

Charles Kettering

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You can't have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time.

~Charles Kettering

Believe and act as if it were impossible to fail.

~Charles Kettering

High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.

~Charles Kettering

An inventor is simply a fellow who doesn't take his education too seriously.

~Charles Kettering

Keep on going and the chances are you will stumble on something, perhaps when you are least expecting it. I have never heard of anyone stumbling on something sitting down.

~Charles Kettering

A problem well stated is a problem half-solved.

~Charles Kettering

You will never stub your toe standing still. The faster you go, the more chance there is of stubbing your toe, but the more chance you have of getting somewhere.

~Charles Kettering

The only time you mustn't fail is the last time you try.

~Charles Kettering

here is a great difference between knowing a thing and understanding it. You can know a lot and not really understand anything.

~Charles Kettering

The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress.

~Charles Kettering

The Wright brothers flew right through the smoke screen of impossibility.

~Charles Kettering

If you're doing something the same way you have been doing it for ten years, the chances are you are doing it wrong.

~Charles Kettering

99 percent of success is built on failure.

~Charles Kettering

I am not interested in the past. I am interested in the future, for that is where I expect to spend the rest of my life.

~Charles Kettering

One fails forward toward success.

~Charles Kettering

Problems are the price of progress. Don't bring me anything but trouble. Good news weakens me.

~Charles Kettering

Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas and progress.

~Charles Kettering

My definition of an educated man is the fellow who knows the right thing to do at the time it has to be done. You can be sincere and still be stupid.

~Charles Kettering

Every father should remember one day his son will follow his example, not his advice.

~Charles Kettering

Our imagination is the only limit to what we can hope to have in the future.

~Charles Kettering

People are very open-minded about new things - as long as they're exactly like the old ones.

~Charles Kettering

It doesn't matter if you try and try and try again, and fail. It does matter if you try and fail, and fail to try again.

~Charles Kettering

There exist limitless opportunities in every industry. Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier.

~Charles Kettering

No one would have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship in the storm.

~Charles Kettering

The opportunities in this world are as great as we have the imagination to see them... but we never get that view from the bottom of the nest.

~Charles Kettering

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

~Charles Kettering

All human development, no matter what form it takes, must be outside the rules; otherwise we would never have anything new.

~Charles Kettering

The key to economic prosperity is the organized creation of dissatisfaction.

~Charles Kettering

The difference between intelligence and an education is this: that intelligence will make a good living for you, but education won't do much for you at all.

~Charles Kettering

We must look forward to the future as that is where most of us will be spending the rest of our lives.

~Charles Kettering

Inventing is a combination of brains and materials. The more brains you use, the less material you need.

~Charles Kettering

We work day after day, not to finish things; but to make the future better ... because we will spend the rest of our lives there.

~Charles Kettering

Failures, repeated failures, are sign-posts on the road to achievement. The only time you don't want to fail is the last time you try something (and it works).

~Charles Kettering

Research means that you don't know, but are willing to find out.

~Charles Kettering

What I believe is that, by proper effort, we make the future almost anything we want to make it.

~Charles Kettering

If I have had any success, it's due to luck, but I notice the harder I work, the luckier I get.

~Charles Kettering

If you want to kill any idea in the world, get a committee working on it.

~Charles Kettering

Action without intelligence is a form of insanity, but intelligence without action is the greatest form of stupidity in the world.

~Charles Kettering

A man must have a certain amount of intelligent ignorance to get anywhere.

~Charles Kettering

You can send a message around the world in one-fifth of a second, yet it may take years for it to get from the outside of a man's head to the inside.

~Charles Kettering

I expect to spend the rest of my life in the future, so I want to be reasonably sure of what kind of future it's going to be. That is my reason for planning.

~Charles Kettering

Logic is a system whereby one may go wrong with confidence.

~Charles Kettering

Obsolescence is a factor which says that the new thing I bring you is worth more than the unused value of the old thing.

~Charles Kettering

Don't be afraid to stumble. Any inventor will tell you that you don't follow a plan far before you strike a snag. If, out of 100 ideas you get one that

works, it's enough.

~Charles Kettering

The biggest job we have is to teach a newly hired employee how to fail intelligently. We have to train him to experiment over and over and to keep on trying and failing until he learns what will work.

