

TREES BY THE RIVER

101 QUOTES THAT WILL INSPIRE YOU

A collection of inspiring quotes.

Deep creative thinking and years of study

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Introduction

We were unworthy of your attention; we did not deserve what you had but would not give us. The only good you ever did us was to throw us away by the river bank.

The men had been coming down here for days with their lovers to enjoy the scenery of the ocean in the hot afternoons. Under her shade they sat and enjoyed themselves. Unknown to them she was the seed which they yesterday despised and threw away by the river banks.

Know this for real if your desire is to one day become a tree or a mighty forest; there are those whose life's business it is to chop trees without planting any.

**Trees by the
River bank.**

1. Do not put your trust in the crowd that surround you, for they are easily swayed by fine oratory and coin.
2. It is fatally dangerous to your future to fall into the trap of emotional entanglement with a man or woman who has no intention to reach beyond the present.
3. Sometimes out of sympathy you could lend people your handkerchief to wipe their tears, and they fail to return it; they forget that you will also need it.
4. When you become amazing, people will like you, when you become too powerful they will resist you.
5. You are worth more than a king's ransom, do not settle for less than you deserve for fear of rejection.

6. The three greatest allies of greatness; love, faith, and grit.
7. No one on earth has the power to decide your harvest except you.
8. There are no dullards anywhere except the ones we name; we only have genius placed in the wrong environment.
9. No dull students any where, only inexperienced teachers.
10. We have been held on this island and prison for far too long, there is a world out there waiting for us; not for our contributions, but for our inspiration. We were created for impact.

11. Only one mightier and stronger than the oppressor can deliver the oppressed from the hand of the oppressor.

12. The only reason why some of us survived the war was because we were predestined to tell the stories of men braver than us on the battle field.

13. We are at war my friends, and our allies are no ordinary men with flesh and blood; we have heaven's army on our side, they who have never lost any battle. So courage my friends, put on your helmet, draw your swords, raise your shields charge!

14. The world is fast changing and only those who are obsessed with the act of changing lives and influencing society will matter.

15. Humanity has declared war on herself, we see this battle taking place within the secrecy of our heart and the confines of our homes; the only way we can win is to love.

16. Most people will not pay any attention to you until they need your help.
17. The challenge of humanity is to try our best to remain human beings.
18. When ever a giant arises, God raises a giant slayer.
19. God wants us to become truly great, only on his terms.
20. Do not define yourself by what your agitators and irritators say about you.

21. No one ever had a free bump-less ride to greatness.
22. Their ability to sting resides in the nature of bees, they may look tiny, peaceful and powerless, but ruffle them up a little bit and you will be surprised.
23. The value of a man is directly proportional to the identity of the man.
24. Show me your association and I will tell you how powerful you are.
25. Do not start writing goals when you do not know who you are, why you are here, and where you are going.

26. The day you begin to know who God is, is the day you begin to understand who you are.
27. Without identity there is no authority.
28. A man who does not know who he is can not give anything relevant to his generation.
29. We are all addicts; some addictions are just more honourable than others, while some are just destructive.
30. People often ask God for what they have no capacity to carry. They forget that God is not a waster.

31. As a little boy I was afraid of any mind and its curiosity because they were always some what crazy. But now I understand, it was the genius in me seeking expression.
32. I was at first afraid of being different, but once I stepped out of the crowd and saw what it was, there was no going back. Now the journey is towards becoming a better misfit.
33. Yesterday was not my best; it was the least I could ever do. I do not want to look back on yesterday when I have today.
34. Practice with the mentality that you are the best of the best and people expect you to perform more than the best you did yesterday.
35. If someone really loves you, you do not need his or her word to prove it, look for the care and sacrifice.

36. People misread you, misunderstand you, and then they misjudge you. Do not think too much on it, for we all read and understand books differently.
37. Jealousy always leads to suspicion.
38. You cannot exercise your faith above your desire.
39. They walk about full of sores, although we cannot see this; some of pity complaining and hopelessness.
40. The reason why we need to break out of poverty is because we are poor and we are tired of being bullied and oppressed by poverty.

41. When the rising of one man becomes the rising of many: this is the definition of success
42. Your wisdom creates excellence, excellence attracts royalty.
43. I wish the church would focus more on building human structures than infrastructures.
44. All clowns are the same; all sages are wise in their own way.
45. I have always known I did become great but what I did not understand was how and when it would happen.

46. No matter how rich a slave is, he is still a slave if his master is powerful than he is.
47. Justice is this, truth above all else. This concept of justice begins in our heart.
48. Any place where the fear of authority is put before reason, truth and justice, has falling into slavery.
49. Justice demands that the truth be the truth anything apart from the truth is not the truth.
50. I believe if your stomach is small and your hunger is huge, you will still have to eat in proportional to the size of your stomach. Thus, it is our capacity that dictates what we can accumulate not our desire.

