I would come home from school, etc., I relied heavily on my mother to help me and guide me. Later in life when I would have questions in raising my own family, I would often ask myself, "How would my father have done this?"

Also, as a coach, I dealt personally with many of our team players, and if they had problems I would again ask this same question as I responded to their personal needs. Strong families are what guide us through our lives."

—BYU Coach LaVell Edwards

July 31st

It is chiefly through books that we enjoy intercourse with superior minds . . . God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us heirs of the spiritual life of past ages. Books are true levelers. They give to all, who will faithfully use them, the society, the spiritual presence, the best and greatest of our race.

-William Ellery Channing

August 1st

Success is . . .

Dedication to Righteousness.

August 2nd

f you wish to be a champion or whate'er you'd choose to be, just act as though you are one; and soon that dream you'll see.

August 3rd

Success isn't necessarily the giant, monumental occurrences, which of course, it can include, but success can be gained in the small everyday things like reading scriptures daily, or making a new friend. Little things make success, too.

s for me, any amount of success I may have gained has been through considerable amount of help from others who have loved me or cared about me enough to help me succeed, sweet success makes every bit of struggle worthwhile.

—Curt Brinkman

August 4th

It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters.

—Epictetus

August 5th

Teaching people to use their imagination helps us find solutions to sooth the stresses of everyday life—or get a little lift to help us keep going. In short: all things are possible when you share the philosophy that "Believing is Seeing."

—James C. Christensen

August 6th

There is no guarantee of success in anything you want to accomplish.

In fact, if you seek the guarantee of success, you will never succeed.

If you're not willing to take risks or to fail, you cannot succeed.

That is ironclad.

The true winners are distinguished by the fact that they sometimes lose,

but more importantly that they can rise up from defeat.

You cannot succeed if you are not prepared to fail.

—Benjamin Netanyahu

August 7th

nowledge is power.

—Francis Bacon

August 8th

A n unsuccessful parent is somebody who sees or acts as though he sees other things as being more important than his family and is constantly chasing after other things at the expense of his family. Therefore, I would say that the successful parent is the one who has as his highest priority his family and does all that he can to make life pleasant for them and teaches them those gentle things that cause them to love the Lord.

—George D. Durrant

August 9th

Success is . . .

"... to come to a knowledge
that the purpose of life
is not mere existence,
or pleasure,
or fame,
or wealth,
but the perfection of humanity
through individual achievement,
under the guidance of God's inspiration."

—BYU Early Standards: Fifth Objective

August 10th

In the moment that you carry this conviction. . . in that moment your dreams will become reality.

—Robert Collier

August 11th

To understand yourself is the key to wisdom.

I hear and I forget.

I see and I remember.

I do and I understand.

—Confucius

August 12th

Six Essentials For Success:

There are many things that parade for success in the world, but true success will contain a blend of at least the following six essentials:

- 1. Peace of mind comes from knowing that you have been true to the most important of your ideals and have given your best effort in the most significant of your goals.
- 2. Anxiety of mind that comes from knowing that however much you may have accomplished, or however decent you may have been, there is still much more to be done and much improvement to be made.
- 3. A career that brings not only income sufficient for family needs, but also joy and fulfillment in the work itself.
- 4. Ability to separate the trivial from the significant and give each its proper attention.
- 5. Integrity of personality and character such that respect is highest from those who know you best.
- 6. Harmony with those you love.

—Bruce B. Clark

August 13th

Winners Never Cheat Everyday Values We Learned as Children

(But May Have Forgotten)

His follow up book:

Winners Never Cheat

-Even in Difficult Times-

—Jon M. Huntsman

August 14th

he force is in you.

Force yourself.

—Harrison Ford

August 15th

hat greater success
than to know
that your children
and your children's children
are walking in the truth?

—George W. Romney

August 16th

I leave this rule for others when I'm dead, be always sure you're right—
then go ahead.

—David (Davy) Crockett

August 17th

n the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.

—Charles Darwin

August 18th

Then I was eight, my father, who had just recently been ordained a patriarch, gave me my blessing. Among other things, he said that I had not come here upon earth by chance, but in fulfillment of the decrees of the Almighty to accomplish a great work, and then he defined that.

