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A Personal Message from Sue Bond



Dear Fellow Inspiration Lover,

Thank you for being an inspirational quotes subscriber. As you know, an inspiring story or quote can remind us of our tremendous potential and resiliency as humans. They can give us hope.

Here are five suggestions for using daily quotes in your life:

1. As a Resource

Whenever you want to read a quote just open this Quotes ebook.

2. To Solve a Challenge.

Think of a challenge you are having. Then pick a number between 1 and 176 and read the corresponding quote. Another way is to close your eyes and cursor down to a quote (if online) or turn to a page (if printed) and stop when it feels right. Whichever quote your cursor or finger points at can provide a clue or insight to your challenge. Try the quote on and see if it resonates as a possible solution to your challenge or if it sparks some ideas for solutions.

3. As a Source of Discussion

Pick a quote, whether from this ebook or another source, and have a dialogue with your kids, partner, or friends about it. What do they think the quote means? How could they use the quote in their life?

4. To Inspire and Motivate

Use a quote in your classroom or workplace to inspire and motivate. You could post it on a bulletin board and/or discuss it.

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5. Self-Inspiration

Choose a quote that embodies a quality you wish to integrate in your life. Read the quote and think about or journal about how you could live this quote in your life. Also consider what your life could be like if you were living this quote. Read the quote every day and take daily actions that align your life with the message in the quote. Keep track of the results and serendipitous surprises in your life.

If you have any quotes you wish to share with your fellow subscribers, just send it to me via email at: info@beinspiredonline.com. I may use it in the daily quote email and put it on the Be Inspired Online blog.

Enjoy your Quotes eBook!

Sue

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Are you leading your life or is your life leading you? Take charge now!

“Seven Steps to Creating What You Want”
(free beta eCourse)

Get started here: [Seven Steps](#)

Reach Your Potential

If you want to catapult yourself to success, here is my personal list of the best resources on:

- Success
- Relaxation & Meditation
- Vision & Dream Boards
- Inspiration and more...

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ACTION

"Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy."

- Dale Carnegie

"We are always getting ready to live but never living."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone."

- Pablo Picasso

"Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."

- Will Rogers

"You can't hire other people to do your push-ups for you."

- Jim Rohn

BEGINNING

"Begin with the End in Mind."

- Stephen Covey

"Beginning is easy - continuing hard."

- Japanese Proverb

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

- Seneca

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

- Mark Twain

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

- Lao Tzu

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"In life what sometimes appears to be the end is really a new beginning."

- Unknown

BELIEFS

"Aerodynamically the bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumblebee doesn't know that so it goes on flying anyway."

- Mary Kay Ash

"Whether you think you can or that you can't, you are usually right."

- Henry Ford

"If you would be magnetic in personal relations, you must splendidly believe both in yourself and in other people."

- Frank Channing Haddock in "Mastery of Self"

"Your belief determines your action and your action determines your results, but first you have to believe."

- Mark Victor Hansen

"The most powerful thing you can do to change the world is to change your own beliefs about the nature of life, people, reality, to something more positive... and begin to act accordingly."

- Shakti Gawain, "Creative Visualization"

"Nothing you believe is true. To know this is freedom."

- Byron Katie

"Whatever you believe with feeling becomes your reality."

- Brian Tracy

CHOICES

"...every single day, you're trading your life for who you're working with and what you do."

- John Assaraf

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"At any moment, you have a choice, that either leads you closer to your spirit or further away from it."

- Thich Nhat Hanh

"I discovered I always have choices, and sometimes it is only a choice of attitude. "

- Judith M. Knowlton

"We are like violins. We can be used as doorstops, or we can make music."

- Barbara Sher

"There are two primary choices in life; to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them."

- Denis Waitley

"...everything changes when you make a decision to be one of the courageous ones, someone who chooses to make a life, rather than a living."

- Neale Donald Walsch

"You create your life with each choice you make."

- Unknown

DREAMS

"The greatest achievement was at first and for a time a dream. The oak sleeps in the acorn; the bird waits in the egg; and in the highest vision of the soul a waking angel stirs. Dreams are the seedlings of realities."

- James Allen

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

- Maya Angelou

"A man is not old until regrets start taking place of dreams."

- Anonymous

"Dream big dreams; only big dreams have the power to move men's souls."

