

Philippe Petit

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Should, Way*

I don't have a career, I have a life. Don't think of a career, think about your passion and look for inspiration.

~Philippe Petit

It's impossible, that's for sure. So let's start working.

~Philippe Petit

You must not fall. / When you lose your balance, resist for a long time before turning yourself toward the earth. Then jump. / You must not force yourself to stay steady. You must move forward.

~Philippe Petit

Whenever other worlds invite us, whenever we are balancing on the boundaries of our limited human condition, that's where life starts, that's where you start feeling yourself living.

~Philippe Petit

Limits exist only in the souls of those who do not dream.

~Philippe Petit

I focus, I invent, I transform, I challenge, I attempt, I observe, I perform.

~Philippe Petit

Passion is the model of all my actions.

~Philippe Petit

When you are a young person, the world is yours. You can do the impossible.

~Philippe Petit

I know it's impossible. But I know I'll do it!

~Philippe Petit

Why does almost every ad agency in the world set the time on a watch

at 10:10 before photographing it?

~Philippe Petit

Death frames the high wire. But I don't see myself as taking risks. I do all of the preparations that a non-death seeker would do.

~Philippe Petit

The essential thing is to etch movements in the sky, movements so still they leave no trace. The essential thing is simplicity. / That is why the long path to perfection is horizontal.

~Philippe Petit

On one side, the mass of a mountain. A life I know. On the other, the universe of the clouds, so full of unknown that it seems empty to us. Too much space.

~Philippe Petit

Life should be lived on the edge of life.

~Philippe Petit

If I die, what a beautiful death.

~Philippe Petit

The practical answer is, no it would be totally impossible for young or foreign people to get access to roof of a building that stands in the heart of a giant city and to put a cable across.

~Philippe Petit

Wirewalker, trust your feet! Let them lead you; they know the way.

~Philippe Petit

I am the poet of the high wire - I never do stunts; I do theatrical performances.

~Philippe Petit

I was not born into the world of the stuntman and the daredevil; I was born into the world of theater and writing and sculpting and classical music.

~Philippe Petit

When I perform outside, the major problem that could arise is strong wind. I spend months preparing for the types of wind that occur in different locations.

~Philippe Petit

Improvisation is empowering because it welcomes the unknown. And since what's impossible is always unknown, it allows me to believe I can cheat the impossible.

~Philippe Petit

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