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I have nothing in common with lazy people who blame others for their lack of success.

~Kobe Bryant

Everyting negative - pressure, challenges - is all an opportunity for me to rise.

~Kobe Bryant

It's not about the number of hours you practice, it's about the number of hours your mind is present during the practice

~Kobe Bryant

These young guys are playing checkers. I'm out there playing chess.

~Kobe Bryant

Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses.

~Kobe Bryant

I'll do whatever it takes to win games, whether it's sitting on a bench waving a towel, handing a cup of water to a teammate, or hitting the game-winning shot.

~Kobe Bryant

Heroes come and go, but legends are forever.

~Kobe Bryant

I can't relate to lazy people. We don't speak the same language. I don't understand you. I don't want to understand you.

~Kobe Bryant

I've known for a long time that they're a bunch of idiots.

~Kobe Bryant

The most important thing, the thing that unites all of us, is that we can

INSPIRE and CHALLENGE one another TO BE BETTER.

~Kobe Bryant

If you want to make history, you have to do historic things

~Kobe Bryant

Dropkick Murphys get me going, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Nirvana... plus, all the regular hip-hop stuff.

~Kobe Bryant

I wear the number 10 Jersey for the US National Team in honour of the Greatest athlete I have ever seen: Messi.

~Kobe Bryant

Listen to how everyone is talking about you. You have to use it as fuel for motivation.

~Kobe Bryant

If you're afraid to fail, then you're probably going to fail.

~Kobe Bryant

We all know what flopping is when we see it. The stuff that you see is where guys aren't really getting hit at all and are just flailing around like a fish out of water.

~Kobe Bryant

You just stay patient, that's all.

~Kobe Bryant

If you see me in a fight with a bear, pray for the bear.

~Kobe Bryant

When you love something, you'll always come back to it. You'll always keep asking questions, and finding answers.

~Kobe Bryant

There is power in understanding the journey of others to help create your own

~Kobe Bryant

You can't be held captive by the fear of failure or the fear of what people may say.

~Kobe Bryant

The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.

~Kobe Bryant

If you make it, great. If you miss it - what's there to be afraid of? ~Kobe Bryant

You have to be true to who you are.

~Kobe Bryant

I never tried to prove anything to someone else. I wanted to prove something to myself.

~Kobe Bryant

I don't set out to make a really hot shoe, I set out to make a product that is true to where I am.

~Kobe Bryant

My parents are my backbone. Still are. They're the only group that will support you if you score zero or you score 40.

~Kobe Bryant

Everyone looks at your watch and it represents who you are, your values and your personal style.

~Kobe Bryant

You always have to be on edge. You always have to take every practice, every game, like it is your last.

~Kobe Bryant

Each moment of my life I was dreaming of how great I could be, and continued working hard. Each time I closed my eyes I could see me shining bright like a sun.

~Kobe Bryant

I feel like I just returned a 100-yard kickoff in the last two minutes of the Super Bowl to win it all, only to have my run called back by a flag on the play.

~Kobe Bryant

I'm reflective only in the sense that I learn to move forward. I reflect with a purpose.

~Kobe Bryant

Basketball is my refuge, my sanctuary. I go back to being a kid on the playground. When I get here, it's all good.

~Kobe Bryant

He shouldn't have been in the NBA, but we were too cheap to pay for a point guard.

~Kobe Bryant

I've pretty much done all I can here and, you know, God will carry me the rest of the way, so I'm pretty comfortable with that.

~Kobe Bryant

I wanna be the best, simple and plain

People just don't understand how obsessed I am with winning.

~Kobe Bryant

If you don't believe in yourself...nobo dy else will.

~Kobe Bryant

Everything has a purpose. And that purpose has a story that goes along with it. It just depends on what your passion is.

~Kobe Bryant

As far as carrying the torch for the years to come, I don't know. I just want to be the best basketball player I can be.

~Kobe Bryant

I enjoy playing at the heart of it is just a kid who really loves playing the game of basketball.

~Kobe Bryant

Winning takes precedence over all. There's no gray area. No almosts.

~Kobe Bryant

If I panic, everyone else panics.

~Kobe Bryant

We all can be masters at our craft, but you have to make sacrifices that come along with making that decision.

~Kobe Bryant

I was probably born a scorer, but I was made a winner. Whatever works, whatever wins championships, wins games, that's what I do.

~Kobe Bryant

My brain cannot process failure... It WILL not process failure

We're grown ass men, you don't need to be falling all over the place.

~Kobe Bryant

I don't just try to score. The challenge is elevating my teammates to be able to win a championship.

~Kobe Bryant

Once you open your eyes and start looking around you, you start picking up things that are very obvious.

~Kobe Bryant

I wouldn't say I'm a ball hog. I'm a shooter. I don't necessarily hog the ball, but I put them up though. I definitely much rather shoot it than pass it. That's just how I am.

~Kobe Bryant

I'm chasing perfection.

~Kobe Bryant

I'm playing against great players, playing against the best in the world. The competition-that's what I've always wanted.

~Kobe Bryant

Everybody has a different journey.

