

Phil Jackson

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Good teams become great ones when the members trust each other enough to surrender the Me for the We.

~Phil Jackson

The strength of the team lies within the individual. And the strength of the individual lies within the team

~Phil Jackson

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.

~Phil Jackson

You can't force your will on people. If you want them to act differently, you need to inspire them to change themselves

~Phil Jackson

I won't coach this team next year if he is still here. He won't listen to anyone. I've had it with this kid.

~Phil Jackson

No one plays this or any game perfectly. It's the guy who recovers from his mistakes who wins.

~Phil Jackson

The most we can hope for is to create the best possible conditions for success, then let go of the outcome. The ride is a lot more fun that way.

~Phil Jackson

Before a vision (dream) can become a reality, it must be owned by every member of the group.

~Phil Jackson

Leadership is not about forcing your will on others. It's about mastering

the art of letting go.

~Phil Jackson

The sign of a great player is how much he elevates his colleagues' performance.

~Phil Jackson

Wisdom is always an overmatch for strength.

~Phil Jackson

Winning is important to me, but what brings me real joy is the experience of being fully engaged in whatever I'm doing.

~Phil Jackson

If you have a clear mind . . . you won't have to search for direction. Direction will come to you.

~Phil Jackson

My dad always had this little sign on his desk: 'The bigger your head is, the easier your shoes are to fill'. He really drilled that in.

~Phil Jackson

Always keep an open mind and a compassionate heart.

~Phil Jackson

I played hockey in North Dakota growing up and watch a lot of that.

~Phil Jackson

In basketball - as in life - true joy comes from being fully present in each and every moment, not just when things are going your way.

~Phil Jackson

When the mind is allowed to relax, inspiration often follows.

~Phil Jackson

A coach's main job is to reawaken a spirit in which the players can blend together effortlessly.

~Phil Jackson

I don't believe in curfews, because you can't treat men like they were boys without forfeiting a certain level of trust.

~Phil Jackson

If you give the future all your attention, the present will pass you by.

~Phil Jackson

Not only is there more to life than basketball, there's a lot more to basketball than basketball.

~Phil Jackson

Remember, Team, surrender the me for the we.

~Phil Jackson

Love is the force that ignites the spirit and binds teams together.

~Phil Jackson

Yes, victory is sweet, but it doesn't necessarily make life any easier the next season or even the next day.

~Phil Jackson

Approach the game with no preset agendas and you'll probably come away surprised at your overall efforts.

~Phil Jackson

Your problems never cease, they just change.

~Phil Jackson

You're only a success for the moment that you complete a successful act.

~Phil Jackson

If you meet the Buddha in the lane, feed him the ball.

~Phil Jackson

The greatness of Michael Jordan is his competitive drive. The weakness of Michael Jordan is his competitive drive

~Phil Jackson

An acrobatic dunk will make it onto Sports Center. A simple, unspectacular bounce pass in the rhythm of the offense will not. System basketball has been replaced by players who want to be the system.

~Phil Jackson

Basketball is a simple game. Your goal is penetration, get the ball close to the basket, and there are three ways to do that. Pass, dribble and offensive rebound.

~Phil Jackson

Basketball is sharing.

~Phil Jackson

The ideal way to win a championship is step by step.

~Phil Jackson

If we can accept whatever hand we've been dealt - no matter how unwelcome - the way to proceed eventually becomes clear.

~Phil Jackson

Basketball is a sport that involves the subtle interweaving of players at full speed to the point where they are thinking and moving as one.

~Phil Jackson

I'm a patient person. I think that's one thing that I feel comfortable I can deal with - the downfall and the errors, as long as I see progress and people trying.

~Phil Jackson

I think people forgot that there are still ways you can get the ball inside rather than just standing there and throwing the ball in. You have to have a system that makes all things work.

~Phil Jackson

I will have Derek Fisher wear all 5 of his rings the first time he comes in to talk to Carmelo.

~Phil Jackson

I'm not trying to find answers anymore. I'm trying to live what I know.

~Phil Jackson

Make your work your play and your play your work.

~Phil Jackson

My first act after being named head coach of the Bulls was to formulate a vision for the team. I had to take into account not only what I wanted to achieve, but how I was going to get there.

~Phil Jackson

The bigger your head, the easier to fill your shoes.

~Phil Jackson

I gave it my body and mind, but I have kept my soul.

~Phil Jackson

I'm not going to coach again. I've done my coaching, and I think I can put that aside.

~Phil Jackson

For us tall people, the whole key is that your hips and your knees should form a right angle when you sit down. That's where backs and hips get to be problems for big guys.

~Phil Jackson

I think the most important thing about coaching is that you have to have a sense of confidence about what you're doing.

~Phil Jackson

The real value in everything you do is in the details.

~Phil Jackson

The problem with trading dominant players of that size is you never get in return what you've bargained away.

~Phil Jackson

Everybody has an opportunity to play a role, a playmaking role, so it makes it harder to coach. It takes a little more time.

~Phil Jackson

Pau is one of the best big men in the game. I mean, Pau Gasol is going to be in the Hall of Fame.

~Phil Jackson

The road to freedom is a beautiful system

~Phil Jackson

I'm a sports-watcher. I played football and baseball, coached baseball. So I watch those things.

~Phil Jackson

The best thing that I think happened to me was I got the opportunity to have really good players and we were able to meet the demand of the competition. And I think that's what I value most.

~Phil Jackson

My accountant tells me I can't be a California resident anymore. I spend too much of my time in New York.

~Phil Jackson

Not everyone has a purpose.

~Phil Jackson

I expect a cigar.....not lit, hopefully

~Phil Jackson

Tomorrow gives a beck'ning hand-- I turn my face away; I'll not invite her to my home-- I only love Today.

~Phil Jackson

Coaching is salesmanship. Coaching is winning players over and convincing them they have to play together. It takes a team conviction to play together to make things work.

~Phil Jackson

I'm not railing, 'This is inadequate' or 'This isn't right.' Just show me what will work.

~Phil Jackson

You have to be unique.

~Phil Jackson

I thrive on challenges, and there is no more imposing challenge for someone in my profession than winning an NBA title.

~Phil Jackson

My job as a coach was to make something meaningful out of one of the most mundane activities on the planet: playing pro basketball.

~Phil Jackson

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