All my life, I have prayed that if I didn't come by chance, that the Lord would help me to accomplish what He sent me to do, so that when my mission here on earth was completed, he wouldn't have to say to me: "This is what we sent you to do, but you failed and we had to raise up someone else to do your work for you."

True success to me is to accomplish the purpose for which the Lord sent me upon the earth.

—LeGrand Richards

August 19th

he play goes on and you may contribute your verse.

What will your verse be?

We must look at things in a different way.

Dare to strike out.

Carpe diem.

—"The Dead Poet's Society" Robin Williams

August 20th

Me make a living by what we get.

Me make a life by what we give.

—Winston Churchill

August 21st

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

- **Be Pro-active:** Take initiative and be responsible.
- Begin With The End In Mind: Start any endeavor, a meeting, a day at the office, your adult life with a mental image of an outcome conforming to values you cherish.
- Put First Things First: Discipline yourself to subordinate feelings, impulses and moods to your values.
- Think win/win: Win-win means agreements or solutions that are mutually beneficial and satisfying.
- Seek To Understand Then To Be Understood: Listen with intent to empathize, not with intent to reply.
- Synergize: Create wholes that are greater than the sum of their parts.
- **Sharpen The Saw:** Take time to cultivate the four essential dimensions of our character: physical, mental, social/emotional, and spiritual.

—Dr. Stephen R. Covey

August 22nd

he true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops—no, but the kind of man the country turns out.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

August 23rd

ime is the most valuable thing a man can spend.

—Theophrastus

August 24th

It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.

I think, therefore I am.

—Rene Descartes

August 25th

he human body is sacred—the veritable tabernacle of the divine spirit which inhabits it.

It is a solemn duty of mankind to develop, protect and preserve it from pollution, unnecessary wastage, and weakness.

—Stephen L. Richards

August 26th

ful) in life until he is able to do at least one useful thing well. A man is not successful in life until he is absolutely free of prejudice and does not lean on carnal things for accomplishment and has universal sympathy for mankind.

—Elbert Hubbard

August 27th

e don't like to do anything unless we give it our best.

—The Osmond Family

August 28th

Success is still . . .

the constant application of the Golden Rule.

August 29th

Jook deep, deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. The search for truth and knowledge is one of the finest attributes of man though often it is most loudly voiced by those who strive for it the least. The true value of a human being is determined primarily by how he has attained liberation from the self.

—Albert Einstein

August 30th

o things which are difficult to do and they will become easy, not because the nature of the problem has decreased, but because your ability to do has increased.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

August 31st

Socialism is a philosophy of failure,

the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy.

Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.

The inherent vice of *Capitalism* is the unequal sharing of blessings.

—Winston Churchill

September 1st

It's a true saying that

"One falsehood leads easily to another."

—Cicero

September 2nd

When you think we are important, consider this—
our earth is less than a grain of sand in a vast Sahara cosmos.

September 3rd

I have always regarded the subject of real success in life as vital. Real success in life, regardless of how accomplished in other ways is not truly effectual unless one has hearkened to the voice of the Spirit:

or the word of the Lord is truth and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ. And the Spirit giveth light to every man that cometh into the world, and the Spirit enlighteneth every man through the world, that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit (Doctrine and Covenants 84:45-46).

—Alvin R. Dyer

September 4th

If if is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward.

—Henry Ford

September 5th

The reason for his success in football:

I played every play like it was going to be the last one I would ever play.

—Merlin Olsen

September 6th

ome of the most dreadful mischiefs that afflict mankind proceed from wine (and strong drink). It is the cause of disease, quarrels, sedition, idleness, aversion to labor, and every species of domestic disorder.

—François Fénelon

September 7th

Success is...

working as though
it were
impossible
to fail.

September 8th

hen good men die their goodness does not perish, but lives though they are gone. As for the bad, all that was theirs dies and is buried with them.

—Euripides

September 9th

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

I never could have done what I have done without the habits of punctuality, order, and diligence, without the determination to concentrate myself on one subject at a time. Whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do it well: whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself completely; in great aims and in small I have always thoroughly been in earnest.

