

Organization Quotations and Definitions

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A closet is a place for hanging things after you run out of doorknobs.

--Doug Larson

WOKING (participial vb.)

Standing in the kitchen wondering what you came in here for.

--Douglas Adams and John Lloyd, *The Meaning of Liff*

WINKLEY (n.)

A lost object which turns up immediately [after] you've gone and bought a replacement for it.

--Douglas Adams & John Lloyd, *The Meaning of Liff*

"It's the job that's never started as takes longest to finish," as my old gaffer used to say.

--J. R. R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring* (spoken by Sam Gamgee)

A man must consider what a rich realm he abdicates when he becomes a conformist.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Procrastination is, at its core, a struggle against oneself; the only antidote is action.

--Cris Freeman

Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent.

--Marilyn vos Savant

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

--Phyllis Diller

...I'm walking out of my house, and I've just had a banana. I have my banana peel in one hand and my car keys in the other. I throw my car keys in the trash and walk out with my banana peel. The other day I found my iron in the freezer. And the only reason I found it is that I was looking for my sunglasses.

--Ellen DeGeneres, *The Funny Thing Is...*

Fortunate indeed, is the man who takes exactly the right measure of himself, and holds a just balance between what he can acquire and what he can use.

--Peter Mere Latham

Chaos, if it does not harden into a pattern of disorder, may be more fruitful than a regularity too easily accepted and a success too easily achieved.

--Lewis Mumford, "Findings and Keepings: Analects for an Autobiography."

Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted.

--Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There are some enterprises in which a careful disorderliness is the true method.

--Herman Melville, Moby Dick

Have a place for everything and keep them somewhere else; this is not a piece of advice, it is merely a custom.

--Mark Twain

How glorious it is--and also how painful--to be an exception.

--Alfred de Musset

Those who cannot remember the past will spend a lot of time looking for their cars in mall parking lots.

--Jay Trachman

Having a family is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain.

--Martin Mull

Eccentricity has always abounded when and where strength of character has abounded; and the amount of eccentricity in a society has generally been proportional to the amount of genius, metal vigor, and moral courage it contained. That so few dare to be eccentric marks the chief danger of the time.

--John Stuart Mill, On Liberty

I obey the law of inverse excuses which demands that the greater the task to be done, the more insignificant the work that must be done prior to beginning the greater task.

--From "The Procrastinator's Creed," Author Unknown

Anyone who isn't confused here doesn't really understand what's going on.

--Attributed to unnamed Belfast citizen

The odds of hitting your target go up dramatically when you aim at it.

--Mal Pancoast

The control exerted by a discriminative stimulus is traditionally dealt with under the heading of attention. This concept reverses the direction of action by suggesting, not that a stimulus controls the behavior of an observer, but that the observer attends to the stimulus and thereby controls it. Nevertheless, we sometimes recognize that the object "catches or holds the attention" of the observer.

--B.F. Skinner, Science and Human Behavior,

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

--Phyllis Diller

...about four-fifths of the contents of nearly every home could be given away with good effect to that home. But the things given away might go on to poison some other home. So why not at once destroy undesirable things .. make and end of them?

--Frank Lloyd Wright

The day after tomorrow is the third day of the rest of your life.

--George Carlin

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.

--Sydney Smith

I'm not messy. I'm organizationally challenged.

--Garfield (the cat), "The World According to Garfield"

How soon not now becomes never.

--Martin Luther

The sooner I fall behind, the more time I have to catch up.

--Author Unknown

He has the attention span of a bolt of lightning.

--Robert Redford, describing Paul Newman

There's so much to be done, you can get distracted and not complete anything.

--Cal Turner, Sr.

One cannot manage too many affairs; like pumpkins in the water, one pops up while you try to hold down the other.

--Chinese Proverb

Nothing is so fatiguing as the hanging on of an uncompleted task.

--William James

"I think," said Pooh, "that if you don't pick the right problem, it's the wrong problem which means that you still have to solve the right problem after you've solved the wrong problem, if you do. Right?"

--Roger E. Allen and Stephen D. Allen, Winnie-the-Pooh on Problem Solving

I'm a procrastinator. I didn't get this birthmark until I was eight.

--Unknown

The greatest danger for most of us is not that we aim too high and we miss, but that we aim too low and we reach it.