51. I believe in ruthless forgiveness which is another form of justice.
52. You are merely a position occupant, a tyrant waiting to be ousted from power if you are not empowering those who you claim to lead.
53. All of us are either heroes or villains in our own way.
54. Your words are powerful; they can either light a candle or put it out.
55. Wisdom that comes through experience often leaves scars on its path.

56. I believe women are the most complicating puzzles, yet the most interesting of all creatures, except there are no women on your planet, please do not ask me why.

57. Live your life with the mindset that every word you say alters the world forever.

58. Let it not be written on our epitaph by coming generations that we, who could have inspired them, allowed our self to be marooned off on Excuse Island.

59. The only instrument with which we can measure love is deeds.

60. No man on earth can operate beyond his level of understanding.

61. These demons will never leave us be; there they are lurking in the shadows. Our only hope is to hold onto our candles and pray it never goes out.
62. I locked my demon in a bronze casket and buried him, I gave the keys to my friend, as I advance towards home, there he was, my own buried demon rushing to embrace me.
63. Churches have been stagnated and the progress of empires sabotaged when older people neglected, despised and rejected youths.
64. In human history, it has been proven that every time a great change is to occur, it thrives on the shoulder of men whose back are not yet bent or bed ridden by any form of struggle.
65. Love is the only way two insane people can stay together without biting each other.

66. It is better to stab yourself than to tell a lousy person a secret and expect him to keep it.
67. Hatred removes the likeness of God from our being. When we continue in hate, we peel off the very nature of God the father in us.
68. The rarest beauty always emerges out of the murkiest waters; I did.
69. When you turn your back on mediocrity, your shadow may become your only friend.
70. If the reason why you forgive is to come off as someone spiritually matured, then you are still no different from a child.

71. When someone offends you, you have the right to choose your response; bitter anger or forgiveness.
72. Real greatness is about human service. It is what you do for others, how you have touched their lives in a way that they can never forget.
73. Greatness is not just an idea, or status, it is service to people.
74. Faith does not look through the keyhole of doubt; faith walks through the door of hope.
75. We should not just stop at contributing to human development; we should also strive to inspire people. The world is already filled with contributors, what she needs is inspiration.

76. As the world seem to turn against you, you must understand that it is because there is something in you that they see but can not comprehend. Do not hate or resent anyone, it is part of your journey.
77. The ability to listen to a man talk non- sense for a very long time is not patience, it is called endurance.
78. You have to increase your value to improve the quality of your life and the lives of those in your world. Do not allow yourself to be too satisfied, when you can go one more mile.
79. All progress begins with a step.
80. Real respect is always earned. There is nothing under heaven called unconditional respect, deed precedes respect.

81. Unconditional love precedes unconditional giving; this kind of love shames the other by giving when the recipient has not earned it.
82. With achievement comes admiration, with admiration comes respect.
83. You have to decide early on what you want; to be loved or to be respected, to be popular or to be feared? What do you really want?
84. Old people are the creators of history and its lessons, young people are the acquisitions of the future.
85. The most basic need of every being is an environment where they can find expression.

86. Dancing keeps me sane in an insane world; no grudges, malice or sadness. It is all love.
87. Ingratitude makes man an animal, even worse, for some animals do know how to say thank you when you do them a favour; take a dog for instance.
88. Dedicate your time and resources to empowering people and you will never go bankrupt on joy.
89. Every great accomplishment began as someone's day dream.
90. The size of your library reveals to me the depth of your insight and the size of your vision.

91. There can be no transformation without confrontation, until two stones clash there's no fire.
92. You cannot offer anything tangible to this world except you have consciously given yourself to life-long learning.
93. A man who is inconsistent in his virtues even though he is talented and has lofty desires that reaches the heavens cannot imprint his convictions upon this world.
94. No one will bow to you if you are not a master. For the world only recognises a master when he emerges even though he may be clothed in rags: the attention he is given is a fragment of the reward he receives for discovery of his path, staying on it and the patient acquisition of skill.
95. Greatness is never a product of chance or luck as most people would rather believe. It is the conscious continuous effort thrown at the wheel until man's utmost desire is made tangible.

96. There will always be someone more intelligent and wiser than you are in your field seek him out and pay attention to what he says.
97. Real education is about mastery: the patient consistent acquisition of skill in any trade.
98. It take two t bring down a wall. If one person attempts to bring down the wall alone without the agreement of the other, war eventually breaks out.
99. No friends of foe until purpose are discovered.
100. The value of every book far outweighs the market price.

101. Where there is love there is a way.

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