—Charles Dickens

September 10th

Success in marriage is remembering this:

It isn't giving 50-50 that's important; it's giving 200-200!

September 11th

Simplify.

Simplify.

Simplify

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

September 12th

Twelve Qualities of Success

- The value of time.
- The success of perseverance.
- The pleasure of working.
- The dignity of simplicity.
- The worth of character.
- The power of kindness.

- The influence of example.
- The obligation of duty.
- The wisdom of economy.
- The virtue of patience.
- The improvement of talent.
- The joy of originating.

—Marshall Field

September 13th

But of all other stupendous inventions, what sublimity of mind must have been his who conceived how to communicate his most secret thoughts to any other person, though very far distant, either in time or place? And with no greater difficulty than the various arrangement of two dozen little signs upon paper? Let this be the seal of all the admirable inventions of man.

—Galileo Galilei

September 14th

Billings related an incident when Stake Patriarch Robert D. Foster was giving a patriarchal blessing to a young man. When he finished the young man turned to shake the patriarch's hand. Brother Foster asked the youth if he knew a certain person. The youth said, "Yes! He was my grandfather." Brother Foster said, "That man was standing beside me telling me what I should include in your blessing."

—Lewis K. Billings

September 15th

The Preamble to the Constitution

Of the United States,
in order to form a more perfect Union,
establish justice, insure domestic tranquility,
provide for the common defense,
promote the general Welfare,
and secure the Blessings of Liberty
to ourselves and to our Posterity,
do ordain and establish this Constitution
for the United States of America.

—Gouverneur Morris

September 16th

The purpose of the Constitution was to avoid a dictatorship.

—Newt Gingrich

September 17th

And for this purpose
have I established the Constitution of this land,
by the hands of wise men
whom I raised up unto this very purpose,
and redeemed the land
by the shedding of blood.

—Doctrine and Covenants 101:80

September 18th

Success is such a personal thing. A person of success needs to have an attitude of gratitude and to have a positive mental approach to all things. The person must be able to look into a mirror and see a person that they like and have confidence that they are doing the right things for the right reasons. To be able to achieve success a person must have courage, determination, discipline, and consistency and be willing to take a risk for the sake of improving themselves and the world around them. The happiest most successful people I know are those that have found a career in doing something they love to do and be excited about getting out of bed every morning and figuring how to do it better. Shakespeare once said that, "I don't want to reach the end of life and look back and find that I never really lived."

—Steve T. Densley

September 19th

A rule of success for any leader is . . .

Make

Exciting!

Things Happen

September 20th

In was created to dress the earth, to cultivate the mind and to glorify God.

—Joseph Smith, Jr.

September 21st

Five Ways To Successfully Increase Your Income

- 1. Seek education and self-improvement.
- 2. Seek better employment.
- 3. Set higher goals and work systematically to achieve them.
- 4. Improve work habits.
- 5. Invest wisely.

September 22nd

The measure of pleasure is not leisure.

The measure of pleasure is accomplishment.

—Bruce B. Clark

September 23rd

In raising a family or teaching a class, it's much like guiding and directing a zoo with its many varied animals.

You'll never make an eagle out of an eel, but each has its important respective place and purpose.

The challenge of the parent or teacher is to recognize their individual respective differences and bring out the best in each of them.

September 24th

he beginning is the most important part of the work.

—Pliny the Elder

September 25th

Heaven is a place, but also a condition; it is home and family. It is understanding and kindness.

It is inter-dependence and selfless activity.

It is quiet, sane living;

personal sacrifice, genuine hospitality, wholesome concern for others. It is living the commandments of God without ostentation or hypocrisy.

It is selflessness.

It is all about us.

We need only to recognize it as we find and enjoy it.

—Spencer W. Kimball

September 26th

great thought might stir the world.

But all the great thoughts in the world
will not equal one simple action;
and only sustained action
can ultimately change the world.

September 27th

ven if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

-Will Rogers

September 28th

This thing we call *failure* is not falling down, but the staying down.

—Mary Pickford

September 29th

Enjoy an abundance of acquaintances and associations, but **choose carefully** those whom you select as friends.