- Marcus Aurelius

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"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."
- Walt Disney

"Always dream and shoot higher than you know how to. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself."
- William Faulkner

"Never let your memories be greater than your dreams."
- Doug Ivester

"If you want to change who you are, begin by changing the size of your dream."
- Robert Kiyosaki

"Nobody is here to fulfill your dream. Everybody is here to fulfill his own destiny, his own reality."
- Osho

"At first, dreams seem impossible, then improbable, and eventually inevitable."
- Christopher Reeves

FAITH

"When we come to the edge of all of the light we have and we must take a step into the darkness of the unknown we must believe one of two things. Either, we will find something firm to stand on or we will be taught to fly."
- Anonymous

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."
- Saint Augustine

"The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible."
- Richard DeVos

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"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

"Faith may be defined briefly as an illogical belief in the occurrence of the improbable."
- H.L. Mencklen

"Faith is not faith until it's all you're holding."
- Jason Nelson

GOALS

"When you accomplish a goal, don't cross it out. Instead, write 'victory' next to it and move on to the next one. This way, whenever you have a bad day, all you have to do is to review your victories to feel good about yourself."
– Jack Canfield

"When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps."
- Confucius

"Goals work. They empower you to do more for yourself, others and, in fact, all of humanity."
- Mark Victor Hansen

"The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach."
- Benjamin E. Mayes

"Set a goal to achieve something that is so big, so exhilarating that it excites you and scares you at the same time. It must be a goal that is so appealing, so much in line with your spiritual core, that you can't get it out of your mind. If you do not get chills when you set a goal, you're not setting big enough goals."
- Bob Proctor

"When a goal matters enough to a person, that person will find a way to accomplish what at first seemed impossible."
- Nido Qubein

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"You want to set a goal that is big enough that in the process of achieving it you become someone worth becoming."

- Jim Rohn

GRATITUDE

"Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many; not your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

- Charles Dickens

"Practicing gratitude, acknowledging the blessings in your life, and making it a point to recognize those good things, will positively change your life."

- Deborah Norville

"One of the incredible truths about gratitude is that it is impossible to feel both the positive emotion of thankfulness and a negative emotion such as anger or fear at the same time."

- M.J. Ryan

"Develop an 'attitude of gratitude.' Say thank you to everyone you meet for everything they do for you."

- Brian Tracy

"It's not easy being grateful all the time. But it's when you feel least thankful that you are most in need of what gratitude can give you."

- Oprah Winfrey

"The more you recognize and express gratitude for the things you have, the more things you will have to express gratitude for."

- Zig Ziglar

HAPPINESS

"Happiness is a choice that requires effort at times."

- Aeschylus

"Only one thing has to change for us to know happiness in our lives: where we focus our attention."

- Greg Anderson

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"The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."

- Allan K. Chambers

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time."

- Wayne Dyer, Author "Power of Intention"

"Storybook happiness involves every form of pleasant thumb-twiddling; true happiness involves the full use of one's powers and talents."

- John W. Gardner

"Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling."

- Margaret Lee Runbeck

"The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

- Albert Schweitzer

"Happiness is mostly a by-product of doing what makes us feel fulfilled."

- Benjamin Spock

"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"...decide for yourself what makes you truly happy and then organize your life around it. Write down your goals and make plans to achieve them."

- Brian Tracy

JOY

"You cannot instil joy. You can only find where it lives and bring it forth."

- Alan Cohen

"Allow yourself to trust joy and embrace it. You will find you dance with everything."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"Joys divided are increased."

- Josiah Gilbert Holland

"The walls we build around us to keep sadness out also keeps out the joy."

- Jim Rohn

"When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy."

- Rumi

"Whatever joy there is in this world, All comes from desiring others to be happy, And whatever suffering there is in this world, All comes from desiring oneself to be happy. "

- Lao Tzu

"Joy is not in things, it is in us."

- Richard Wagner

KINDNESS

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

- Aesop

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

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Loving kindness is the intention and capacity to bring joy and happiness to another person or living being."

- Thich Nhat Hanh

"My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness."

- H.H. The Dalai Lama

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

- Mark Twain

"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier"

- Mother Teresa

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LOVE

"Love can tame the wildest."

- Aesop

"If you want love, love somebody."

- Dr. Michael Beckwith

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection."

- Buddha

"Open your heart to Love and Love will open your heart"

- Karen Casey

"In true love you want your partner to be happy.

In false love you want your partner."

- Paulo Coelho

"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love."

- Henry Drummond

"Love as much as you can from wherever you are. "

- Thaddeus Golas

"What a grand thing, to be loved. What a grander thing still to love!

- Victor Hugo

"The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them."

- Thomas Merton

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"For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of our tasks; the ultimate, the last test and proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

"Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it".

~ Rumi

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

- Mother Teresa

OPPORTUNITY

"When one door closes another door opens."

- Many Authors

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."

- Albert Einstein

"Persistence takes a focus that doesn't see the obstacles but only sees the opportunity..."

- Doug Firebaugh

"Opportunity... often it comes disguised in the form of misfortune, or temporary defeat."

- Napoleon Hill

"The second chance is always within reach, ours for the taking. But it is ours for the giving as well...."

- Erik Kolbell

"There is never really anything to be discouraged about, because difficulties are opportunities for inner growth, and the greater the difficulty the greater the opportunity for growth."

