

Mike Krzyzewski

Quotes

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A leader is someone who puts their people in position to be successful all the time

~Mike Krzyzewski

Champions play as they practice. Create a consistency of excellence in all your habits.

~Mike Krzyzewski

A basketball team is like the five fingers on your hand. If you can get them all together, you have a fist. That's how I want you to play.

~Mike Krzyzewski

You don't just be a team. You become a team. Through tough games you find that you need each other

~Mike Krzyzewski

Imagination has a great deal to do with winning.

~Mike Krzyzewski

If you win a National Championship, or you win two, people think you have not only seen the Holy Grail, but you've embraced it. Basically, I do what a lot of people do, but I've been able to win.

~Mike Krzyzewski

My hunger is not for success, it is for excellence. Because when you attain excellence, success just naturally follows.

~Mike Krzyzewski

The thing I loved the most - and still love the most about teaching - is that you can connect with an individual or a group, and see that individual or group exceed their limits.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I'm looking for players who make their teammates better. You do that

with enthusiasm and passion.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Effective teamwork begins and ends with communication

~Mike Krzyzewski

You develop a team to achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. All of us alone are weaker, by far, than if all of us are together.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Never let a person's weakness get in the way of their strength.

~Mike Krzyzewski

To me, teamwork is the beauty of our sport, where you have five acting as one. You become selfless.

~Mike Krzyzewski

The only way you're going to grow is to be in difficult situations.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Footwork is one of the primary prerequisites to becoming a great player

~Mike Krzyzewski

With accomplishments comes confidence and with confidence comes belief. It has to be in that order.

~Mike Krzyzewski

It takes courage not only to make decisions, but to live with those decisions afterward

~Mike Krzyzewski

In leadership, there are no words more important than trust. In any organization, trust must be developed among every member of the

team if success is going to be achieved

~Mike Krzyzewski

Sometimes in a defeat, you can set the stage for future victory.

~Mike Krzyzewski

People want to be on a team. They want to be part of something bigger than themselves. They want to be in a situation where they feel that they are doing something for the greater good.

~Mike Krzyzewski

The truth is that many people set rules to keep from making decisions.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Our goal is not to win. It's to play together and play hard. Then, winning takes care of itself.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I don't look at myself as a basketball coach. I look at myself as a leader who happens to coach basketball.

~Mike Krzyzewski

If you have talent with teamwork, you've got a chance to be a championship team.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Communication does not always occur naturally, even among a tight-knit group of individuals. Communication must be taught and practiced in order to bring everyone together as one

~Mike Krzyzewski

You can't defer if you're the person who's in the leadership position.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Goals should be realistic, attainable, and shared among all members of the team

~Mike Krzyzewski

During critical periods, a leader is not allowed to feel sorry for himself, to be down, to be angry, or to be weak. Leaders must beat back these emotions

~Mike Krzyzewski

It's funny what happens when you become a grandparent. You start to act all goofy and do things you never thought you'd do. It's terrific.

~Mike Krzyzewski

There are always those times when you're going to be down. It's how you step through it that makes you the person you are.

~Mike Krzyzewski

The other thing I knew I had was a high level of competitiveness.

~Mike Krzyzewski

The life expectancy of a team is about eight months. Then the next year, it's a whole new team.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Confrontation simply means meeting the truth head-on.

~Mike Krzyzewski

That's what I do now: I lead and I teach. If we win basketball games from doing that, then that's great, but I lead and teach. Those are the two things I concentrate on.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I have a rule on my team: When we talk to one another, we look each other right in the eye, because I think it's tough to lie to somebody. You

give respect to somebody.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Don't worry about losing. Think about winning.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Play and practice like you are trying to make the team.

~Mike Krzyzewski

It's simply doing what you're supposed to do as well as you can when you're supposed to do it.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Leaders should be reliable without being predictable. They should be consistent without being anticipated

~Mike Krzyzewski

I had a really bad temper, when I was growing up. Sport helped me channel that temper into more positive acts.

~Mike Krzyzewski

My ambition in high school was to be a high school coach and teacher, and that's still what I do: teach.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Everybody wants to take responsibility when you win, but when you fail, all these fingers are pointing.

~Mike Krzyzewski

You should do things because of what your expectations are of yourself.

~Mike Krzyzewski

The best teams are team in any sport that lose themselves in the team.

The individuals lose their identity. And their identities come about as a result of being in the team first.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Every season is a journey. Every journey is a lifetime.

~Mike Krzyzewski

You start developing a championship attitude by, first of all, telling kids that they are really good and that they have the potential to become better.