--Michelangelo

FATAL ERROR READING LEFT
BRAIN: (A)bort, (R)etry, (F)rolic.

--Unknown

Few tasks are more like the torture of Sisyphus than housework, with its endless repetition.

--Simone de Beauvoir, The Second Sex

Not only do I not know what's going on, I wouldn't know what to do about it if I did.

--George Carlin

I am what is mine. Personality is the original personal property.

--Norman O. Brown

I may be crazy but it keeps me from going insane.

--Waylon Jennings

The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are!

--John Pierpont Morgan

If the human brain were so simple that we could understand it, we would be so simple that we couldn't.

--Emerson M. Pugh

If there are obstacles, the shortest line between two points may be a crooked line.

--Bertolt Brecht, The Life of

Sometimes you've got to let everything go--purge yourself. If you are unhappy with anything...whatever is bringing you down, get rid of it. Because you'll find that when you're free, your true creativity, your true self comes out.

--Tina Turner

The feeling of being hurried is not usually the result of living a full life and having no time. It is on the contrary born of a vague fear that we are wasting our life. When we do not do the one thing we ought to do, we have no time for anything else--we are the busiest people in the world.

--Eric Hoffer

Monotony is the awful reward of the careful.

--A.G. Buckham

Nature must have a sense of humor to let spring fever and house cleaning come at the same time.

--Author unknown

I can't say I was ever lost, but I was bewildered once for three days.

--Daniel Boone

"There's no such thing as normal in the first place, but, I mean, normal is abnormal to me."

--Jim Carrey, "LIVE!", The Baltimore Sun, March 18, 2004

If confusion is the first step to knowledge, I must be a genius.

--Larry Leissner

My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first being hitting my head on the top bunk bed until I faint.

--Erma Bombeck

Most people seem to have plenty of speed, but they don't seem to know what direction they're going.

--Author unknown

"The horror of that moment," the King went on, "I shall never, *never* forget!"

"You will, though," the Queen said, "if you don't make a memorandum of it."

--Lewis Carroll, Through the Looking Glass

Forget and forgive. This is not difficult when properly understood. It means forget inconvenient duties, then forgive yourself for forgetting. By rigid practice and stern determination, it comes easy.

--Mark Twain

Well-behaved women rarely make history.

--Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

Sir, I have two cogent reasons for not printing any list of subscribers; one, that I have lost all the names, the other, that I have spent all the money.

--Dr. Samuel Johnson

If you keep doing things like you've always done them, what you'll get is what you've already got.

--Author Unknown

My own brain is to me the most unaccountable of machinery—always buzzing, humming, soaring roaring diving, and then buried in mud. And why? What's this passion for?

-- Virginia Woolf

Anything that happens, happens.

Anything that is happening, causes something else to happen, causes something else to happen.

Anything that, in happening, causes itself to happen again, happens again.

It doesn't necessarily do it in chronological order, though.

--Douglas Adams, Mostly Harmless

The surest way to be late is to have plenty of time.

--Leo Kennedy

Procrastination is my sin.

It brings me naught but sorrow.

I know that I should stop it.

In fact, I will--tomorrow!

--Gloria Pitzer

She enjoys driving her restless mind in the express lane.

--Alan Richman (On Senator Paula Hawkins of Florida. People, Oct. 20 '86)

I've got a great ambition to die of exhaustion rather than boredom.

--Angus Grossart

Everything in the mind is in rat's country. It doesn't die. They are merely carried, these disparate memories, back and forth in the desert of a billion neurons, set down, picked up, and dropped again by mental pack rats....Nothing is lost, but it can never be again as it was.

--Loren Eiseley, All the Strange Hours: The Excavation of a Life

If you can keep your head when all about are losing theirs, it's just possible you haven't grasped the situation.

--Jean Kerr

Are cats lazy? Well, more power to them if they are. Which one of us has not entertained the dream of doing just as he likes, when and how he likes, and as much as he likes?

--Fernand Mery

The basic fact about human existence is not that it is a tragedy, but that it is a bore. It is not so much a war as an endless standing in line.

--H. L. Mencken, Prejudices, Sixth Series

If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.

--Katharine Hepburn

It has been one of the great errors of our time to think that by thinking about thinking, and then talking about it, we could possibly straighten out and tidy up our minds.

--Lewis Thomas, Late Night Thoughts

Every man is more than just himself; he also represents the unique, the very special and always significant and remarkable point at which the world's phenomena intersect, only once in this way and never again.

--Hermann Hesse, Demian (Prologue)

The unfortunate thing about this world is that the good habits are much easier to give up than the bad ones.

--W. Somerset Maugham

I don't like moths, because I can't predict their flight patterns. They don't seem to know where they're going. I don't like that.

--George Carlin, Brain Droppings

There's no earthly way of knowing

Which direction we are going.

There's no knowing where we're rowing

Or which way the river's flowing.

Is it raining?

Is it snowing?

Is a hurricane a blowing?

--Willie Wonka, "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (movie)

Chaos often breeds life, when order breeds habit.

--Henry Adams, The Education of Henry Adams

I came, I saw, I was confused.

--Breyten Breytenbach, Return to Paradise

I am definitely going to take a course on time management...just as soon as I can work it into my schedule.

--Louis E. Boone

I didn't belong as a kid, and that always bothered me. If only I'd known that one day my differentness would be an asset, then my early life would have been much easier.

--Bette Midler

If I could remember your name, I'd ask you where I left my keys.

--Bumper Sticker

All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed.

--Sean O'Casey

One recent morning there was something I couldn't remember. I sort of knew what it was related to, but I couldn't quite bring it to mind. It seemed like the letter "m" was involved. Then, suddenly, it come to me. That was in the morning. Then, later that afternoon, even though I was able to recall my experience that morning of not being able to remember something, I could no longer remember what the thing was, what it was related to, or what letter of the alphabet had been involved. But what's strange to me is that that morning, the *first* time I couldn't remember it, the thing did eventually come back to me. Later that afternoon, however, in spite of my earlier success, I drew a complete blank. I still don't know what it was, and the nice thing is that a month from now I will have no memory of the incident whatsoever. Unless, of course, something reminds me of it.

--George Carlin, Brain Droppings

Top 10 reasons I procrastinate:

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--author unknown

One thing about pioneers that you don't hear mentioned is that they are invariably, by their nature, mess-makers.

--Robert M. Pirsig, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

I get bored easily. I've been bored most of my life.

--John Cleese

By doing just a little every day, I can gradually let the task completely overwhelm me.

--Ashleigh Brilliant

I may not be totally perfect, but parts of me are excellent.

--Ashleigh Brilliant

Since I gave up hope, I feel much better.

--Ashleigh Brilliant

I don't have any solution but I certainly admire the problem.

--Ashleigh Brilliant

I try to take one day at a time...but sometimes several days gang up on me at once!

--Ashleigh Brilliant

Appreciate me now...and avoid the rush.

--Ashleigh Brilliant

People who never get carried away should be.

--Malcolm Forbes

Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

W.H. Davies

I despise making the most of one's time:
half the pleasures of life consist of the
opportunities one has neglected.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Keeping house is like threading beads on
a string with no knot at the end.

--Unknown

People take different roads seeking
fulfillment and happiness. Just because
they're not on your road doesn't mean
they've gotten lost.

--H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

The life of the creative man is led,
directed and controlled by boredom.

Avoiding boredom is one of our most
important purposes.

--Saul Steinberg (cartoonist)

On any given day, I can be just like
everyone else seems to be.

Until I remember I do not have to be.

--Liane Holliday Willey, Pretending to be Normal

Commandment Number One of any truly
civilized society is this: Let people be
different.

--David Grayson

My only solution for the problem of
habitual accidents...is for everybody to
stay in bed all day. Even then, there is
always the chance that you will fall out.

--Robert Benchley, Chips Off the Old Benchley

It is not the clear-sighted who rule the
world. Great achievements are
accomplished in a blessed, warm fog.

--Joseph Conrad, Victory

Don't ever get your speedometer
confused with your clock, like I did once,
because the faster you go the later you
think you are.

--Jack Handy, Deepest Thoughts

But if you crave normalcy above all else,
life might become boring.

--Janet Evanovich, Full House

I have not been afraid of excess; excess on
occasion is exhilarating. It prevents
moderation from acquiring the deadening
effects of a habit.

--W. Somerset Maugham, The Summing Up

I once thought that when you understood something, it was with you forever. I know now that this isn't so, that most truths are inherently unretainable, that we have to work hard all of our lives to remember the most basic things.

