

# Orison Swett Marden Quotes

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Ambition, Nature, World, Mind, Character, Children, Hands, Successful, Believe,  
Failure, People, Thinking, Work*

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them.

~Orison Swett Marden

Learn From Yesterday, Live for Today, hope for tomorrow.

~Orison Swett Marden

There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something tomorrow.

~Orison Swett Marden

Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.

~Orison Swett Marden

We must give more in order to get more. It is the generous giving of ourselves that produces the generous harvest.

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It is like the seed put in the soil - the more one sows, the greater the harvest.

~Orison Swett Marden

Forests, lakes, and rivers, clouds and winds, stars and flowers, stupendous glaciers and crystal snowflakes - every form of animate or inanimate existence, leaves its impress upon the soul of man.

~Orison Swett Marden

The Creator has not given you a longing to do that which you have no

ability to do.

~Orison Swett Marden

The golden rule for every business man is this: 'Put yourself in your customer's place.'

~Orison Swett Marden

What keeps so many people back is simply unwillingness to pay the price, to make the exertion, the effort to sacrifice their ease and comfort.

~Orison Swett Marden

We lift ourselves by our own thought; we climb upon our vision of ourselves.

~Orison Swett Marden

Find your purpose and fling your life out to it. Find a way or make one. Try with all your might. Self-made or never made.

~Orison Swett Marden

The Universe is one great kindergarten for man. Everything that exists has brought with it its own peculiar lesson.

~Orison Swett Marden

It is psychological law that whatever we desire to accomplish we must impress upon the subjective or subconscious mind.

~Orison Swett Marden

If you want to enlarge your life, you must first enlarge your thought of it and of yourself.

~Orison Swett Marden

Joyfulness keeps the heart and face young. A good laugh makes us better friends with ourselves and everybody around us.

~Orison Swett Marden

One penny may seem to you a very insignificant thing, but it is the small seed from which fortunes spring.

~Orison Swett Marden

Most men fail, not through lack of education or agreeable personal qualities, but from lack of dogged determination, from lack of dauntless will.

~Orison Swett Marden

Deep within man dwell those slumbering powers; powers that would astonish him, that he never dreamed of possessing; forces that would revolutionize his life if aroused and put into action.

~Orison Swett Marden

Wanted, a man who will not lose his individuality in a crowd, a man who has the courage of his convictions, who is not afraid to say "No," though all the world say "Yes."

~Orison Swett Marden

A constant struggle, a ceaseless battle to bring success from inhospitable surroundings, is the price of all great achievements.

~Orison Swett Marden

All men who have achieved great things have been great dreamers.

~Orison Swett Marden

Your expectations opens or closes the doors of your supply, If you expect grand things, and work honestly for them, they will come to you, your supply will correspond with your expectation.

~Orison Swett Marden

Talk happiness. The world is sad enough without your woe.

~Orison Swett Marden

It is just the little touches after the average man would quit that make the master's fame.

~Orison Swett Marden

The golden opportunity you are seeking is in yourself. It is not in your environment; it is not in luck or chance, or the help of others; it is in yourself alone.

~Orison Swett Marden

You will always have to live with yourself, and it is to your best interest to see that you have good company - a clean, pure, straight, honest, upright, generous, magnanimous companion.

~Orison Swett Marden

It is what we do easily and what we like to do that we do well.

~Orison Swett Marden

Our thoughts and imaginations are the only real limits to our possibilities.

~Orison Swett Marden

We win half the battle when we make up our minds to take the world as we find it including the thorns.

~Orison Swett Marden

Our destiny changes with our thought; we shall become what we wish to become, do what we wish to do, when our habitual thought corresponds with our desire.

~Orison Swett Marden

It is the youth who sees a great opportunity hidden in just these simple services, who sees a very uncommon situation, a humble position, who

gets on in the world.

~Orison Swett Marden

Obstacles will look large or small to you according to whether you are large or small.

~Orison Swett Marden

Most of our obstacles would melt away if, instead of cowering before them, we should make up our minds to walk boldly through them.

~Orison Swett Marden

All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim, have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible.

~Orison Swett Marden

This is the test of your manhood: How much is there left in you after you have lost everything outside of yourself?

~Orison Swett Marden

We cannot rise higher than our thought of ourselves.

~Orison Swett Marden

Man becomes a slave to his constantly repeated acts. What he at first chooses, at last compels.

~Orison Swett Marden

No man can be ideally successful until he has found his place. Like a locomotive he is strong on the track, but weak anywhere else.

~Orison Swett Marden

There are powers inside of you which, if you could discover and use, would make of you everything you ever dreamed or imagined you could become.

~Orison Swett Marden

To think you can creates the force that can.

~Orison Swett Marden

There is no stimulus like that which comes from the consciousness of knowing that others believe in us.

~Orison Swett Marden

Conquer yourself and you can conquer everything else.

~Orison Swett Marden

A strong, successful man is not the victim of his environment. He creates favorable conditions. His own inherent force and energy compel things to turn out as he desires.

~Orison Swett Marden

Make it a life-rule to give your best to whatever passes through your hands. Stamp it with your manhood. Let superiority be your trademark.

~Orison Swett Marden

A woman who is self-reliant, positive, optimistic, and undertakes her work with the assurance of success magnetizes her condition. She draws to herself the creative powers of the universe.

~Orison Swett Marden

Absorb knowledge from every possible source and opportunity. Power gravitates to the man who knows how and why.

~Orison Swett Marden

There can be no failure to a man who has not lost his courage, his character, his self respect, or his self-confidence. He is still a King.

~Orison Swett Marden

A good system shortens the road to the goal.

