

Jan 20, 2023 ~ Inspirational Quotes, #3 (*attitude/motivation*) (Lesson 75c)

Inspirational quotes are often full of uncommon phrases, or words that have dual meanings.

**Students: the success of this lesson is up to you!** Please ask about any word or phrase that you are unfamiliar with. If you have a question, a classmate probably has the same question.

**Part 1:**

*Today, the teacher will read each sentence once (without comment), then help students (in turns) to do the following:*

- a) in turns, each student will choose any sentence
  - b) student will read it, and ask any questions that come to mind (teacher or other students can answer)
  - c) the student who chose that sentence will say what he/she thinks it means, in his own words (i.e., summarize)
  - d) other students will have the chance to ask questions or comment on the meaning
  - e) then it is the next student's turn
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**Quotes:** (about attitude and internal motivation)

1. What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. (Henry S Haskins, Wall Street securities trader, 1940)
2. Worry is like a rocking chair: it gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere. (Erma Bombeck)
3. The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you discover why you were born. (unknown)
4. To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone. (Reba McEntire, American musician)
5. Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. (paraphrase attributed to Martin Luther King, Jr.)
6. The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. (Alice Walker; novelist & poet)
7. Strive mightily for high ideals. Keep your eyes on the stars, but don't forget that your feet are necessarily on the earth. (US Pres Theodore Roosevelt, 1900)
8. Never give up on something that you can't go a day without thinking about. (Winston Churchill, UK Prime Ministry 1940-45)
9. Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. (Winston Churchill)

**Part 2:**

1. Choose one of the quotations. Do you agree with this sentence? Why or why not? Also, give an example to support why you agree or disagree.
  2. How can the meaning of this sentence influence your own attitude and your own motivation? Explain.
  3. Repeat until every student has had a chance to talk about a quote.
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If you have time, read and discuss this quotation from the Bible:

**Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Rom 12:2 (NIV)**

- (A) When "the pattern of this world" is too pushy, how do you choose things to read or watch that can "renew your mind"? (B) What kinds of things do you choose?
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*Notes:* TO TEACHERS<sup>1</sup>; Regarding quote 3<sup>2</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> TEACHERS: For mid-lower level students, do parts 1 & 2 for quotes 1, 2, 3, 6, 9; if you have more time, go back to the others. If assistants or volunteers are present to help, Part 2 can be done in smaller groups.

<sup>2</sup> Quote Investigator cites an unknown source in a Jan 1970 sermon by Minister Ernest T Campbell: "It has been said that the two most important days of a man's life are the day on which he was born and the day on which he discovers why he was born. This is why we were born: To love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves."