



John Thompson Quotes

Try Try Again

by T. H. Palmer

'Tis a lesson you should heed,
If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try again;

Then your courage should appear,
For if you will persevere,
You will conquer, never fear
Try, try again;

Once or twice, though you should fail,
If you would at last prevail,
Try, try again;

If we strive, 'tis no disgrace
Though we do not win the race;
What should you do in the case?
Try, try again

If you find your task is hard,
Time will bring you your reward,
Try, try again

All that other folks can do,
Why, with patience, should not you?
Only keep this rule in view:
Try, try again.



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THE POWER OF HABIT

YOU MAY KNOW ME.

I'M YOUR CONSTANT COMPANION.

I'M YOUR GREATEST HELPER. I'M YOUR HEAVIEST BURDEN.

I WILL PUSH YOU ONWARD OR DRAG YOU DOWN TO FAILURE.

I AM AT YOUR COMMAND.

HALF THE TASKS YOU DO MIGHT AS WELL BE TURNED OVER TO ME. I'M ABLE TO DO THEM QUICKLY AND I'M ABLE TO DO THEM THE SAME EVERY TIME IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.

I'M EASILY MANAGED, ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS BE FIRM WITH ME.

SHOW ME EXACTLY HOW YOU WANT IT DONE; AFTER A FEW LESSONS, I'LL DO IT AUTOMATICALLY.

I AM THE SERVANT OF ALL GREAT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EVER BEEN GREAT.

AND, I'VE MADE ALL THE FAILURES, TOO.

BUT I WORK WITH ALL THE PRECISION OF A MARVELOUS COMPUTER WITH THE INTELLIGENCE OF A HUMAN BEING.

YOU MAY RUN ME FOR PROFIT OR YOU MAY RUN ME TO RUN, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WITH ME.

TAKE ME. BE EASY WITH ME AND I WILL DESTROY YOU.

BE FIRM WITH ME AND I'LL PUT THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET.

WHO AM I?

I AM HABIT!

NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN



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IT'S ALL IN THE STATE OF MIND

If you think you are beaten you are; if you think you dare not, you won't;

If you like to win, but don't think you can, it's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost; for out in the world you'll find success begins with a fellow's will.

It's all in the state of mind.

For many a game is lost ere even a play is run,
and many a coward fails ere even his work is begun.

Think big and your deeds will grow, think small and you'll fall behind;

Think that you can and you will:

It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed you are; you've got to think high to rise;

You've got to be sure of yourself before you can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man,

The man who wins is the fellow who thinks he can.



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THE MAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that man has to say.
For it isn't your father, mother, or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass;
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.
Some people may think you a straight-shootin' chum
And call you a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum –
If you can't look him straight in the eye.
He's the fellow to please – never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end.
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.
You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears –
If you've cheated the man in the glass!



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From **Claire Bee**, Hall of Fame Basketball Coach at LIU (Long Island University): "Good coaching may be defined as the development of character, personality and habits of players, plus the teaching of fundamentals and team play."

More from Coach Bee: "Play to win, observe the rules, and act like a gentleman."

And from another Hall of Famer, **Dean Smith**: "What to do with a mistake--recognize it, admit it, learn from it, forget it." * "The most important thing is team morale." * "You can't teach court savvy."

Lastly, from Kentucky's Hall of Fame Coach, **Adolph Rupp**: "If a Coach is determined to stay in the coaching profession, he will develop from year to year. This much is true, no coach has a monopoly on the knowledge of basketball. There are no secrets in the game. The only secrets, if there are any, are good teaching of sound fundamentals, intelligent handling of men, a sound system of play, and the ability to instill in the boys a desire to win."



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From the Hall of Fame Basketball Coach from Oklahoma A & M (now Oklahoma state) and Olympic Gold Medal Winning Coach, **Henry Iba**:

"Each week evaluate your players in manners, courage, clothes, effort and language."

"Treat each player as your own son/daughter if you can...the parents have invested in you."

"Don't let a week go by without conferences with each player, you can't teach it all on the floor."

"Everyone should want to excel in life. You should never take the desire to excel away from the human race."

"Think and then act. Never act and then alibi."



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President John F. Kennedy: "Effort and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."

President Theodore Roosevelt: "...It is not the critic that counts...The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena... who strives valiantly, who errs and often comes up short again and again...who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat..."

President Thomas Jefferson: "Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."



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We will close the week with my favorite quote from Coach Bob Knight:

***When you do what has to be done,
when it has to be done;
And do it as well as you can,
and do it that way all the time –***

***That is when you come closest to
reaching your full potential***



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Each of us will one day be judged by our standard of life, not by our standard of living; by our measure of giving, not by our measure of wealth; by our simple goodness, not by our seeming greatness.~William Arthur Ward

•Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.~Martin Luther King

•The message is clear: plan with attitude, prepare with aptitude, participate with servitude, receive with gratitude, and this should be enough to separate you from the multitudes.~Krish Dhanam

•You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.~Joe Sabah

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Before I started running the Marathon, my coach and I sat down and discussed some long-term goals that we wanted to achieve. One of them was that I would never lose a Marathon during my entire career. There is no way I am going to allow anything to happen that might cause me to lose one.

Alberto Salazar

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities; an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.

Harry Truman

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For while knowledge defines all we currently know and understand, imagination points to all we might discover and create.

Albert Einstein