



1. To be successful, the first thing to do is fall in love with your work. – Sister Mary Lauretta
2. Trust not what inspires other members of society to choose a career. Trust what inspires you.  
– The Lazy Person’s Guide to Success
3. You are what you do. If you do boring, stupid, monotonous work, chances are you’ll end up boring, stupid, and monotonous. – Bob Black
4. I believe you are your work. Don’t trade the stuff of your life, time, for nothing more than dollars. That’s a rotten bargain. – Rita Mae Brown
5. Make no *little* plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood . . . Make big plans; aim high in hope and work. – Daniel Burnham, American architect (1846 – 1912)
6. You can’t depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus. - Mark Twain
7. A career is wonderful, but you can’t curl up with it on a cold night. – Marilyn Monroe
8. I’d rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate. – George Burns
9. I’m sick of people sittin’ in chairs stating their problems. Then we roll the videotape... then we have our experts on the topic... I’m in the ‘What’s next?’ phase of my career. - Oprah Winfrey
10. Never say anything about yourself you do not want to come true. – Brian Tracy, American Author
11. If we resist our passions, it is more through their weakness than from our strength. – Francois de la Rochefoucauld, French Author
12. The biggest mistake that you can make is to believe that you are working for somebody else... The driving force of a career must come from the individual. Remember: Jobs are owned by the company, you own your career! – Earl Nightingale, Motivational Speaker
13. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can’t find them, make them. – George Bernard Shaw
14. If people knew how hard I worked to get my mastery, it wouldn’t seem so wonderful after all. - Michelangelo



15. Your work is to discover your work and then with all your heart to give yourself to it. - Buddha
16. If you have to support yourself, you had bloody well better find some way that is going to be interesting. - Katherine Hepburn
17. My mother said to me, "If you become a soldier, you'll be a general, if you become a monk you'll end up as the pope." Instead, I became a painter and wound up as Picasso. – Pablo Picasso
18. Passion will move men beyond themselves, beyond their shortcomings, beyond their failures. – Joseph Campbell, American Mythologist, Writer, and Lecturer
19. Any human being is really good at certain things. The problem is that the things you're good at come naturally. And since most people are pretty modest instead of an arrogant S.O.B. like me, what comes naturally, you don't see as a special skill. It's just you. It's what you've always done. - Stephen Jay Gould, Evolutionary Scientist
20. If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything. – Michael Evans
21. There's nothing in the middle of the road but yellow stripes and dead armadillos. – Jim Hightower, Radio Commentator and Author
22. He who would learn to fly one day must first learn to stand and walk and run and climb and dance; one cannot fly into flying. – Nietzsche
23. Many of us have created lives that give very little support for experimentation. We believe that answers already exist out there, independent of us. What if we invested more time and attention to our own experimentation? We could focus our efforts on discovering solutions that work uniquely for us. - Margaret Wheatley, Author and Management Consultant who studies organizational behavior
24. Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. – Abraham Lincoln
25. We either make ourselves miserable, or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same. - Carlos Castaneda, Peruvian born American Anthropologist and Author



26. Desire! That's the one secret of every man's career. Not education. Not being born with hidden talents. Desire. – Bobby Unser, Retired Car Racer
27. People with clear, written goals, accomplish far more in a shorter period of time than people without them could ever imagine. – Brian Tracy, Author
28. A lot of fellows nowadays have a B.A., M.D., or Ph.D. Unfortunately, they don't have a J.O.B. – Fats Domino
29. What if "the hokey pokey" is REALLY what it's all about? – Curtis Spencer
30. There is no end. There is no beginning. There is only the infinite passion of life. - Federico Fellini, Italian Film Director (1920-1993)
31. Would I ever leave this company? Look, I'm all about loyalty. In fact, I feel like part of what I'm being paid for here is my loyalty. But if there were somewhere else that valued loyalty more highly, I'm going wherever they value loyalty the most. – Dwight Schrute, from the television show 'The Office'
32. I am not young enough to know everything. - Oscar Wilde
33. In fifty years, he never worked a day. To him, nine to five was odds on a horse. – Archie Bunker, from the television show 'All in the Family'
34. When you're following your energy and doing what you want all the time, the distinction between work and play dissolves. – Shakti Gawain, Pioneering Author & Teacher in the field of Personal Growth
35. I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. – Jerome K. Jerome, English writer and humorist
36. Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. – Martin Luther King, Jr.
37. Be still when you have nothing to say; when genuine passion moves you, say what you've got to say, and say it hot. – D.H. Lawrence, English Novelist (1885-1930)



38. Passion is the quickest to develop, and the quickest to fade. Intimacy develops more slowly, and commitment more gradually still. – Robert Sternberg, American Psychologist and Psychometrician
39. Passion kept one fully in the present, so that time became a series of mutually exclusive ‘nows.’ – Sue Halpern, Author
40. They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel. – Carl W. Buechner, Author
41. We cannot be sure of having something to live for unless we are willing to die for it. – Che Guavara
42. Rest in reason; move in passion – Khalil Gibran, Lebanese American artist, poet and writer
43. Throughout my career, if I have done anything, I have paid attention to every note and every word I sing...If I cannot project this to a listener, I fail. - Frank Sinatra
44. If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins. – Benjamin Franklin
45. I am tomorrow, or some future day, what I establish today. I am today what I established yesterday or some previous day. – James Joyce, Irish Novelist
46. If you follow your bliss, you put yourself on a kind of track that has been there all the while, waiting for you, and the life that you ought to be living is the one you are living. Wherever you are—if you are following your bliss, you are enjoying that refreshment, that life within you, all the time. – Joseph Campbell, American Mythologist, Writer, and Lecturer
47. I think everyone should experience defeat at least once during their career. You learn a lot from it. – Lou Holtz, American football coach and author
48. If you wish to achieve worthwhile things in your personal and career life, you must become a worthwhile person in your own self-development. – Brian Tracy
49. One can never consent to creep when one feels the impulse to soar. - Helen Keller
50. The belief that you can have a meaningful career is the first step to finding one. - Sean Aiken, Author and Creator of the One Week Job Project