

# MORE WISE WORDS



Thanks for the positive comments on WISE WORDS, my first effort at publishing a motivational pamphlet a few years back. Thank you who asked for more. Hence, another effort, packed with words to live by, this time with some great music lyrics and Bible passages. Great quotes from some pretty smart people and good ol' anonymous are woven throughout.

So please enjoy MORE WISE WORDS...read a couple of sections when you have a minute or need a boost. Know that this comes to you with the sincerest intent of making some kind of change in the world, one thought at a time. God bless, hang in there and *never* give up!

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You never make progress until you quit asking why.

You can't win 'em all unless you win the first one.

*Sergio Garcia*

What you don't see with your eye,  
don't invent with your mouth.

*Jewish Proverb*

The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and  
the storm terrible,  
but they've never found these dangers sufficient  
reason for remaining ashore.

*Vincent Van Gogh*

If you can't find happiness along the way,  
you will not find it at the end of the road.

Don't stop believin'. Hold onto that feelin'.

*Journey*

I get knocked down, but I get up again.  
You're never going keep me down.

*Chumbawumba*

It's not the load that breaks you down,  
it's the way you carry it.

*Lena Horne*

One day the courage of man will fail —  
but not this day.

*J.R.R. Tolkien*

The world is what you make of it.  
If it doesn't fit, make alterations.

*Silverado*

Maybe you are listless because you have no list.

*Robert Schuller*

It doesn't matter how slow you go as long as you  
don't stop.

Let's work, be proud  
Stand tall, touch the clouds

*Mick Jagger*

Winners are not those who never fail,  
but those who never quit.

So, if you're lost and on your own  
You can never surrender  
And if your path won't lead you home  
You can never surrender  
And when the night is cold and dark  
You can see, you can see light  
'Cause no one can take away your right  
To fight and to never surrender.

*Corey Hart*



Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo,  
but what you want is someone who will take the bus  
with you  
when the limo breaks down.

*Oprah Winfrey*

A lesson for all of us is that for every loss, there is  
victory, for every sadness, there is joy, and when you think  
you've lost everything, there is hope.

*Geraldine Solon*

Our greatest glory is not in never falling,  
but in rising every time we fall.

*Confucius*

Winners are not those who never fail,  
but those who never quit.

*Banksy*

If you're the smartest person in the room,  
you're in the wrong room.

You can spend minutes, hours, days, weeks or even  
months over-analyzing a situation; trying to put the pieces  
together, justifying what could have or  
would have happened...  
or you can just leave the pieces on the floor  
and move the fuck on.

*Tupac Shakur*

All you can do is change how you react to it.

*Mohandas Gandhi*

The moment you accept responsibility for *everything*  
in your life is the moment you gain the  
power to change *anything* in your life.

*Hal Elrod*

Don't start today with yesterday.

Life is like a camera:

Focus on what's important

Capture the good times

Develop from the negatives

And if things don't work out, take another shot.

You can tell the size of a person by the size of the  
thing that bothers them.

You may have to fight a battle more than once to win  
it.

*Margaret Thatcher*

Don't stop, no, never give up  
And never look back, just hold your head up  
And if it gets rough, it's time to get rough.

*HAIM*

When life gets you down,  
do you wanna know what you've gotta do?  
Just keep swimming!

*Dory*

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your  
neighbors,  
and let every new year find you a better person.

*Benjamin Franklin*

Don't believe everything you think.



Defeat doesn't finish a man, quit does.  
A man is not finished when he's defeated. He's  
finished when he quits.

*Richard Nixon*

Seeing the bad in the world and in people isn't  
difficult or wise or insightful - it's lazy.

*Chip Gaines*

When I stand before God at the end of my life,  
I would hope that I would not have a single bit of  
talent left, and could say,  
“I used everything you gave me.”

*Erma Bombeck*

Success is not just the crowning moment, the spiking  
of the ball in the end zone or the raising of the flag on the  
summit. It is the whole process of reaching for a goal and,  
sometimes, it begins with failure.

*Erik Weihenmayer*

I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career.

I have lost almost 300 games.

On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the  
game winning shot...

....and I missed.

I have failed over and over and over again in my life.

And that's precisely why I succeed.

*Michael Jordan*

Working hard is important. But there is something  
that matters even more: believing in yourself.

*Harry Potter*

To thrive in life, you need three bones.

A wishbone. A backbone.

And a funny bone.

*Reba McEntire*

Never stop never stopping.

*Conner4Real (Andy Samberg)*



Keep on don't stopping.

*The Motet*

If I couldn't handle not being good at something,  
then how could I consider myself  
a successful person?

*Gerald Hodges*

Ya gotta do what ya gotta do when ya gotta do it.

*Denny McLain*

If you cave once, you may as well live in a cave.

*Gary Lico*

Advice is a form of nostalgia:  
dispensing it is a way of fishing the past out of the  
disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and  
selling it for more than it's worth.

*Baz Luhrman*

Once a task is just begun, never leave until it's done.  
Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all.

*Quincy Jones*

Don't you know things can change  
Things will go your way  
If you hold on for one more day

*Wilson Phillips*

So don't yield to the fortunes  
You sometimes see as fate  
You may have a new perspective  
On a different day  
And if you don't give up, and don't give in  
You may just be okay.

*Mike and the Mechanics*

You are braver than you believe,  
smarter than you seem,  
and stronger than you think.

*Winnie-the-Pooh*

I don't like to gamble, but if there's one thing  
I'm willing to bet on, it's myself.

*Beyonce*

Enthusiasm is common.

Endurance is rare.

*Angela Duckworth*

How far you go in life depends on your being tender  
with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic  
with the striving and  
tolerant of the weak and strong.