--Lucy Grealy

Do you think my mind is maturing late,
Or simply rotted early?

--Ogden Nash, Lines on Facing Forty

The only way of catching a train I ever discovered is to miss the train before.

--Attrib. to G.K. Chesterton

There are two great rules of life, the one general and the other particular. The first is that everyone can, in the end, get what he wants if he only tries. This is the general rule. The particular rule is that every individual is more or less an exception to the general rule.

--Samuel Butler, The Notebooks of Samuel Butler

I base most of my fashion taste on what doesn't itch.

--Gilda Radner

As we read the school reports on our children, we realize a sense of relief that can rise to delight that thank Heaven nobody is reporting in this fashion on us.

--J. B. Priestley

No one walks into a party without having a far better party going on inside his head. Every party is going to be that party until we get there. So the key to the boredom and tension at parties is that no one wants to be at the party he's at, he wants to be at the party he's missing.

--Jules Feiffer, Ackroyd

"To find the wealth of the Indies you must bring the wealth of the Indies with you."

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You have to choose where you look, and in making that choice you eliminate entire worlds.

--Barbara Bloom

Some people wear a watch--on the one hand. On the other hand they don't look at it very often.

--Garrison Keillor, Lake Wobegon Days

"Happiness? That's nothing more than health and a poor memory."

--Albert Schweitzer

Deficiency motivation doesn't work. It will lead to a life-long pursuit of try to fix me. Learn to appreciate what you have and where and who you are.

--Wayne Dyer

One of the things that we all try to do is avoid thinking linearly. Having a messy desk helps do that. It provides the odd connection. It's constructive chaos.

--Michael C. Turner, "Kings of Chaos," University of Chicago Magazine June 2001

All cases are unique and very similar to others.

--T. S. Eliot

I don't say we all ought to misbehave, but we ought to look as if we could.

--Orson Welles

There are two kinds of people, those who finish what they start and so on.

--Robert Byrne

There are two kinds of people: those who think there are two kinds of people, and those who think it's not that simple.

--Author unknown

There are really only three types of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who say, "What happened?"

--Ann Landers

Everything is complicated; if that were not so, life and poetry and everything else would be a bore.

--Wallace Stevens

[I]f you do not express your own original ideas, if you do not listen to your own being, you will have betrayed yourself. Also, you will have betrayed your community in failing to make your contribution.

--Rollo May, *The Courage to Create*

Geniuses are commonly believed to excel other men in their power of sustained attention....But it is their genius making them attentive, not their attention making geniuses of them.

--William James, *Text Book of Psychology*

Memory is like an orgasm. It's a lot better if you don't have to fake it.

-- anonymous

The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy, or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers.

--M. Scott Peck, *Abounding Grace, An Anthology of Wisdom*

"Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you."

— Carl Sandburg

I accept chaos. I am not sure whether it accepts me.

--Bob Dylan

I'm just dealing with the absurdity of existence by shoving absurdity down existence's throat.

--anonymous

We know nothing about motivation. All we can do is write books about it.

--Peter F. Drucker

Rebellion against your handicaps gets you nowhere. Self-pity gets you nowhere. One must have the adventurous daring to accept oneself as a bundle of possibilities and undertake the most interesting game in the world--making the most of one's best.

--Harry Emerson Fosdick

Only Robinson Crusoe had everything done by Friday.

--Author Unknown

Solutions nearly always come from the direction you least expect, which means there's no point trying to look in that direction because it won't be coming from there.

--Douglas Adams, The Salmon of Doubt

It's a rash man who reaches a conclusion before he gets to it.

--Jacob Levin

I don't remember anybody's name. How do you think the "dahling" thing got started?

--Zsa Zsa Gabor

Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known.

--Garrison Keillor

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

(Michael Jordan)

It's so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say and say the opposite.

--Sam Levenson

I'm not as normal as I appear.

--Woody Allen, Time 4/14/1976

Miserable is the man who loves a woman and takes her for his wife, pouring at her feet the sweat of his skin and the blood of his body and the life of his heart, and placing her in the hands of the fruit of his toil and the revenue of his diligence; for when he slowly wakes up, he finds that the heart that he endeavored to buy is given away freely and in sincerity to another man for the enjoyment of its hidden secrets and deepest love.

