

How Thinking Shapes Your Life

Ageless Wisdom

- **Achievement**
- **Inspiration**
- **Motivation**
- **Spirituality**

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- **Over 400 of the world's most powerful quotes**

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Introduction

The primary purpose of this book is to serve as an encouragement to others. Throughout my life, I have been a voracious reader. Over the years, I have either read, heard or penned many of the quotes or poems you will encounter.

The positive impact they have had upon my life has been significant. That is why I have a strong desire to share them. I am hopeful that this vast treasure-trove of inspiring wisdom will serve as the spark or catalyst to ignite someone else to action.

Occasionally, people encounter days where life spins out of control and it becomes refreshing to pick up a good book filled with positive words and profound spiritual insight. This book is one such tool. As you read this book over and over and demonstrate your concern and care for others by sharing these words of wisdom, you won't be able to help but notice your own personal growth.

Sometimes, I will go back and read many of the quotes again and to my own benefit, I discover that I have matured a bit, that I now see things from a different perspective, and that little chink that was in my armor has somehow gotten a bit smaller. But, I also find that many of the answers I thought I had to life, I don't. And yet, I am somewhat enlightened because of the internal growth that I continually experience. I have also discovered that growth has no end. There always seems to be room for more improvement.

This book has been divided into four component parts for the benefit of the reader. It is my desire that the aims you take in life are as accurate and as precise as they can possibly be. Therefore, the sections established, Achievement, Inspiration, Motivation and Spirituality purposefully form the acrostic(AIMS). The first section includes quotes where the majority are focused on achievement. The second section includes quotes where the focus is primarily upon inspiration, the third section is filled with motivational quotes and the fourth section focuses primarily on those ideas that constitute those things of a spiritual nature. As you read, you will find that many of these quotes could just as easily have fit into one of the other categories. A bonus section on wisdom has also been included. The importance of correctly applying the knowledge we learn must not go unstated.

It is the compiler's hope that as you set out on this exciting voyage and invigorating journey of self discovery that you will unearth many hidden truths about your own person of which you may not be fully aware. It is hoped that those attributes that you discover will enable you to understand that the greatest power you possess lies, not without, but within.

So, then, whether you are a speaker or a writer on the lookout for a good quote or a good poem to add to your already rich reservoir of knowledge or perhaps a minister or a lay member of the church, looking for something astute and savvy to share with another member or whether you are just a wonderfully God made human being setting out to discover and realize your full potential, hopefully, this book of quotes will

add more fuel to your fire. Somehow and for some reason, this book has found its way into your hands. I don't think that it was just a coincidence. Do you? Go on then, turn the pages and find out the good that awaits you as you proceed on your journey to greatness. Your destiny awaits you and it is my belief that you are destined for greatness.

SPECIAL NOTE: Those quotes where no author is listed are unknown. If as you read, you encounter one where the author is known, just drop me a line and I will amend it for future editions so credit can be given where it is due.

Section I

Achievement

I know our ancestors are somewhere in glory just beaming and bursting with joy. Certainly their lives and their suffering was not in vain. We are their remnant. Your life and your work honor us. Simply put, you make us so very proud. I am privileged and blessed to know you. Never change.

Elaine Armstrong

