

# Quotable Quotes

*It is good to be ambitious. It is because of ambition that Singapore progressed as quickly as we did.  
But ambition must be backed by hard work and solid skill.*

- Lee Hsien Loong (b.1952), Prime Minister of Singapore.

*Even peace may be purchased at too high a price.*

- Benjamin Franklin (1705-1790), one of the Founding Fathers of the United States

*Necessity is the mother of invention.*

- Plato (c.427-347 BC), Greek philosopher

*Let us not pray to be sheltered from dangers but to be fearless when facing them.*

- Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), Indian poet

*One minute decides the outcome of a battle, one hour the success of a campaign, one day the fate of empires*

- Alexander Suvorov (1729-1800), undefeated Russian military leader and national hero

*War is what happens when language fails.*

- Margaret Atwood (b.1939), Canadian novelist, poet and literary critic

*Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work,  
a company work, a society work, a civilisation work.*

- Vince Lombardi (1913-1970), American football player and coach

*Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.*

- Peter Drucker (1909-2005), American management consultant, educator and author

*We should not fret for what is past, nor should we be anxious about the future;  
men of discernment deal only with the present moment.*

- Chanakya (c.370-283 BC), Indian teacher, philosopher and royal advisor

*The things that have been most valuable to me, I did not learn them in school.*

- Will Smith (b.1968), American actor and producer

*However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.*

- Stephen Hawking (b.1942), British scientist and author

*All of us every single year, we are a different person. I don't think we are the same person all our lives.*

- Steven Spielberg (b.1946), American director, producer and screenwriter

*He who wishes to be obeyed must know how to command.*

- Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527), Italian philosopher, politician, and writer

*Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the wise. Seek what they sought.*

- Matsuo Basho (1644-1694), Japanese poet

*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a progress; working together is success.*

- Henry Ford (1863-1947), American industrialist and founder of Ford Motor Company

*Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.*

- Albert Einstein (1879-1955), theoretical physicist

*Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.*

- Peter Drucker (1909-2005), educator and author

*Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.*

- George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright, critic and polemicist

*An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.*

- Benjamin Franklin (1705-1790), one of the Founding Fathers of the United States

*You will never win if you never begin.*

- Helen Rowland (1875-1950), American journalist and humourist

*What happens is not as important as how you react to what happens.*

- Ellen Glasgow (1873-1945), American novelist

*War is never a lasting solution for any problem.*

- A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (1931-2015), 11<sup>th</sup> President of India

*Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.*

- Billy Graham (b.1918), American Christian evangelist

*A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.*

- John Maxwell (b.1947), American author, speaker, and pastor

*Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.*

- Dalai Lama (b.1935)

*Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.*

- Steve Jobs (1955-2011), American entrepreneur and inventor, co-founder of Apple Inc.

*Weapons are like money; no one knows the meaning of enough.*

- Martin Amis (b.1949), British writer

*No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.*

- Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919), Scottish-American businessman and philanthropist