— Khalil Gibran (1883-1931)

"The love that lasts longest is the love that is never returned."

— Somerset Maugham

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- Carl Sandburg

"The palest ink is better than the best memory." - Chinese proverb

"A man there was, tho' some did count him mad

The more he cast away, the more he had."

- John Bunyan

"The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt."

- Bertrand Russell

"Nothing is ever lost by courtesy. It is the cheapest of pleasures, costs nothing, and conveys much."

- Erastus Wiman

"It is not what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable."

- Moliere

"He who would travel happily must travel light."

-- Antoine de Saint-Exupery

"I have made mistakes, but I have never made the mistake of claiming that I never made one."

-- James Gordon Bennett

"Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else."

- Sir James Barrie

"Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold. For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will then be powerless to vex your mind."

- Leonardo da Vinci

"Courage is knowing what not to fear."

- Plato

"Life is not lost by dying; life is lost minute by minute, day by dragging day, in all the thousand small uncaring ways."

- Stephen Vincent Benet

In the dim background of our mind we know what we ought to be doing but somehow we cannot start.

--William James

Sometimes I feel like a figment of my own imagination.

--Lily Tomlin

Everybody knows if you are too careful you are so occupied in being careful that you are sure to stumble over something.

--Gertrude Stein, Everybody's Autobiography

And when you're in a Slump,
you're not in for much fun.
Un-slumping yourself
is not easily done.

--Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go

I bear no grudges. I have a mind that retains nothing.

--Bette Midler

I have been devoured all my life by an incurable and burning impatience: and to this day find all oratory, biography, operas, films, plays, books, and persons too long.

--Margaret Asquith

When it comes to housework the one thing no book of household management can ever tell you is how to begin. Or maybe I mean why.

--Katharine Whitehorn

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

--Herm Albright

Never fail to know that if you are doing all the talking, you are boring somebody.

--Helen Gurley Brown

The mind is a very selective thing. ...

I remember my grandmother's phone number from 1939, the verse and chorus to the "Beer Barrel Polka," the Gettysburg Address, and the identities of the entire cast of the Mouseketeers.

I cannot put the right name to my kids the first time around. I stare at them and stumble through the names of the first two and end with, "You know who you are. Answer the phone."

--Erma Bombeck, All I Know About Animal Behavior I Learned in Loehmann's Dressing Room

Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

--Author Unknown

There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.

--Richard Buckminster Fuller

I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

--Marsha Doble

Procrastination gives you something to look forward to.

--Joan Konner

He's got the whole world at his feet and he can't find his shoes.

--John Williamson

Monotony is the awful reward of the careful.

--A.G. Buckham

Perseverance is the most overrated of traits, if it is unaccompanied by talent; beating your head against a wall is more likely to produce a concussion in the head than a hole in the wall.

--Sydney J. Harris

Nothing is quite so annoying as to have someone go right on talking while you're interrupting.

--Author unknown

The greatest amount of wasted time is the time not getting started.

--Dawson Trotman

You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.

--Beverly Sills

Every jumbled pile of person has a thinking part that wonders What the part that isn't thinking isn't thinking of

--They Might Be Giants, Where Your Eyes Don't Go

I'm going to stop putting things off, starting tomorrow!

--Sam Levenson

To be one's self, and unafraid whether right or wrong, is more admirable than the easy cowardice of surrender to conformity.

--Irving Wallace

Moderation? It's mediocrity, fear, and confusion in disguise. It's the devil's dilemma. It's neither doing nor not doing. It's the wobbling compromise that makes no one happy. Moderation is for the bland, the apologetic, for the fence-sitters of the world afraid to take a stand. It's for those afraid to laugh or cry, for those afraid to live or die. Moderation is lukewarm tea, the devil's own brew.

--Dan Millman, Way of the Peaceful Warrior

When we all think alike, no one thinks very much.

--Walter Lippmann, quoted by Laurence J. Peter in The Peter Prescription

Between my brain and me there is always a layer that I cannot penetrate.

--Jules Renard, Journal

Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary.

--Sir Cecil Beaton

The truly important things in life--love, beauty, and one's own uniqueness--are constantly being overlooked.

--Pablo Casals

Clock: n. A machine of great moral value to man, allaying his concern for the future by reminding him what a lot of time remains to him.

-Ambrose Bierce, The Devil's Dictionary.