- Peace Pilgrim

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PASSION

"Many people believe they can think rather than feel their way to passion."

- Nancy Anderson in "Work with Passion"

"When you are aligned with your deepest, most important passions, the ups and downs of daily life won't be able to throw you off track."

- Janet and Chris Attwood

"If you're not nervous about your passion, you're not passionate about it."

- Bobby Flay

"The lust for comfort murders the passion of the soul. And then walks grinning in the funeral."

- Kahil Gibran

"He who has no passion has no principal or motive to act."

- Claude A. Helvetius

"Desire is to want something. Passion is the refusal to live without it."

- Stephen Pierce

"The happiness of a man in this life does not consist in the absence but in the mastery of his passions."

- Alfred Lord Tennyson

PEACE

"War and peace begin in the hearts of individuals."

- Pema Chodron

"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Peace is who you are without a story, until the next stressful story appears."

- Byron Katie

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"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

"When we learn to say a deep, passionate yes to the things that really matter, then peace begins to settle onto our lives like golden sunlight sifting to a forest floor."

- Thomas Kinkade

"We can never obtain peace in the world if we neglect the inner world and don't make peace with ourselves."

- H.H. Dalai Lama

"All we are saying is give peace a chance."

- John Lennon

"This is the way of peace:

Overcome evil with good,
and falsehood with truth,
and hatred with love."

....Peace Pilgrim

"We each have a song inside our heart

That can make peace in the world,

If we first make peace inside ourselves."

- Mattie J.T. Stepanek (1990-2004) (Written in 1997)

"Possession of material riches, without inner peace, is like dying of thirst while bathing in a lake."

- Paramahansa Yogananda

PURPOSE

"Above all be of single aim; have a legitimate and useful purpose, and devote yourself unreservedly to it."

- James Allen

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"Every calling is great when greatly pursued."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

"A man may fulfill the object of his existence by asking a question he cannot answer, and attempting a task he cannot achieve."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Given a big enough why people can bear almost any how."

- Friedrich Nietzsche

"To know the sweetness of the infinite within us, this is the cause, the reason, the purpose, the only purpose of our being."

- Nicholas of Cusa

"This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one... "

- George Bernard Shaw in 'Man and Superman'

"Purpose is the engine that powers our lives."

- Denis Waitley

SUCCESS

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

- Robert Collier

"The person who makes a success of living is one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That's dedication."

- Cecil B. DeMille

"An inventor fails 999 times, and if he succeeds once, he's in. He treats his failures simply as practice shots."

- Charles Kettering

"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

- Henry David Thoreau

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"Whatever it is you think you would like to be, do or have, cause another to be, do or have first. See yourself as the source, rather than the recipient, of what it is you would choose to experience in life."

- Neale Donald Walsch, "Abundance and Right Livelihood"

"You enhance your chances for success when you understand that your yearning power is more important than your earning power."

- Zig Ziglar

THOUGHTS

"As the shadow follows the form, and as smoke comes after fire, so effect follows cause, and suffering and bliss follow the thoughts and deeds of men."

- James Allen in "The Way of Peace"

"We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves."

- Buddha

"Our greatest battles are that with our own minds."

- Jameson Frank

"When you no longer split your flow of energy with contradictory thoughts, you will know your power."

- Abraham via Esther Hicks

"You either believe what you think or you question it. There's no other choice."

- Byron Katie

"There is a thought in your mind right now. The longer you hold on to it, the more you dwell upon it, the more life you give to that thought. Give it enough life, and it will become real. So make sure the thought is indeed a great one."

- Ralph Marston

"Change your thoughts, and you change your world."

- Norman Vincent Peale

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"To find yourself, think for yourself."

- Socrates

"It's not what you are that holds you back, it's what you think you're not."

- Denis Waitley

"We all need a daily check up from the neck up to avoid stinkin' thinkin' which ultimately leads to hardening of the attitudes."

- Zig Ziglar

VISION

"Cherish your visions; cherish your ideals; cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for out of them will grow all delightful conditions, all heavenly environment; of these, if you but remain true to them, your world will at last be built."

- James Allen, "As a Man Thinketh"

"A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral."

- Antoine De Saint-Exupery

"Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens."

- Carl Jung

"It's time, in fact, to re-create ourselves anew - in the next grandest version of the greatest vision we ever held about who we are."

- Neale Donald Walsch in "Abundance and Right Livelihood"

"Capital isn't scarce; vision is."

- Sam Walton, founder of Walmart

WORK & CAREER QUOTES

"You have got to have a passion for what you are doing."

- Sir Richard Branson

"Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work body and soul."

- Charles Buxton

"The vocation for you is the one in which your deep gladness and the world's deep need meet."

- Frederick Buechner

"There is no scarcity of opportunity to make a living at what you love; there's only a scarcity of resolve to make it happen."