Because in so doing, you choose the quality and kind of person you are or will become.

September 30th

o believe your own thought, to believe that what is true for you in your private heart is true for all men—that is genius.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

October 1st

reat thoughts come from the heart.

—Marquis de Vauvenargues

October 2nd

good reputation is more valuable than money.

—Syrus Publilius

October 3rd

wo roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

—Robert Frost

October 4th

Seeds of greatness are in every man.

To find those seeds,
plant, cultivate, nurture and harvest them,
is the lifelong challenge.

October 5th

Who are we?

We find that we live on an insignificant planet of a humdrum star, lost in a galaxy tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are far more galaxies than people.

—Carl Sagan

October 6th

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal: my strength lies solely in my tenacity.

Chance favors the prepared mind.

Do not let yourself be tainted with a barren skepticism.

—Louis Pasteur

October 7th

To one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service. I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvellous Presence.

—Christopher Columbus

October 8th

Jet a vision of what you want and then be willing to pay the price.

It is difficult to be on the Olympic team without paying the price.

—L. Jay Silvester, Olympic Discus Champion

October 9th

Consistent application of principles can bring achievement according to Ben Franklin:

- All human achievement rests on the establishment of clearly defined objectives.
- The achievement of one's objectives requires a good plan and consistent effort.
- Religion is a powerful regulator of human conduct.
- Correct action is dependent upon correct opinion.
- Motives of personal gain tend to be opposite of one's true self-interest.
- Without honesty, there can be no happiness.
- The proper acquisition and use of money may be a blessing, but the opposite is always a curse.
- The possession of health makes all things easier, its absence everything more difficult.
- Happiness springs immediately from the mind.
- Life is immeasurably more satisfying to those who get along well with others than to those who do not.
- Of all human relationships, the most enduring and satisfying are those of family.
- In the process of aging and dying the fruits of a long life well lived are most sensibly felt.
- Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom.
- As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.

October 10th

Success means

Happiness in your home and enjoyment in your job.

—President Wilson W. Sorensen

October 11th

have never yet met a man that I didn't like.

—Will Rogers

October 12th

De careful to leave your sons well instructed rather than rich, for the hopes of the instructed are better than the wealth of the ignorant.

—Epictetus

October 13th

Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.

"People must have righteous principles in the first, and then they will not fail to perform virtuous actions."

—Martin Luther

October 14th

He who shouts his wares down the well, he his goods will never sell.

But he who stands on the street and hollers, he's the guy who gets the dollars.

October 15th

The object of government is the welfare of the people.

The material progress and prosperity of a nation are desirable chiefly so far as they lead to the moral and material welfare of all good citizens.

—Theodore Roosevelt

October 16th

The Success Secrets of Walt Disney

• Think tomorrow. He always looked forward to what he wanted to accomplish next. What matters is what we can accomplish tomorrow, not what we've done today. Build a yesterday. Focus your efforts on tomorrow. That's how to make your dream come true.

• Free your imagination. Disney was a visionary. Most of us can do better than we think. We limit ourselves. Disney shattered these mental restrictions. If you free your mind and let your imagination run wild, there's no limit to what you can do, where you can go, or

what you can accomplish.

• Strive for lasting quality. The real secret of his success was his fanatical commitment to excellence. He continually reached for that intangible quality called perfection. There are no new ideas. You just take a good one and improve on it. There are no shortcuts to quality. But whatever it takes to achieve lasting quality must be done because good enough never is.

• Have stick-to-itivity. (Disneyese for fortitude, tenacity and hanging in there until the job is done.) Dreams don't just happen because you want them to. Stick to it until you turn

your dreams into reality.

• Talent isn't enough. Success comes only when talent is combined with tenacity.

Source: —Pat Williams, Bottom Line, BottomLineSecrets.com

October 17th

Don't walk in front of me,
I may not follow.
Don't walk behind me,
I may not lead.
Just walk beside me
and be my friend.

—Albert Camus

October 18th

I.Q. tests show only limited values.

Education, rather is the key to success, coupled with motivation and persistence.

I.Q.'s are only something we have been given or denied ourselves.

