

# Jacqueline Novogratz

## Quotes

*Thought Provoking, People, World, Way, Opportunity, Poverty, Important, Thinking, Believe, Dream, Charity, Government, Humility, Choices, Strong, Order, Hands, Dark, Children, Boys*

Your job is not to be perfect, your job is only to be human.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

May each of you live lives of immersion. They won't necessarily be easy lives. But in the end, it is all that will sustain us.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Sometimes the most important things that we do are things we cannot measure.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

We can send people to the Moon; we can see if there's life on Mars - why can't we get \$5 [mosquito] nets to 500 million people?

~Jacqueline Novogratz

The time for change is now.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

The only way we really create change is to enter any situation with the humility to listen and to recognize the world as it is, and then the audacity to dream what it could be.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Dignity is more important to the human spirit than wealth.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

My dream is to find individuals who take financial resources and convert them into changing the world in the most positive ways.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Poverty is not only about income levels, but for lack of freedom that comes from physical insecurity

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Entrepreneurs are the seekers of solutions, and that they will go into these places where both market and traditional aid has failed or traditional charity has failed.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Monsters will always exist. There's one inside each of us. But an angel lives there, too. There is no more important agenda than figuring out how to slay one and nurture the other.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Each of us can work to change a small portion of events. And it's in the total of all those acts that the history of this generation will be written.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Philanthropy is no longer about writing a check for \$10,000 to the opera.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Acumen Fund's patient capital investment in Western Seed is intended to enhance the food security and economic independence of Kenya's smallholder farmers.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Our lives are so short. And our time on this planet is so precious. All we have is each other.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Why do some people stop growing at age 30, just going from work to the couch and television, when others stay vibrant, curious, almost childlike into their nineties?

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I have also been touched by the dark side of power and leadership.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

You should focus on being more interested than interesting.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Four billion people on Earth make less than four dollars a day.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

What is the cost of not daring? What is the cost of not trying?

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Human beings tend not to spend money on health preventively. We tend to spend it on top treatment.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I'm relentless in that I deeply believe in people.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

What we really yearn for as human beings is to be visible.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

All people deserve access to health at prices they can afford.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Poverty is too complex to be answered with a one-size-fits-all approach, and if there is any place that illustrates that complexity, as well as a better way forward, it is Rwanda.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

So many low income people have seen so many failed promises broken and seen so many quacks and sporadic medicines offered to them that building trust takes a lot of time, takes a lot of patience.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I've heard it said that the most dangerous animal on the planet is the adolescent male.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

What we call people so often distances us from them, and makes them little.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

When people gain income, they gain choice, and that is fundamental to dignity.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

It's about all of us, and the kind of world that we, together, want to live in and share.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Our actions - and inaction - touch people every day, people we may never know and never meet.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Just start Don't wait for perfection. Just start and let the work teach you.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Being poor doesn't mean being ordinary.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

A sustainable world means working together to create prosperity for all.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Nothing important happens in life without a cost.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Listening is not only about waiting, but it's also learning how better to ask questions.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

We are connected to each other not only as humans, but to every living thing on the planet.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Girls and women are most victimised in societies where boys and men are disempowered.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

There is power in creating a small model, and then you can create an alliance of other small models.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Failure can be an incredibly motivating force.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Things are always harder than you think they're going to be.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

When I first went to Africa, I thought that I was personally going to save the continent, if not the world.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I believe the government should ensure all children are provided with a good education.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

People have to understand that unless social enterprise is experimental, it will not succeed in making a difference.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Dignity is more important than wealth.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

The poor also are willing to make, and do make, smart decisions, if you give them that opportunity.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

When systems are broken, it's an opportunity for invention and innovation.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

For too much of history, we've viewed the world's precious resources - both environmental and human - as things to extract, to make the most of in order to maximize their potential.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Freedom is what beauty feels like when it can most express itself.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I still feel that the kind of leader I want to be is one that spends time understanding our work in a way that allows me to translate it for policymakers and people who have real access to resources.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I feel like I'm a relentless, pragmatic, determined optimist.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

One of the first things that surprised me in a positive, wonderfully positive way, is that this works - patient capital works.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

The best change that comes to the world is when all parties are seeing each other as equal, and all parties have the opportunity to be transformed. That really goes back to the idea of dignity.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

If there's one value that is immutable, it's integrity or respect, for others

and for yourself.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Human beings want to see each other. We want to be heard by each other.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Traditional charity and aid are never going to solve the problems of poverty.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

What would the world look like if we asked ourselves the following more often; are our actions helping others find a way to feel more freer, more dignified and more beautiful?

~Jacqueline Novogratz

People need to believe that they can participate fully in the decisions that affect their lives and have a stake in the societies in which they live

~Jacqueline Novogratz

There are probably no more market-oriented individuals on the planet, than low income people.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I was going to save the world, and I thought I would start with the African continent.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Africans didn't want saving, thank you very much, least of all not by me.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

We often don't realize what our action & our inaction do to people we



think we will never see & never know.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

People really don't want handouts, that they want to make their own decisions.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

We don't see profit as a blind instrument.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

The time for us to begin innovating and looking for new solutions is now.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I have seen that traditional approaches to charity and aid don't solve problems of poverty. In fact, too often they create dependence.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

I wrote 'The Blue Sweater' to inspire more people to become engaged in working to solve the problems of global poverty.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Freedom ultimately is dignity. And dignity, not income, is the opposite of poverty.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Very small investments can release the infinite potential that lies in all of us.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

Honour what is most beautiful about the past and build it into the promise of the future.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

After all this atrocity, this is how human beings really pray.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

How you see where you are always depends on where you've been.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

We need moral leadership and courage in our world.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

To be part of building a movement, you have to keep moving.

~Jacqueline Novogratz

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