

# Quotable quotes

Like proverbs, contemporary quotes can help to bring a wider and wiser perspective to life – what we used to call common sense. Winston Churchill was by no means perfect, but he was a master of rhetoric. During the recent 80-year VE Day week I came across a few quotes – offered here to make you smile and hopefully encourage you.



## On success and failure

- *“Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.”*
- *“Success is going from failure to failure without losing heart.”*
- *“Continuous effort, not strength or intelligence, is the key to unlock our potential.”*

This triplet would do well in print at the top of any exam results sheet!

## How about lines for fearful times?

- *“Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision.”*
- *“Your greatest fears are created by your imagination. Don't give in to them.”*
- *“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”*

God hears the fears in our prayers and offers us courage to cope.

## For daily life?

- *“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”*
- *“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”*

The heart of the gospel, and the survival of the human race, is about unlocking our potential to notice and grasp the opportunities to give more than we get.

## Seeing ourselves in perspective...

*“When you're 20 you care what everyone thinks; when you're 40 you stop caring what everyone thinks; when you're 60 you realize no one was ever thinking about you in the first place.”* (and when you're 80?.....)

**‘Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and uphold you.’** Isaiah 41:10