~Mike Krzyzewski

A leader has to be positive about all things that happen to his team. Look at nothing in the past as failure.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Courage gives a leader the ability to stand straight and not sway, no matter which way the wind blows.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Effort is fully replenishable. There is no need to save any of it. Leave every bit you have on the playing field

~Mike Krzyzewski

Actually, the Kentucky moment was better than winning the two National Championships, because it was the epitome of what I try to get from a team in a crisis situation.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Believe that the loose ball that you are chasing has your name written on it.

~Mike Krzyzewski

When I went to high school, an all-boys' school, a Catholic school, I

tried out for football, and I didn't make it. It was the first time, athletically, that I was knocked down.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Even though we want huge individual egos, our collective ego is unbelievable.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Parents can really help, but they can also really hinder the development of their youngsters.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I love practice. It is when a coach exercises the most control over the improvement of his or her team.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I think you're not a human being unless you have doubts and fears.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I believe a big part of leadership is about winning the moment.

~Mike Krzyzewski

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I always won in my imagination. I always hit the game-winning shot, or I hit the free throw. Or if I missed, there was a lane violation, and I was given another one.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Whatever a leader does now sets up what he does later. And there's always a later.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Each group and each youngster is different. As a leader or coach, you get to know what they need.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Good sound habits are more important than rules - use concepts.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Growth creates complexity, which requires simplicity.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Are you going to show integrity only when someone is watching you - or are you going to show it all the time?

~Mike Krzyzewski

The person who has inspired me my whole life is my Mom, because she taught me commitment. She sacrificed.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I've been so fortunate in my life that my family has never been jealous of my success. They have shown true love and commitment to me by being supportive. They shared in it.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Never delegate. Always empower.

~Mike Krzyzewski

In developing teams, I don't believe in rules. I believe in standards. Rules don't promote teamwork, standards do

~Mike Krzyzewski

I have a plan of action, but the game is a game of adjustments.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Leaders show respect for people by giving them time.

~Mike Krzyzewski

When I was growing up, there weren't any Little Leagues in the city. Parents worked all the time. They didn't have time to take their kids out to play baseball and football.

~Mike Krzyzewski

If a team cannot perform with excellence at a moment's notice, they probably will fail in the long run.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Basketball was not my main sport in grade school, or even the first year of high school.

~Mike Krzyzewski

A common mistake among those who work in sport is spending a disproportional amount of time on "x's and o's" as compared to time spent learning about people.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Every leader needs to remember that a healthy respect for authority takes time to develop. It's like building trust. You don't instantly have trust, it has to be earned.

~Mike Krzyzewski

First of all, what happens is, when you're good at something, you spend a lot of time with it. People identify you with that sport, so it becomes part of your identity.

~Mike Krzyzewski

When you cleanse yourself of a big victory, you may open yourself up to the opportunity for an even bigger victory

~Mike Krzyzewski

Confidence shared is better than confidence only in yourself.

~Mike Krzyzewski

A leader may be the most knowledgeable person in the world, but if the players on his team cannot translate that knowledge into action, it means nothing.

~Mike Krzyzewski

A leader's responsibility to his team is paramount. It overshadows even his own personal feelings at any given time.

~Mike Krzyzewski

With me and basketball, it became part of me.

~Mike Krzyzewski

We lost, and that's the main thing that went wrong.

~Mike Krzyzewski

When I was in sixth grade, I wanted to become a priest.

~Mike Krzyzewski

When a leader takes responsibility for his own actions and mistakes, he not only sets a good example, he shows a healthy respect for people on his team

~Mike Krzyzewski

I think leadership is never singular. In a good organization, it's plural.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Embrace the hell out of personal responsibility.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I don't think we surprise people. We try to out-execute them.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Defense is one man guarding the ball and four others helping him

~Mike Krzyzewski

A leader has to show the face his team needs to see.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Leadership is an ever-evolving position.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Fun is to experience things you would not have been able to experience in any other setting.

~Mike Krzyzewski

You can see and you can listen, but you have to have moments in which you feel.

~Mike Krzyzewski

I believe work is good. There is dignity in work. I also believe that a hard-work ethic forges strong leaders.

~Mike Krzyzewski

When I had troubles, I'd go out - with basketball, you can do it by yourself, too. So you'd go out and shoot, and you'd fantasize.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Leaders have to search for the heart on a team, because the person who has it can bring out the best in everybody else.

~Mike Krzyzewski

When you first assemble a group, it's not a team right off the bat. It's only a collection of individuals

~Mike Krzyzewski

Great rivalries don't have to be built on hatred. They're built on respect,

on a respect for excellence.

~Mike Krzyzewski

A team is a fist-not five fingers.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Encourage members of your team to take the initiative and act on their own.

~Mike Krzyzewski

Don't do anything as an individual that will make you stand out from your teammates.

~Mike Krzyzewski

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