October 19th

Successful is the person who has lived well laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of children, who leaves the world better than they found it, who has never lacked appreciation for the earth's beauty, who never fails to look for the best in others, or give the best of themselves.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

October 20th

Fast, pray, and listen;

and then write down your impressions.
You become what you think about.
You can become what you want to be;
If you **be** what you want to become!

—Alan and Suzanne Osmond

October 21st

he future belongs to those

who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

October 22nd

en must be taught as if you taught them not, and things unknown proposed as things forgot.

—Alexander Pope

October 23rd

Vever tell people *how* to do things.

Tell them *what* to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

—General George S. Patton, Jr.

October 24th

To as much as possible, and talk of yourself as little as possible.

—Sallust (Gaius Sallustius Crispus)

October 25th

Regarding The Ten Commandments:

restrictive—something hemming us in. We sometimes think of law as the opposite of liberty. But this is a false conception. . . . God does not contradict Himself. He did not create man and then, as an afterthought, impose upon him a set of arbitrary, irritating restrictive rules. He made man free—and then gave him commandments to keep him free. . . . We cannot break the Ten Commandments. We can only break ourselves against them—or else, by keeping them, rise through them to the fullness of freedom under God. God means us to be free. With divine daring, He gave us the power of choice.

—Cecil B. DeMille

October 26th

Tar better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.

—Theodore Roosevelt

October 27th

he Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are made of the same water. It flows down, clear and cool, from the heights of Hermon and the roots of the Cedars of Lebannon. The Sea of Galilee makes beauty of it, for the Sea of Galilee has an outlet. . . **It gets to give.**

It gathers in its riches that it may pour them out again to fertilize the Jordan plain. But the Dead Sea with the same water makes horror. For the Dead Sea has no outlet. . . It gets to keep.

—Harry Emerson Fosdick

October 28th

How to Sell an Idea

Go fishing with bait, not forcing

Let the other fellow sell himself on your idea.

Let the other fellow argue your case.

State your case moderately
and accurately, and then say,

"I may be mistaken about it, but..."

No positiveness or arrogance.

Tell the other person the idea was his.

"You gave me an idea."

October 29th

In a world of tumult and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to make families our absolute priority. The success of our communities unquestionably depends upon the strength of our families.

very Sunday we invite all six of our children, their spouses and our 16 grandchildren for dinner. These occasions are especially meaningful as they provide us an opportunity to tell stories, laugh, and discuss the issues of the day as we enjoy a good meal – and more importantly, time together.

—Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert

October 30th

Wickedness Never Was Happiness

—Alma 41:10

October 31st

f you want to feel worthwhile, do something worthwhile.

—Carl Sagan

November 1st

hen a nation goes down, or a society perishes, one condition may always be found they forgot where they came from.

—Carl Sandberg

November 2nd

Success to me is having my loved ones all remain close to God and be worthy of the constant companionship on the Holy Ghost.

Success is to have the love and respect of my family and friends.

Success is to have sons and daughters who are praised of men and acceptable to God.

Success is knowledge accompanied by true humility.

—Donna Olpin Brock

November 3rd

In my opinion, he only may be truly said to live and enjoy his being who is engaged in some laudable pursuit, and acquires a name by some illustrious action, or useful art.

—Sallust (Gaius Sallustius Crispus)

November 4th

Jon't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

—Dr. Albert Schweitzer

November 5th

Happiness in the Home

amily is a fundamental pillar of civil society. My own father was my hero. He instilled in me a love of country and taught me the value of hard work and the importance of integrity. Through his example, I learned that material possessions and worldly rank mean nothing in the end; what matters are the sacrifices we make on behalf of our loved ones.

am immensely grateful for my own family—for my children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren, but above all, for my sweet wife, Elaine. Early in our marriage, she taught me a simple truth: Of all life's treasures, there is none greater than happiness in the home...

—Senator Orrin G. Hatch

November 6th

I always have a quote for everything. It saves original thinking.

—Dorothy Sayers

November 7th

hen faced with a mountain, turn it into a gold mine.

