

# Quotes Collections

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I like collecting quotes. Many of them are inspiring, or echoing thoughts that I have no better way to voice. Some of the quotes are philosophical, enlighten my vision to the world and human nature. Some bring me inner peace, strengthen my faith while alleviating fears. There are various comprehensions about living a life, I am collecting the one type of many that speaks for me.

1. Methods are many. Principles are a few.
2. 人生如负重致远，不可急躁。视不自由为常事，则不觉不足。心生欲望时，应回顾贫困之时。心怀宽容，则能无事长久。视怒如敌。只知胜而不知败，必害其身。责人不如责己。不及胜于过之。
3. You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have left.
4. 「授之以鱼不如授之以渔」 - A proverb quoted by Alan Siegel on his 0.99998<sup>th</sup> Edition of *An Introduction to Algorithms: Their Methods and Madness*
5. “When our memories outweigh our dreams, we have grown old.” - Bill Clinton
6. Discipline is Freedom. Without discipline, your life is basically bossed by things around.
7. 一个人不论做错了什么事，100次中有99次都不会自责，而且不论他的错误有多严重。 - Dale Carnegie
8. “Sometimes when you innovate, you make mistakes. It is best to admit them quickly, and get on with improving your other innovations.” - Steve Jobs
9. 二十世纪的人会表现得活力有余而悟性不足。
10. 「在学校时，儿童首先必须学习如何克制自己的欲望，而后再培养自己的勇气，最后运用理性来达到智慧。」
11. 「一个国家若不教育并训练其女性国民，就好像一个人只锻炼右臂，而不锻炼左臂一般。」 - 柏拉图《律法》
12. 人的一生应有三重境界： 趋利， 趋名， 追求内心的平静与超脱。 - 马未都
13. If I tell you I'm good, you would probably think I'm boasting. If I tell you I'm no good, You know I'm lying. - Bruce Lee
14. “I don't have any deadline now that I'm writing for myself, but I'm having trouble finishing things. It's much easier to stop when something is due than

to stop when it's good.”

15. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:17-18  
我们这至暂至轻的苦楚，要为我们成就极重无比、永远的荣耀。原来我们不是顾念所见的，乃是顾念所不见的；因为所见的是暂时的，所不见的是永远的。 - 哥林多后书四章 17 - 18
16. A jack of all trades and a master of none.
17. 如果感情可以分胜负的话，我不知道她是否赢了，但我很清楚，从一开始我就输了。 - 《东邪西毒》
18. As is a tale, so is life. Not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters. - Lucius Annaeus Seneca
19. ‘Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.’ - Winston Churchill
20. 「殊不知今日世界之竞争，不在国家而在国民」 - 《李鸿章传》梁启超
21. 幸福的家庭都是相似的，不幸的家庭各有各的不幸。 Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. - 《安娜·卡列尼娜》列夫·托尔斯泰于
22. Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing. - *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, Oscar Wilde
23. If we knew what we were doing, it wouldn't be called Research. - A. Einstein
24. “It's like the ebb and flow of every relationship. It's hard; it gets easy; it gets fun again. What's hard to sustain is some ideal that it's perfect. That's ridiculous. What's fantastic about marriage is getting through those ebbs and flows with the same person, and looking across the room and saying, 'I'm still here. And I still love you.' You re-meet, reconnect. You have marriages within marriages within marriages. That's what I love about marriage. That's what I want in marriage. It's unfortunate, but we live in a very disposable society. Those moments where it looks like 'Uh-oh, this isn't working!' – those are the most important, transformative moments. Most couples draw up divorce papers when they're missing out on an amazing moment of deepening and enlightenment and connection.” - Jennifer Aniston  
每段关系都有漩涡和波浪，有时很艰难，有时很宁静，有时充满乐趣。最艰难的时刻往往是你想追求一种完美的境界，但那是可笑而不现实的。婚姻最神奇之处在于，在经过了那么多漩涡和波浪后，站在你身边的还是同一个人，你仍然深切地感受到，自己爱着对方。每次争执，总能让你们重新相遇，重新相知，重新相爱，在婚姻中，你们再展开一段新的婚姻，如此永远延续，没有终点。这就是我喜欢婚姻的原因，也是我希望从婚姻中得到的。但是很不幸，我们生活在一个任性的时代里，一遇到问题，首先想到的就是‘糟糕，过不下去了’，那是最重要、决定性的时刻，因为一旦有了这种想法，人们自然而然就签订了离婚协议，他们不知道，自己已经错过互相迁就、互相认错、重新证明爱情的机会，那才是最美好的。 - 珍妮弗·安妮斯顿

25. God, the best maker of all marriages,  
Combine your hearts in one. - *Henry V*, William Shakespeare
26. “How’s life?” ”It may suck.”
27. “Creativity is just connecting things. When you ask creative people how they did something, they feel a little guilty because they didn’t really do it. They just saw something. It seemed obvious to them after a while.” - Steve Jobs
28. The way to create something beautiful is often to make subtle tweaks to something that already exists, or to combine existing ideas in a slightly new way.  
- ”Hackers & Painters”
29. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJB  
「若有人在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已过，都变成新的了。」 - 林后五章十七节
30. 「你們看那天上的飛鳥，也不種，也不收，也不積蓄在倉裡，你們的天父尚且養活他。你們不比飛鳥貴重得多嗎？」 - 馬太福音第六章 26 节
31. ` 稽山为何有节考，瑞雪又何曾降神明。天地不仁，以万物为刍狗’ - K 猫，  
《 稽山节考 》；道德经
32. ‘Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven’ - Paradise Lost
33. 如果一个人没有建立系统性思维，长期做碎片阅读，只会让自己的大脑充斥各种碎片思想、各种有趣的段子，但是就是没有自己的思考体系，而这样的思考体系必须通过阅读有质量的好书慢慢培养。
34. Romance says, ‘I want it now!’ Wisdom urges patience. Romance says, ‘This is what I want and it’s good for me.’ Wisdom leads us to consider what’s best for the other person. Romance says, ‘Enjoy the fantasy.’ Wisdom calls us to base our emotions and perceptions in reality. - *Boy meets Girl*, Joshua Harris.
35. 大多数人都是卑劣的；值得庆幸的是，我们的生存环境不需要我们（全部）展示出来。

I used to repel quotes, apothegm, maxim, and all the similar sorts; short abstruse passages with seemingly delicate and superficial words that do not tell me why and how. But as I walking along the journey of life, insights from many quotes unveil, and become dense materials for their significance. I believe that one quote can have vastly different stories on different people.