- Wayne Dyer

"Joy comes from using your potential."

- Will Schultz

"You really have to love what you are doing, so you don't give up."

- Donald Trump

"Your profession is not what brings home your paycheck. Your profession is what you were put on earth to do with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling."

- Vincent Van Gogh

MOVIE QUOTES

"They laugh because you intimidate them. But if you stood your ground you might have earned their respect."

- Dr Larabee in "Akeelan and the Bee"

"Take your passion, and make it happen."

- Irena Cara et al in 'Flashdance...What a Feeling' lyrics

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"Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."

- Forrest Gump in "Forrest Gump"

"When your Mother walked out on us I promised God I'd do everything to help you boys follow your dream. You deserve this chance Santiago. Take it."

- Goal! movie

"...we have to find out heart songs all by ourself. It's the voice you hear inside. Who you truly are."

- Little Penguin, "Happy Feet" movie

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

- J.K. Rowling, British Author

(Spoken by Professor Dumbledore in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets)

"Life is a journey within and adversity will come. But it's in the face of adversity true character shines through."

- The Goal movie

SPORTS QUOTES

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well."

- Pierre de Coubertin

"You can't accomplish anything in life that's great by yourself."

- Ruben Gonzalez, Three-time American Olympian in Luge

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take."

- Wayne Gretzky

"Gold medals are awarded in the summer, but they're earned in the winter. That was four years of hard winters."

- Kyle Hamilton, Canadian Men's Eight Rowing team, 2008 Olympic gold

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"When you give people chances and allow them to come back from their mistakes, great things happen and I'm a perfect example."

-Eric Lamaze, Canadian Equestrian who won gold and silver medals in Beijing 2008 after two suspensions for cocaine use.

"The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur."

- Vince Lombardi

"If you persevere long enough, if you do the right things long enough the right things will happen."

- Ian Millar, Canadian Equestrian who won his first Olympic medal (a silver) in 9 Olympics at the age of 61.

"I have been visualizing myself every night for the past four years standing on the podium having the gold placed around my neck."

- Megan Quann, Olympic Double Gold Medalist in Swimming for USA

"My doctors told me I would never walk again. My mother told me I would. I believed my mother."

- Wilma Rudolph, Olympic Triple Gold Medalist in Track & Field for USA

"An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head."

- Emil Zatopek, Czech long distance runner with 4 Olympic Golds

MUSIC QUOTES

"Don't tell me the sky's the limit.

There's footprints on the moon. "

- Paul Brant in "There's a World Out There"

"Our lives are better left to chance I could have missed the pain but I'd have had to miss the dance."

- Garth Brooks in "The Dance"

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"Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers."
- Garth Brooks in "Unanswered Prayers"

"Do you know what's worth fighting for? When it's not worth dying for?"
- Green Day in "21 Guns"

"Lead us to a place. Guide us with your Grace."
- Josh Groban with Charlotte Church in "The Prayer"

"That's the story of my life. Right there in black and white."
- Jamey Johnson in "In Color"

"I believe I can fly. I believe I can touch the sky."
- R. Kelly in "I Believe I Can Fly"

"Imagine all the people. Living life in peace."
- John Lennon in "Imagine"

"Some day I hope you get the chance, to live like you were dying."
- Tim McGraw in "Live Like You Were Dying"

"I live for little moments like that."
- Brad Paisley in "Little Moments"

"When you dream, dream big. As big as the ocean blue. When you dream it might come true. When you dream, dream big."
- Performed by Ryan Shupe and the RubberBand

"And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance. I hope you dance."
- Leann Womack in "I Hope You Dance"

About Sue Bond

What do the Olympic Games, books like Tuesdays with Morrie & Man's Search for Meaning, and movies like Blind Side all have in common?

They're all inspiring stories about human potential - the potential we each have to succeed in life with our given talents. The capacity and resiliency we have to survive and thrive by choosing our thoughts and attitude.

The patterns in a person's life can show you what they truly care about and value. My favourite class in university was the one on, you guessed it - human potential.

I've been involved in the field of human potential and personal development for 20 years. As a former athlete, fitness consultant, and life coach - creating a site on inspiration and human potential was a perfect mix.

About BelInspiredOnline.com

What better way to start the day than to be inspired? It just takes a minute to reflect on wise words, to be still while gazing at a beautiful photograph or to open your heart while watching an inspiring video clip.

My hope is that you find a quote, photo, story or words that connect you with your source of inspiration that lives deep within you. I also hope that you are inspired to bring more of who you are into the world by living your unique gifts and creating a life you love.

You do make a difference. We're each a diamond in the rough. Buffing (rubbing up against 'our stuff' and risking etc.) allows our diamond to be polished and our light and genius to shine brightly.

The best time to start is now. We can take this journey together and share what works with each other on the BelInspiredOnline.com blog.

I hope to see you there!