—Dr. Robert H. Schuller

November 8th

- Life is never a state of being; it is always a process of becoming.
- Goodness is never complete or finished; it takes constant effort.
- Some run away from education . . . and lose the happiness, which comes only with education.
- Some run away from the values of home and church . . . and lose the rewards only those values can provide.
- Some run away from leadership . . . and lose the opportunity to develop leadership skills.
- Some run away with drugs or alcohol or violence . . . and end up destroying themselves.
- Most of this running away takes place because people fail to understand that life is a process, not a condition. It is always changing. It is never static.
- The joy of life is not in being, but in doing.
- Progress comes from self-activation, not self-satisfaction.

—G. Don Gale

November 9th

Success for me is finding the close relationship to God the Father as my creator, to Jesus Christ as my Savior, to the Holy Ghost as my Companion.

Success is finding self-identity and self-esteem through fullest development of one's natural talents and producing contribution of worth to other people.

Success is developing an active and concerned love for other people starting with one's wife, or husband, children, parents and family, but also moving out to all people and to all life. This love when developed and manifested gives creative luster to daily work, as well as to long-range goals. This love gives meaning and vitality to one's place and contribution in the local community as well as society at large. It gives a strong motivation to imbue his dealings with all other people with integrity, morality and concern.

Success means to me that in the pursuit of the above, some inevitable failures also bring with them the capacity to repair, to rejuvenate and to try again. The pursuit of the above when met with even modest success, rewards with a wonderful measure of real joy.

—Dr. Crawford Gates

November 10th

obtained this freedom, but we were born free... But that freedom can be retained only by the eternal vigilance which has always been its price.

—Elmer Davis

November 11th

Having a big heart has nothing to do with how big your bank account is.

Everyone has something to give.

—Barbara Bush

November 12th

he highest possible stage in moral culture is when we recognize that we ought to control our thoughts.

—Charles Darwin

November 13th

gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials.

—Lucius Annaeus Seneca

November 14th

ood name in man and woman, dear my lord is the immediate jewel of their souls;
Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing, Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands;
But he that filches from me my good name robs me of that which not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed.

—William Shakespeare

November 15th

I am reminded of my father's formula for success:

He told me as a young man that success is a clear conscience.

—Dr. Jerold D. Ottley

November 16th

The great gift we have is life.

The second greatest gift

is the ability to perfect that life.

This is the last life we have.

—Dr. Stephen R. Covey

November 17th

Success does not consist in never making mistakes, but in never making the same one a second time.

—George Bernard Shaw

November 18th

On returning from the first international joint space flight, his two rules for success:

Know what you want to do. Never give up.

—Don "Deke" Slayton

November 19th

Doing Drugs is Like Fishing

Recently a group of top students asked a friendly judge, "What is the greatest threat to our youth." Without a moment of hesitation he replied, "Meth!" He explained that it is like fishing, that taking it once—just once, can hook you and you're gone for a lifetime. Think for a moment what happens at the instant when a hook of bait enters into the mouth of a fish. At that moment, at the very instant, that fish is gone.

November 20th

eadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

November 21st

I think a great deal of that grew out of the fact that I had a chance to read a lot. I like my job because it involves learning. I like being around smart people who are trying to figure out new things. I like the fact that if people really try they can figure out how to invent things that actually have an impact.

—Bill Gates

November 22nd

ome books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.

—Francis Bacon

November 23rd

For Mormons,

success is living up to the covenants and promises I have already made. Their truth is known so I must obey to have happiness and success. Through disobedience I will find failure and unhappiness.

—Paul R. Cheesman

November 24th

Success means to give the greatest gift of all—the gift of love.

November 25th

for a thought,
reap an act;
for an act,
reap a habit;
for a habit,
reap a character;
for a character,
reap an eternal destiny.

—David O. McKay

November 26th

If I had six hours
to chop down a tree
I'd spend the first four hours sharpening the axe.

—Abraham Lincoln

November 27th

f a reward is tangibly real enough,
a person will work harder
to receive that reward
than he will
to avoid punishment.

November 28th

Analyze and Improve
Analyze and Improve
Analyze and Improve

November 29th

Spend your time with something that will outlast you—your family.

November 30th

our reputation speaks louder than your financial position.

