

Don Shula Quotes

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The superior man blames himself. The inferior man blames others.

~Don Shula

You set a goal to be the best and then you work hard every hour of every day, striving to reach that goal. If you allow yourself to settle for anything less than number one, you are cheating yourself.

~Don Shula

Sure, luck means a lot in football. Not having a good quarterback is bad luck.

~Don Shula

To be successful, all you have to do is work half-days; you can work the first twelve hours or the second twelve hours.

~Don Shula

Strive for perfection, but settle for excellence.

~Don Shula

My responsibility is leadership, and the minute I get negative, that is going to have an influence on my team.

~Don Shula

There's nothing wrong with setting goals, but it doesn't mean a thing if you don't pay attention to the day-to-day details.

~Don Shula

I have no magic formula. The only way I know to win is through hard work.

~Don Shula

It's the start that stops most people.

~Don Shula

And my rookie contract, my first rookie contract was for \$5,000.

~Don Shula

As a coach, your high standards of performance, attention to detail and - above all - how hard you work set the stage for how your players perform.

~Don Shula

Success is not forever, and failure is never final.

~Don Shula

The ultimate goal is victory. And if you refuse to work as hard as you possibly can toward that aim, or if you do anything that keeps you from achieving that goal, then you are just cheating yourself.

~Don Shula

The start is what stops most people.

~Don Shula

The whole idea is to get an edge. Sometimes it takes just a little extra something to get that edge, but you have to have it.

~Don Shula

One thing I never want to be accused of is not working.

~Don Shula

Lots of leaders want to be popular. I never cared about that. I want to be respected.

~Don Shula

Success is the peace of mind that comes when you know you have given everything you have to give to the opportunities that life has presented you.

~Don Shula

And this year is going to be the 25th anniversary of the 17-0 team, the only undefeated season.

~Don Shula

Failure isn't fatal, and success isn't final.

~Don Shula

I don't know any other way to lead but by example.

~Don Shula

The one thing that I know is that you win with good people.

~Don Shula

Leadership implies movement toward something and convictions provide that direction.

~Don Shula

And I coached against Mike when he was an assistant with the Bears and they won that football game.

~Don Shula

The one man team is a complete and total myth.

~Don Shula

You know it's only 50 miles from Grand River to Canton, but it took me 67 years to travel that distance.

~Don Shula

Anybody that's a Dolphins fan feels they're headed in the right direction.

~Don Shula

Learn from everyone, copy no one.

~Don Shula

If you're going to take gambles, you must have one thing:
self-confidence.

~Don Shula

My coaching philosophy? Determine your players talents and give them every weapon to get the most from those talents.

~Don Shula

I'm just a guy who rolls up his sleeves and goes to work!

~Don Shula

I don't know how to lead but by example.

~Don Shula

When you're there, it's not good enough to be there.

~Don Shula

I'm fairly confident that if I died tomorrow, Don would find a way to preserve me until the season was over and he had time for a nice funeral.

~Don Shula

And then to end up with a total of 347 wins, averaging 10 regular season wins for 33 years and the best winning percentage, and I'm very proud of this, of any professional team from 1970 to 1996.

~Don Shula

You know it's only 50 miles but I've relished every moment of the longer route to get here. Thanks for letting me reflect on those great moments. Thank you.

~Don Shula

Because, they're only thinking about one team when that game's over. Before the game, they're talking about two football teams. When the

game's over, there's only one winner.

~Don Shula

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