Do not trust your memory; it is a net full of holes; the most beautiful prizes slip through it.

--Georges Duhamel, The Heart's Domain

The main thing is keeping the main thing the main thing.

--German proverb

I think the one lesson I have learned is that there is no substitute for paying attention.

--Diane Sawyer

I have a great belief in the fact that whenever there is chaos, it creates wonderful thinking. I consider chaos a gift.

--Septima Poinsette Clark

Housekeeping is like being caught in a revolving door.

--Marcelene Cox

You cannot dig a hole in a different place by digging the same hole deeper.

--Edward de Bono, Edward de Bono's Web

I've found that luck is quite predictable. If you want more luck, take more chances. Be more active. Show up more often.

--Brian Tracy

Threatened with boredom, I'll run like a hare.

--John Huston, Time Out, April 18, 1980

There's a very fine line
Between a groove and rut
Fine line between eccentrics
And people who are just plain nuts

--Christine Lavin, "Prisoners of their Hairdos,"
Compass

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

--Henry Ward Beecher

Eighty percent of success is showing up.

--Woody Allen

The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities.

--Dr. Stephen R. Covey

Sometimes things can go right only by first going very wrong.

--Edward Tenner

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

--Thomas Alva Edison

And I'd like to tell you a story about how hard it is for me to concentrate. I'm so easily distracted every time I try to do my work Nahh, but I can't tell you about that 'cause....Ooh! when did I break that nail?

Damn, I hate when that happens.

--Christine Lavin, "You Think You've Got Problems," Compass

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

--Theodore Roosevelt

There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves.

--Albert Guino

Sometimes the mind, for reasons we don't necessarily understand, just decides to go to the store for a quart of milk.

--Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider, Northern Exposure, Three Doctors

One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say.

--William James "Will" Durant

I feel like a fugitive from the law of averages.

--William H. Mauldin

If your house is really a mess and a stranger comes to the door, greet him with, "Who could have done this? We have no enemies."

--Phyllis Diller

Procrastination: A hardening of the oughteries.

--Unknown

I used to think anyone doing anything weird was weird. Now I know that it is the people that call others weird that are weird.

--Paul McCartney

I believe you should live each day as if it is your last, which is why I don't have any clean laundry, because, come on, who wants to wash clothes on the last day of their life?

--Author unknown

The thoughts that come often unsought, and, as it were, drop into the mind, are commonly the most valuable of any we have.

--John Locke

It's been a rough day. I got up this morning, put on a shirt and a button fell off. I picked up my briefcase and the handle came off. I'm afraid to go to the bathroom.

--Rodney Dangerfield

Originality is a thing we constantly clamour for, and constantly quarrel with.

--Thomas Carlyle

They tell me I have got a mind of my own, but sometimes it's like my mind itself has its own mind.

--Edith Ann (Lily Tomlin)

I'm a study of a man in chaos in search of frenzy.

--Oscar Levant

(D)are to be what you are, and learn to resign with a good grace all that you are not and to believe in your own individuality.

--Henri-Frédéric Amiel

There ain't no rules around here! We're trying to accomplish something!

--Thomas Edison

It's more fun to color outside the lines.

--Cynthia Copeland Lewis, Really Important Stuff My Kids Have Taught Me

People who exercise their embryonic freedom day after day, little by little, expand that freedom. People who do not will find that it withers until they are literally "being lived." They are acting out scripts written by parents, associates, and society.

--Stephen R. Covey

Have you ever taken anything out of the clothes basket because it had become, relatively, the cleaner thing?

--Katherine Whitehorn

You miss 100 per cent of the shots you never take.

--Wayne Gretzky

Blessed are the forgetful: for they get the better even of their blunders.

--Friedrich Nietzsche

A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the word you first thought of.

--Burt Bacharach

Originality consists in trying to be like everybody else--and failing.

--Raymond Radiguet

We realize our dilemma goes deeper than shortage of time; it is basically a problem of priorities. We confess, "We have left undone those things that ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

--Charles E. Hummel

ⁱ I've gathered these over the years when I should have been doing something else, something from my list. Many were posted at one time or another on the alt.support.attentiondeficit.disorder newsgroup by nkinsley.

ⁱⁱ This will be updated from time to time and those updates will be reflected in the version number. This was last updated on 23 November 2004.

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