December 1st

Success is understanding this:

One of us have money problems, only idea problems.

December 2nd

Sticking to it is the genius.

Any other bright-minded fellow can accomplish just as much...
if he will stick like hell and make the damn thing work.

I never did a day's work in my life—
it was all fun.

—Thomas A. Edison

December 3rd

The manager administers . . . the leader innovates.

The manager maintains . . . the leader develops.

The manager relies on systems . . . the leader relies on people.

The manager counts on controls . . . the leader counts on trust.

The manager does things right . . . the leader does the right thing.

—Fortune Magazine

December 4th

Treat temptation as a fiercesome onrushing freight train.

Get off the tracks!

And stay far away from the train station.

—Spencer W. Kimball

December 5th

As my definition of success, I offer the following:

Success is finding a way to contribute a useful service or a useful product that makes life better.

Success is to have numerous adventures which enrich the mind and the spirit.

Success is to have the love and respect of your family and neighbors.

Success is being able to live comfortably with one's self.

—Roy W. Oscarson

December 6th

At the end only two things really matter to a man, regardless of who he is; and they are the affection and understanding of his family.

Anything and everything else he creates are insubstantial; they are ships given over to the mercy of the winds and tides of prejudice.

But the family is an everlasting anchorage, a quiet harbor where a man's ship can be left to swing to the moorings of pride and loyalty.

—Admiral Richard E. Byrd

December 7th

here are obviously two educations.

One should teach us how to make a living, and the other how to live.

—James Truslow Adams

December 8th

A Success Credo

Do all the good you can

By all the means you can,

In all the ways you can,

In all the places you can,

At all the times you can,

To all the people you can,

As long as ever you can.

—John Wesley

December 9th

eople will forget what you said.

People will forget what you did.

But, people will never forget

how you made them feel.

—Maya Angelou

December 10th

Ou are only as happy as you make up your mind to be. I will study and prepare and perhaps my chance will come.

Ilways bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing.

—Abraham Lincoln

December 11th

o the thing you think you cannot do.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

December 12th

here is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved.

—George Sand

December 13th

Goals and Internal Motivation:

\$100,000 if you would accomplish a particular task, would you find a way to accomplish this task? You would probably go to almost any extreme to accomplish this task. On the other hand, what if I didn't offer you the money? Would that make a difference? Ultimately, it's purely your internal motivation that makes the difference—and if the goal is real enough, then you will find a way.

—Hyrum W. Smith

December 14th

If it's going to be, it's up to me!

—Dr. Robert H. Schuller

December 15th

Il great men and women became great because they gave some talent or ability in the service of others.

—Dr. Albert Schweitzer

December 16th

ou see things; and you say "Why?

But I dream things that never were; and I say, "Why not?"

—George Bernard Shaw

December 17th

ost of the happy people I know do some one thing well.

—L. Jay Silvester, Olympic Discus Champion

December 18th

ifficulties are things that show a person what they are.

—Epictetus

December 19th

No man is truly successful until his mother-in-law has admitted it.

December 20th

uccessful people are just normal people—focused.

December 21st

Success is telling your boy . . .

"I'm glad you're my son."

December 22nd

he only gift

is a portion of thyself.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

December 23rd

Success is simple...

"Come, follow me."

—Jesus Christ

December 24th

The Savior said, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant" [Matthew 23:11].

If being the greatest is indication of success, then he who is the servant of all could be identified as the truly successful person.

—Ben E. Lewis

December 25th

There is peace
in keeping
the Commandments

December 26th

he brain is like a muscle.

When it is in use we feel very good.

Understanding is joyous.

—Carl Sagan

December 27th

o be what we are,

and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end of life.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

December 28th

get some fun out of life everyday; put your trust in God.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

December 29th

Read Moroni 10:4 of the Book of Mormon

Do what it says and then see how you feel about it.

December 30th

We have inherited a magnificent palace and we spend most of our lives in a broom closet in the basement.

We are missing 99.9999% of everything that was happening around us.

The real learning will take place after this world. This is not the main event, but the preliminary. Don't center ourselves on the things of this world, but strive for repentance and forgiveness.

—Hugh Nibley

December 31st