~Kobe Bryant

One thing you gotta know about me is I have absolutely no filter. I have no problem saying what the hell I think of someone.

~Kobe Bryant

What I'm doing right now, I'm chasing perfection... and if I don't get it, I'm going to get this close.

Sports are such a great teacher. I think of everything they've taught me: camaraderie, humility, how to resolve differences.

~Kobe Bryant

The important thing is that your teammates have to know you're pulling for them and you really want them to be successful.

~Kobe Bryant

Teach players the game at an early age and stop treating them like cash cows for everyone to profit off of.

~Kobe Bryant

You want a CEO that understands they need to build a team around them that's sharper and smarter than they are.

~Kobe Bryant

It's not a question of if we make the playoffs; we will. And when we get there, I have no fear of anyone.

~Kobe Bryant

Dear Basketball, From the moment I started rolling my dad's tube socks and shooting imaginary game-winning shots ... I fell in love with you.

~Kobe Bryant

Being a leader, it's the art of trying to find the balance, the right times with each individual and what they need at that moment. It requires looking outward as opposed to looking inside.

~Kobe Bryant

I don't want to be the next Michael Jordan, I only want to be Kobe Bryant.

~Kobe Bryant

I like playing for the purple and gold. This is where I want to finish up.

~Kobe Bryant

The guy said NBA players are one in a million, ... I said, 'Man, look, I'm going to be that one in a million.

~Kobe Bryant

I was shooting 45 times a game. What was I supposed to do? Pass it into Chris Mihm & Kwame Brown?

~Kobe Bryant

The party's just getting started. This is where the fun starts.

~Kobe Bryant

The topic of leadership is a touchy one. A lot of leaders fail because they don't have the bravery to touch that nerve or strike that chord. Throughout my years, I haven't had that fear.

~Kobe Bryant

I don't have to hear that criticism, that idotic criticism anymore.

~Kobe Bryant

I'm focused on the task that lies ahead for us.

~Kobe Bryant

Sometimes I do wonder what college would have been like. But I made my decision.

~Kobe Bryant

You have to rely on others to have success as a group.

~Kobe Bryant

I didn't expect this award [the 2008 MVP] would come to me. I'm surprised. I've played pretty well in other seasons. Our team hasn't been as good. Things just fell into place.

~Kobe Bryant

Eeew, I'd be a little uncomfortable Googling myself. People sit there - and Google themselves? That's kind of weird.

~Kobe Bryant

I was just letting the shots fly. You know, I don't leave any bullets in the chamber.

~Kobe Bryant

If there were camera phones back in the day, the biggest athletes in the world would have had a lot of explaining to do.

~Kobe Bryant

I played T-Mac. I cooked him. Roasted him. Wasn't even close.

~Kobe Bryant

There's been a lot of talk of me being a one-man show but that's simply not the case. We win games when I score 40 points and we've won when I score 10.

~Kobe Bryant

Diligent accumulation of personal wealth is not inherently ungodly so long as it is complemented by equally diligent distribution of personal wealth.

~Kobe Bryant

Thank god, I'm not from this world.

~Kobe Bryant

I think that game is a testament to what happens when you put no ceiling to what you're capable of doing.

Everybody shut up. Let us work.

~Kobe Bryant

Just got one more than Shaq. You can take that to the bank.

~Kobe Bryant

It really doesn't matter to me. We're just talking about clothes. I can understand what the NBA is trying to do. I love my sneakers, but we're just talking about clothes.

~Kobe Bryant

I draw from the crowd a lot.

~Kobe Bryant

I don't talk trash often, but when I do, I go for the jugular.

~Kobe Bryant

You can't go and anticipate what it is that you want to see. You just have to be present. Be where you are.

~Kobe Bryant

There's a through line that connects all of us.

~Kobe Bryant

The people who truly know me know what I'm like. There have been people who try to say things that aren't fair, and I check them. And then they don't like me because I checked them.

~Kobe Bryant

At the end of 2003, my game was complete. Shooting, defense, using the dribble, transition, midrange stuff was all there. Then it was about fine-tuning and trying to improve in each area.

For us to be the team that got him that historic 10th championship is special for us.

~Kobe Bryant

I focus on one thing and one thing only - that's trying to win as many championships as I can.

~Kobe Bryant

The Kobe 8 is about enhanced performance. It's the most comfortable shoe I have worn. It's simplistic but has an edge to it.

~Kobe Bryant

He is a fool who only sees the mischiefs that are past.

~Kobe Bryant

When I'm finished playing, I want people to say, 'He handled this well, he kept his cool.'

~Kobe Bryant

It doesn't matter to me what place I get traded to. If I was traded someplace - I'd play anywhere.

~Kobe Bryant

To be honest with you, I (would) much rather play basketball and not be famous.

~Kobe Bryant

Friends come and go but banners hang forever.

~Kobe Bryant

It doesn't bother me at all. Do I hold any hard feelings? Not at all, ... Life is too short to sit around and hold grudges. I don't hold any whatsoever.

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-Kobe Bryant				

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