

QUOTATIONS FOR MY SISTER'S KEEPER

Advocacy

“Respectable men and women content with good and easy living are missing some of the most important things in life. Unless you give yourself to some great cause you haven’t even begun to live.”

William P. Merrill, entrepreneur (1867-1954)

“If you think you’re too small to have an impact, try going to sleep with a mosquito.”

Anita Roddick

“There is always time to make right what is wrong.”

Susan Griffin

“Action is the catalyst that creates accomplishments. It is the path that takes us from un-crafted hopes to realized dreams.”

Thomas Huxley, physiologist (1825-1895)

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”

Helen Keller, American author and lecturer (1880-1968)

“Action alleviates anxiety.”

Angeles Arrien, Cultural anthropologist (1940-)

“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead, American anthropologist (1901-1978)

Compassion/Caring/Kindness

“Until he extends the circle of compassion to all living things, Man will not himself find peace.”

Schweitzer, Albert Alsatian theologian (1875-1965)

“Every man must decide whether he will walk in the creative light of altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life’s persistent and most urgent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’ ”

King, Jr., Martin Luther Minister, Campaigner for Social Justice through Nonviolent Voluntary Action (1929-1968)

“To give alms is nothing unless you give thought also. A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money.”

Ruskin, John English critic (1819–1900)

“Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.”

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, poet, dramatist, novelist, scientist (1749-1832)

“You give little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”

Kahlil Gibran, America poet, artist (1883-1931)

“No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.”

Aesop Greek fabulist (c.500 B.C.)

“The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on.”

Alvarez, Julia philanthropist

“Never weary of making friends.”

Asber ben Yechiel Rabbi (1250-1328)

“Kindness is always fashionable.”

Barr, Amelia E. Anglo-American novelist (1831-1919)

“Kindness is a language the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear and understand.”

Bovee, Christian Nestell author (1820 - 1904)

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.”

Emerson, Ralph Waldo American poet, lecturer, essayist (1803-1882)

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.”

Lao-Tzu Chinese philosopher, reputed founder of Taoism (6th C. B.C.)

“Kindness begets kindness.”

Proverb-Greek

“Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.”

Howard Zinn (1922-2010)

Educate/Education

“The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action.”
Herbert Spencer

“Education is not filling a bucket but lighting a fire.”
William B. Yeats, poet

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”
Malcolm Forbes

“Real education should educate us out of self and into something far finer; into a selflessness which links us with all humanity.”
Lady Nancy Astor

“I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.”
Chinese Proverb

“Education is a loan to be repaid with the gift of self.”
Lady Bird Johnson

“Today's problems cannot be solved if we still think the way we thought when we created them.”
Albert Einstein

Example

“When you walk what you talk...people listen.”
Anonymous

“The foundations of character are built not by lecture, but by bricks of good example, laid day by day.”
Leo Blessing

“We must be the change we wish to see in the world.”
Mobandas K. Gandhi

“People may doubt what you say but they will believe what you do.”
Anonymous

“To be one woman, truly, wholly is to be all women. Tend one garden and you will birth worlds.”
Kate Braverman

“I feel we are all islands – in a common sea.”
Anne Morrow Lindberg

“I’ve always believed that one woman’s success can only help another woman’s success.”
Gloria Vanderbilt

“Children may close their ears to advice, but open their eyes to example.”
Anonymous

Generosity/Giving

“Many men have been capable of doing a wise thing, more a cunning thing, but very few a generous thing.”
Pope, Alexander English poet (1688-1744)

“Generosity gives assistance, rather than advice.”
Vauvenargues

“Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s what you do for others.”
Danny Thomas

“If you haven’t any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.”
Bob Hope

“The measure of life is not its duration, but its donation.”
Peter Marshall

“The miracle is this – the more we share, the more we have.”
Leonard Nimoy

“A committed giver is an incurably happy person, a secure person, a satisfied person and a prosperous person.”
Eric Butterworth

Responsibility

“Action springs not from thought, but from readiness for responsibility.”
Bonhoeffer, Dietrich German theologian (1906-1945)

“In a democracy, the individual enjoys not only the ultimate power but carries the ultimate responsibility.”
Cousins, Norman American author (1915–1990)

“Responsibility is the thing people dread most of all. Yet it is the one thing the world that develops us.”
Crane, Frank Minister (1861–1928)

“The [nonprofit] sector enhances our creativity, enlivens our communities, nurtures individual responsibility, stirs life at the grassroots, and reminds us that we were born free.”
Gardner, John W. American writer (1933–1982)

“Responsibility is the price every man must pay for freedom.”