~Orison Swett Marden

People do not realise the immense value of utilising spare minutes.

~Orison Swett Marden

Work, love and play are the great balance wheels of man's being.

~Orison Swett Marden

The quality of your work, in the long run, is the deciding factor on how much your services are valued by the world.

~Orison Swett Marden

When a man feels throbbing within him the power to do what he undertakes as well as it can possibly be done, this is happiness, this is success.

~Orison Swett Marden

The greatest thing a man can do in this world is to make the most possible out of the stuff that has been given him. This is success, and there is no other.

~Orison Swett Marden

Real happiness is so simple that most people do not recognize it. It is derived from the simplest, the quietest, the most unpretentious things in the world.

~Orison Swett Marden

Believe with all your heart that you will do what you were made to do.

~Orison Swett Marden

Paradise is here or nowhere: you must take your joy with you or you will never find it.

~Orison Swett Marden

We lend power to the things we fear!

~Orison Swett Marden

Begin where you are; work where you are; the hour which you are now wasting, dreaming of some far off success may be crowded with grand possibilities.

~Orison Swett Marden

Opportunities? They are all around us ... There is power lying latent everywhere waiting for the observant eye to discover it.

~Orison Swett Marden

No one has a corner on success. It is his who pays the price.

~Orison Swett Marden

Our trials, our sorrows, and our grieves develop us.

~Orison Swett Marden

Whatever our creed, we feel that no good deed can by any possibility go unrewarded, no evil deed unpunished.

~Orison Swett Marden

The best books are those which lift us to a higher plane where we breathe a purer atmosphere.

~Orison Swett Marden

Put the uncommon effort into the common task... make it large by doing it in a great way.

~Orison Swett Marden

The wearer of smiles and the bearer of a kindly disposition needs no introduction, but is welcome anywhere.

~Orison Swett Marden

Pessimism has never done anything but tear down and destroy what optimism has built up.

~Orison Swett Marden

Every great man has become great, every successful man has succeeded, in proportion as he has confined his powers to one particular channel.

~Orison Swett Marden

The secret of happiness is in a cheerful, contented mind. He is poor who is dissatisfied; he is rich who is contented with what he has, and can enjoy what others own.

~Orison Swett Marden

What are stumbling blocks and defeat to the weak and vacillating are but stepping stones to victory to the determined soul.

~Orison Swett Marden

Success is the child of drudgery and perseverance. It cannot be coaxed or bribed; pay the price and it is yours.

~Orison Swett Marden

Worry clogs the brain and paralyzes the thought. A troubled brain can not think clearly, vigorously, locally.

~Orison Swett Marden

Analyzing what you haven't got as well as what you have is a necessary ingredient of a career.

~Orison Swett Marden

There's no grander sight in the world than that of a person fired with a great purpose, dominated by one unwavering aim.

~Orison Swett Marden

We fail to see that we can control our destiny; make ourselves do whatever is possible; make ourselves become whatever we long to be.

~Orison Swett Marden

Achievement is not always success, while reputed failure often is. It is honest endeavor, persistent effort to do the best possible under any and all circumstances.

~Orison Swett Marden

The first part of success is 'Get-to-it-iveness'; the second part of success is 'Stick-to-it-iveness'.

~Orison Swett Marden

Poverty often hides her charms under an ugly mask; yet thousands have been forced into greatness by their very struggle to keep the wolf from the door.

~Orison Swett Marden

Laughter brightens the eye, increases the perspiration, expands the chest, forces the poisoned air from the least-used cells, and tends to restore that exquisite poise or balance which we call health.

~Orison Swett Marden

The best thing about giving of ourselves is that what we get is always better than what we give. The reaction is greater than the action.

~Orison Swett Marden

The man who has not learned the secret of taking the drudgery out of his task by flinging his whole soul into it, has not learned the first principles of success or happiness.

~Orison Swett Marden

But how shall I get ideas? "Keep your wits open! Observe! Observe! Study! Study! But above all, Think! Think! And when a noble image is

indelibly impressed upon the mind - Act!

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He can who thinks he can, and he can't who thinks he can't.

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If you do not feel yourself growing in your work and your life broadening and deepening, if your task is not a perpetual tonic to you, you have not found your place.

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Good cheer is a great lubricant; it oils all of life's machinery.

~Orison Swett Marden

Keep fear out of your child's mind, as you would keep poison out of his body; for fear is the deadliest of mental poisons.

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You will find the whole world will change to you when you change your attitude toward it.

~Orison Swett Marden

One of the best strengtheners of character and developers of stamina ... is to assume the part you wish to play; to assert stoutly the possession of whatever you lack.

~Orison Swett Marden

Character is a mark cut upon something, and this indelible mark determines the only true value of all people and all their work.

~Orison Swett Marden

We make the world we live in and shape our own environment.

~Orison Swett Marden

The hopeful man sees success where others see failure, sunshine where others see shadows and storm.

~Orison Swett Marden

Wisdom is knowledge which has become a part of one's being.

~Orison Swett Marden

There is no failure for the man who realizes his power, who never knows when he is beaten; there is no failure for the determined endeavor; the unconquerable will.

~Orison Swett Marden

There can be no great courage where there is no confidence or assurance, and half the battle is in the conviction that we can do what we undertake.

~Orison Swett Marden

There can be no life which does not contain something to be grateful for, and the habit of gratitude is one of the most powerful assets of success and happiness which can be named.

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Many a man has finally succeeded only because he has failed after repeated efforts. If he had never met defeat he would never have known any great victory.

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Resolve that whatever you do, you will bring the whole man to it; that

you will fling the whole weight of your being into it.

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