Leadership Quotes: Inspiration

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. **-John Quincy Adams**

History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats. **-B.C. Forbes**

You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call "failure" is not the falling down, but the staying down. **-Mary Pickford**

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty. **-Winston Churchill**

Leaders must be tough enough to fight, tender enough to cry, human enough to make mistakes, humble enough to admit them, strong enough to absorb the pain, and resilient enough to bounce back and keep on moving. **-Jesse Jackson**

A leader, once convinced that a particular course of action is the right one, must be undaunted when the going gets tough. **-Ronald Reagan**

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. **-William A. Ward**

Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.

John Maxwell

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them. **-George Bernard Shaw**

Leadership is not so much about technique and methods as it is about opening the heart. Leadership is about inspiration—of oneself and of others. **-Lance Secretan**

My own definition of leadership is this: The capacity and the will to rally men and women to a common purpose and the character which inspires confidence. **-General Montgomery**

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage. -Anais Nin

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher. **–Thomas Huxley**

Impossible is a word found only in a fool's dictionary. -Napoleon

Inspired leaders move a business beyond problems into opportunities. -Dr. Abraham Zaleznik

If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it. -W. Somerset Maugham

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do. **-Eleanor Roosevelt**

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. -Martin Luther King, Jr.

One man has enthusiasm for 30 minutes, another for 30 days, but it is the man who has it for 30 years who makes a success of his life. **–Edward B. Butler**

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. -Thomas Alva Edison

A good leader inspires others with confidence in him; a great leader inspires them with confidence in themselves. **–Author Unknown**

I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom. —General George S. Patton

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**