Hamilton, Edith German-American classicist (1867–1963)

“Once you have discovered what is happening, you can't pretend not to know, you can't abdicate responsibility.”

James, P. D. writer (1920-)

“Knowledge also imposes responsibility.”

Jay, W.M.I. writer (1833-1909)

“A nation is formed by the willingness of each of us to share in the responsibility for upholding the common good.”

Jordan, Barbara lawyer and U.S. Congressperson (1936-1996)

“Without duty, life is soft and boneless; it cannot hold itself together.”

Joubert, Joseph French moralist (1754–1824)

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

King, Jr., Martin Luther, Minister and Campaigner for Social Justice through Nonviolent Voluntary Action (1929-1968)

“Provision for others is a fundamental responsibility of human life.”

Wilson, Woodrow 28th President of the United States (1856-1924)

“Service is the rent you pay for being.”

Marian Wright Edelman

“Responsibility is the price everyone must pay for freedom.”

Edith Hamilton

“I slept and dreamed that life was Beauty; I work and found that life was Duty.”

Ellen Sturgis Hooper

“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.”

Helen Keller

Philanthropy

“The only thing you take from this world is your good deeds.”

Tammy Gangloff

“If service is the rent you pay for your existence on this earth, are you behind in your rent?”

Robert G. Allen

“I resolved to stop accumulating and begin the infinitely more serious and difficult task of wise distribution.”

Andrew Carnegie

“Is the rich world aware of how four billion of the six billion live? If we were aware, we would want to help out, we'd want to get involved.”

Bill Gates

“The deed is everything, the glory naught.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

“I think the great givers, the people who are fully self-actualizing and alive, are the great givers.”

Mark Victor Hansen

“Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.”

Helen Keller

“An attitude of gratitude creates blessings.... Help yourself by helping others. You have the most powerful weapons on earth... love and prayer.”

John Templeton

“Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.”

Mother Teresa

“When it comes to helping out, I don't believe in doing it for media attention. My goal is to support the organizations that need help.”

Paul Allen

“I choose to rise up out of that storm and see that in moments of desperation, fear and helplessness, each of us can be a rainbow of hope, doing what we can to extend ourselves in kindness and grace to one another. And I know for use that there is no them, there's only us.”

Oprah Winfrey

Women

“If we lose love and self respect for each other, this is how we finally die.”

Angelou, Maya Novelist and Poet (1928-)

“I change myself, I change the world.”
Anzaldua, Gloria Author (1942-)

“As I give, I get.”
Bethune, Mary McLeod African-American educator (1875-1955)

“Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood. But everyone has something to give.”
Bush, Barbara

“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.”
Bush, Barbara

“Where there is great love there are always miracles.”
Cather, Willa writer (1873-1947)

“When you educate a man, you educate an individual; but when you educate a woman, you educate a nation.”
Cole, Johnetta B. Educator (1936-)

“How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
Frank, Anne German-Jewish teenager (1929-1945)

“If every American donated five hours a week, it would equal the labor of 20 million full-time volunteers.”
Goldberg, Whoopi Actress (1955-)

“To love what you do and feel that it matters—how could anything be more fun?”
Graham, Catherine, poet

“Responsibility is the price every man must pay for freedom.”
Hamilton, Edith German-born American classicist (1867–1963)

“We will surely get to our destination if we join hands.”
Kyi, Aung San Suu Burmese political leader (1945-)

“What really matters is what you do with what you have.”
Lord, Shirley

“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.”
Mother Teresa Roman Catholic missionary in India (1910-1997)

“Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.”
Mother Teresa Roman Catholic missionary in India (1910-1997)

“A #2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere.”
Myers, Joyce A.

“The accomplice to the crime of corruption is frequently our own indifference.”
Myerson, Bess Miss America (1924-)

“Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.”
Nin, Anais American writer (1903-1977)

“What you don't do can be a destructive force.”
Roosevelt, Eleanor author (1884-1962)

“When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.”
Roosevelt, Eleanor author (1884-1962)

“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home....”
Roosevelt, Eleanor author (1884-1962)

“There can be no liberty unless there is economic liberty.”
Thatcher, Margaret, British political leader (1925-)

“I believe that each of us--no matter what our age or background or walk of life--each of us has something to contribute to the life of this nation.”
Michelle Obama, lawyer, First Lady (1964-)

“Nothing will work unless you do.”
Maya Angelou 1928-)