Because someday in your life you will have been all  
of these.

*George Washington Carver*

Mindfulness gives you time.

Time gives you choices.

Choices, skillfully made, lead to freedom.

*Henepola Gunaratana*

Well, I won't back down  
No, I won't back down  
You can stand me up at the gates of hell  
But I won't back down  
No, I'll stand my ground  
Won't be turned around  
And I'll keep this world from draggin' me down  
Gonna stand my ground  
And I won't back down  
Hey, baby, there ain't no easy way out  
Well I know what's right  
I got just one life  
In a world that keeps on pushin' me around  
But I'll stand my ground

*Tom Petty*



God in heaven laughs!  
He is amused by all our puny plans.

*Psalm 2*

Although 10,000 enemies surround me on every side,  
I am not afraid.

*Psalm 3*

Put your trust in the Lord.

*Psalm 3*

God is my shield; he will defend me.

He saves those whose hearts and  
lives are true and right.

*Psalm 7*

All who are oppressed may come to him.  
He is a refuge for them in times of trouble.

*Psalm 8*

He reached down from heaven and took me and  
drew me out of my great trials.

He rescued me from deep waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
from those who hated me.

He fills me with strength and  
protects me wherever I go.

He gives me the sure-footedness of a mountain goat  
upon the crags.

He leads me safely along the tops of the cliffs.

Many times you have miraculously rescued me;

you have been loving and kind to me.

*Psalm 18*

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.  
He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside  
the quiet streams. He restores my failing health. He  
helps me to do what honors him most.

Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I  
will not be afraid, for you are close behind me, guarding,  
guiding all the way.

*Psalm 23*

I try to walk a straight and narrow path of doing what  
is right.

*Psalm 26*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

Abiding love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

*Psalm 32*



Let all who are discouraged take heart.

Try to live at peace with everyone; work hard at it

*Psalm 34*

Stop your anger. Turn off your wrath.

Don't fret and worry - it only leads to harm.

*Psalm 37*

I said to myself, I'm going to quit complaining! I'll keep quiet, especially when the ungodly are around me.

But as I stood there silently the turmoil in me grew to the bursting point. The more I mused, the hotter the fires inside. Then at last I spoke, and pled with God: Lord, help me to realize how brief my time on earth will be. Help me to know that I am here but for a moment more. My life is no longer than my hand. My whole lifetime is but a moment to you. Proud man! Frail as breath! A shadow! And all his busy rushing ends in nothing.

*Psalm 39*

The Lord says: I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you.

*Psalm 50*

I stand silently before the Lord, waiting for him to rescue me. For salvation comes from him alone. Yes, he alone is my rock, my rescuer, defense and fortress. Why then should I be tense with fear when troubles come?

*Psalm 62*



Teach us to number our days and  
recognize how few they are.

*Psalm 90*

When I was burdened with worries,  
you comforted me and made me feel secure.

*Psalm 94*

When doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in  
turmoil, quiet me and  
give me renewed hope and cheer.

*Psalm 94*

Happiness comes to those who are fair to others and  
are always just and good.

*Psalm 106*

He calms the storm and stills the waves.

*Psalm 107*

My heart is heavy with sorrow; encourage and cheer  
me with your words. Don't let me make a mess of things.

*Psalm 119*

He will never let me stumble, slip or fall.

*Psalm 121*

Bring me out of all this trouble because you are true  
to your promises.

*Psalm 143*

Fear not, for I am with you.

Do not be dismayed. I will strengthen you; I will  
help you.

Don't be afraid; I am here to help you.

*Isaiah*

In my great trouble I cried to the Lord and he answered me; from the depths of death and I called, and you heard me.

*Jonah*

Don't worry about *things* - food, drink and clothes. For you already have a life and body and they are far more important than what to eat and wear.

Look at the birds! They don't worry about what to eat - they don't need to sow or reap or store up food.

Will all your worries add a single moment to your life?

Don't be anxious about tomorrow. Live one day at a time.

Don't criticize and then you won't be criticized.

*Matthew*

O you of little faith. Why are you so frightened?  
Why did you doubt me? And when they climbed back  
into the boat, the wind stopped.



Come to me and I will give you rest — all of you who  
work so hard beneath a heavy yoke. You shall find rest  
for your souls, for I give you only light burdens.

The man who uses well what he is given  
shall be given more.

*Matthew*

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world,  
but be a new and different person with a free newness  
in all you do and think.

God has given each of us the ability to do certain  
things well.

Run your race to win.

I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.

*1 Corinthians*

Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other,  
making allowance for each other's faults.

*Ephesians*

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that  
something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty  
that what we hope for is waiting for us,  
even though we cannot see it up ahead.

*Hebrews*

A man is saved by what he does, as well as by what he believes.

Faith is dead if it is not the kind that results in good deeds.

Don't be too eager to tell others their faults, for we all make many mistakes.

If anyone can control his tongue, it proves that he has perfect control over himself in every other way.

Don't criticize and speak evil about each other. Your job is not to decide whether something is right or wrong.

What right do you have to judge or criticize others?

*James*

Get rid of your feelings of hatred. Don't just pretend to be good! Be done with dishonesty and jealousy and talking about others behind their backs.

Keep on doing what is right and trust yourself to God and he will never fail you.

*1 Peter*

I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing:  
Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,  
I stretch to reach the end of the race.

Always be full of joy.  
Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do.  
Don't worry about anything, instead, pray about everything.

Fix your thoughts on what is good and true and  
right.

Think about things that are pure and lovely, and  
dwell on the fine, good things in others.

I have learned to get along happily whether I have  
much or little.

*Philippians*