~Charles Kettering

The opportunities of man are limited only by his imagination. But so few have imagination that there are ten thousand fiddlers to one composer.

~Charles Kettering

It is the 'follow through' that makes the great difference between ultimate success and failure, because it is so easy to stop.

~Charles Kettering

The price of progress is trouble.

~Charles Kettering

In America we can say what we think, and even if we can't think, we can say it anyhow.

~Charles Kettering

It is man's destiny to ponder on the riddle of existence and, as a byproduct of his wonderment, to create a new life on this earth.

~Charles Kettering

Why is the human skull as dense as it is? Nowadays we can send a message around the world in one-seventh of a second, but it takes years to drive an idea through a quarter-inch of human skull.

~Charles Kettering

Nothing ever built arose to touch the skies unless some man dreamed that it should, some man believed that it could, and some man willed

that it must.

~Charles Kettering

I've never heard of anyone stumbling on something sitting down.

~Charles Kettering

If a fellow wants to be nobody in the business world, let him neglect sending the mailman to somebody on his behalf.

~Charles Kettering

I object to people running down the future. I am going to live all the rest of my life there.

~Charles Kettering

Thinking is one thing no one has ever been able to tax.

~Charles Kettering

People think of the inventor as a screwball, but no one ever asks the inventor what he thinks of other people.

~Charles Kettering

It is not a disgrace to fail. Failing is one of the greatest arts in the world.

~Charles Kettering

This problem, too, will look simple after it is solved.

~Charles Kettering

The person who doesn't know something can't be done will often find a way to go ahead and do it.

~Charles Kettering

I think that the greatest education in the world is the education which helps one to be able to do the right things at the time it has to be done.

~Charles Kettering

Learn how to fail intelligently.

~Charles Kettering

The whole fun of living is trying to make something better.

~Charles Kettering

A problem thoroughly understood is always fairly simple. Found your opinions on facts, not prejudices. We know too many things that are not true.

~Charles Kettering

The future can be anything we want it to be, providing we have the faith and that we realize that peace, no less than war, required blood and sweat and tears.

~Charles Kettering

We have been measuring too much in terms of the dollar. What we should do is think in terms of useful materials-things that will be of value to us in our daily life.

~Charles Kettering

We are just in the kindergarten of uncovering things; there is no downcurve in science.

~Charles Kettering

If I want to stop a research program I can always do it by getting a few experts to sit in on the subject, because they know right away that it was a fool thing to try in the first place.

~Charles Kettering

It is easy to build a philosophy - it doesn't have to run

~Charles Kettering

In many ways ideas are more important than people - they are much more permanent.

~Charles Kettering

Research is an organized method for keeping you reasonably dissatisfied with what you have.

~Charles Kettering

you must take the problem as it is, and let it be what it wants to be.

~Charles Kettering

And there is the point exactly, we are all the time blaming difficulties on to something else. Our real trouble is that we are too soft to solve the problem.

~Charles Kettering

The sure ways to create new ventures of discovery are to keep an open mind.

~Charles Kettering

Industry prospers when it offers people articles which they want more than they want anything they now have. The fact is that people never buy what they need. They buy what they want.

~Charles Kettering

Do not bring me your successes; they weaken me. Bring me your problems; they strengthen me.

~Charles Kettering

The typical eye sees the ten per cent bad of an idea and overlooks the ninety per cent good.

~Charles Kettering

People see the wrongness in an idea much quicker than the rightness.

~Charles Kettering

Education is man's going forward from cocksure ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty. Where there is an open mind there will always be a frontier.

~Charles Kettering

I often say that research is a way of finding out what you are going to do when you can't keep on doing what you are doing now.

~Charles Kettering

One of the things we have to be thankful for is that we don't get as much government as we pay for.

~Charles Kettering

There has never been any 30-hour week for men who had anything to do.

~Charles Kettering

A research problem is not solved by apparatus; it is solved in a man's head.

~Charles Kettering

Bankers regard research as most dangerous a thing that makes banking hazardous due to the rapid changes it brings about in industry.

~Charles Kettering

Don't bring anything to me but trouble.

~Charles Kettering

We have reason not to be afraid of the machine, for there is always constructive change, the enemy of machines, making them change to fit new conditions.

~Charles Kettering

We have a lot of people revolutionizing the world because they've never had to present a working model.

~Charles Kettering

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