

Mary McLeod Bethune

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Believe in yourself, learn, and never stop wanting to build a better world.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

A woman is free if she lives by her own standards and creates her own destiny, if she prizes her individuality and puts no boundaries on her hopes for tomorrow.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

If we accept and acquiesce in the face of discrimination, we accept the responsibility ourselves. We should, therefore, protest openly everything ... that smacks of discrimination or slander.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

I leave you love. I leave you hope. I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another. I leave you respect for the use of power. I leave you faith. I leave you racial dignity.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Next to God we are indebted to women, first for life itself, and then for making it worth living.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

We live in a world which respects power above all things. Power, intelligently directed, can lead to more freedom. Unwisely directed, it

can be a dreadful, destructive force.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Our children must never lose their zeal for building a better world.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Studying goes deeper than mere reading. There are surface nuggets to be gathered but the best of the gold is underneath, and it takes time and labor to secure it.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Enter to learn; depart to serve.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

The whole world opened to me when I learned to read.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

The true worth of a race must be measured by the character of its womanhood.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

If we have the courage and tenacity of our forebears, who stood firmly like a rock against the lash of slavery, we shall find a way to do for our day what they did for theirs.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

The drums of Africa still beat in my heart. They will not let me rest while there is a single Negro boy or girl without a chance to prove his worth.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Education is the great American adventure, the world's most colossal democratic experiment.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

The progress of the world will call for the best that all of us have to give.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

World peace and brotherhood are based on a common understanding of the contributions and cultures of all races and creeds

~Mary McLeod Bethune

There is a place in God's sun for the youth "farthest down" who has the vision, the determination, and the courage to reach it.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

For I am my mother's daughter, and the drums of Africa still beat in my heart.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

I thought, maybe the difference between white folks and colored is just this matter of reading and writing. I made up my mind I would know my letters.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Forgiving is not about forgetting, it's letting go of the hurt

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Whatever the white man has done, we have done, and often better.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Knowledge is the prime need of the hour.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

When they learn of Shakespeare and Goethe, we must teach them of Pushkin and Dumas. . . . Whatever the white man has done, we have done, and often better.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

I do feel, in my dreamings and yearnings, so undiscovered by those who are able to help me.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

From the first, I made my learning, what little it was, useful every way I could.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Whatever glory belongs to the race for a development unprecedented in history for the given length of time, a full share belongs to the womanhood of the race.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

You white folks have long been eating the white meat of the chicken. We Negroes are now ready for some of the white meat instead of the dark meat.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

I never stop to plan. I take things step-by-step.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Greatness is largely a social accident, and almost always socially supported.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

[To the patronizing train conductor who had twice said, 'Auntie, give me your ticket':] Which of my sister's sons are you?

~Mary McLeod Bethune

Cease to be a drudge, seek to be an artist.

~Mary McLeod Bethune

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