

Stephen Covey

Quotes

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I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions.

~Stephen Covey

To achieve goals you've never achieved before, you need to start doing things you've never done before.

~Stephen Covey

The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities.

~Stephen Covey

Integrity is conforming reality to our words - in other words, keeping promises and fulfilling expectations.

~Stephen Covey

Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important.

~Stephen Covey

Live out of your imagination, not your history.

~Stephen Covey

Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships.

~Stephen Covey

Make small commitments and keep them. Be a light, not a judge. Be a model, not a critic. Be a part of the solution, not the problem.

~Stephen Covey

Our ultimate freedom is the right and power to decide how anybody or anything outside ourselves will affect us.

~Stephen Covey

When you really listen to another person from their point of view, and reflect back to them that understanding, it's like giving them emotional oxygen.

~Stephen Covey

Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.

~Stephen Covey

Improve relationships with others by assuming that they can hear everything you say about them

~Stephen Covey

There are three constants in life... change, choice and principles.

~Stephen Covey

Seek first to understand, then to be understood.

~Stephen Covey

You can retire from a job, but don't ever retire from making extremely meaningful contributions in life.

~Stephen Covey

The need to leave a legacy is our spiritual need to have a sense of meaning, purpose, personal congruence, and contribution.

~Stephen Covey

We judge ourselves by our intentions. And others by their actions.

~Stephen Covey

Live your life by a compass, not a clock.

~Stephen Covey

Each of us guard a gate of change that can only be opened from the inside.

~Stephen Covey

If the ladder is not leaning against the right wall, every step we take just gets us to the wrong place faster.

~Stephen Covey

Begin with the end in mind.

~Stephen Covey

Happiness, like unhappiness, is a proactive choice.

~Stephen Covey

What you do has far greater impact than what you say.

~Stephen Covey

Nothing is more exciting and bonding in relationships than creating together.

~Stephen Covey

Beginners are many; finishers are few.

~Stephen Covey

To touch the soul of another human being is to walk on holy ground.

~Stephen Covey

Life is not accumulation, it is about contribution.

~Stephen Covey

Leadership is a choice, not a position

~Stephen Covey

We immediately become more effective when we decide to change

ourselves rather than asking things to change for us.

~Stephen Covey

We are not animals. We are not a product of what has happened to us in our past. We have the power of choice.

~Stephen Covey

Unless you're continually improving your skills, you're quickly becoming irrelevant.

~Stephen Covey

You can learn great things from your mistakes when you aren't busy denying them.

~Stephen Covey

A moment of choice is a moment of truth.

~Stephen Covey

Synergy: The combined effect of individuals in collaboration that exceeds the sum of their individual effects.

~Stephen Covey

Motivation is a fire from within. If someone else tries to light that fire under you, chances are it will burn very briefly.

~Stephen Covey

Attending church does not necessarily mean living the principles taught in those meeting. You can be active in a church but inactive in its gospel.

~Stephen Covey

The key is in not spending time, but in investing it.

~Stephen Covey

A moment of choice is a moment of truth. It's the testing point of our character and competence.

~Stephen Covey

Synergy is better than my way or your way. It's our way.

~Stephen Covey

The most important ingredient we put into any relationship is not what we say or what we do, but what we are.

~Stephen Covey

Almost all of the world-class athletes and other peak performers are visualizers. They see it; they feel it; they experience it before they actually do it. They begin with the end in mind.

~Stephen Covey

See every problem as an opportunity to exercise creative energy.

~Stephen Covey

Role modeling is the most basic responsibility of parents. Parents are handing life's scripts to their children, scripts that in all likelihood will be acted out for the rest of the children's lives.

~Stephen Covey

The essence of synergy is to value differences-to respect them, to build on strengths, to compensate for weaknesses

~Stephen Covey

When you show deep empathy toward others, their defensive energy goes down, and positive energy replaces it. That's when you can get more creative in solving problems.

~Stephen Covey

As long as you think the problem is out there, that very thought is the

problem

~Stephen Covey

The problems in life come when we're sowing one thing and expecting to reap something entirely different.

~Stephen Covey

Every human has four endowments - self awareness, conscience, independent will and creative imagination. These give us the ultimate human freedom... The power to choose, to respond, to change.

~Stephen Covey

It is possible to be busy-very busy-without being very effective.

~Stephen Covey

We see the world, not as it is, but as we areâ”€”or, as we are conditioned to see it.

~Stephen Covey

Prepare your mind and heart before you prepare your speech . What we say may be less important than how we say it.

~Stephen Covey

What does it matter how much we do if what we're doing isn't what matters most?

~Stephen Covey

It doesn't really matter how fast you're going if you're heading in the wrong direction.

~Stephen Covey

We must never be too busy to take time to sharpen the saw.

~Stephen Covey

Little kindness and courtesies are so important. In relationships, the little things are the big things.

~Stephen Covey

The key is taking responsibility and initiative, deciding what your life is about and prioritizing your life around the most important things.

~Stephen Covey

Trust is the highest form of human motivation. It brings out the very best in people. But it takes time and patience.

~Stephen Covey

Humility is the mother of all virtues, courage the father, integrity the child and wisdom the grandchild.

~Stephen Covey

Strength lies in differences, not in similarities

~Stephen Covey

By behaving in ways that build trust with one, you build trust with many.

~Stephen Covey

If you put good people in bad systems you get bad results. You have to water the flowers you want to grow.

~Stephen Covey

Free your heart from hatred - forgive. Free your mind from worries - most never happen. Live simply and appreciate what you have. Give more. Expect less.

~Stephen Covey

Interdependence is a choice only independent people can make

~Stephen Covey

Writing is another powerful way to sharpen the mental saw. Keeping a journal of our thoughts, experiences, insights, and learnings promotes mental clarity, exactness, and context.

~Stephen Covey

Personal leadership is the process of keeping your vision and values before you and aligning your life to be congruent with them.

~Stephen Covey

When you make a commitment to yourself, do so with the clear understanding that you're pledging your integrity.

~Stephen Covey

Most leaders would agree that they'd be better off having an average strategy with superb execution than a superb strategy with poor execution. Those who execute always have the upper hand.

~Stephen Covey

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

~Stephen Covey

Synergy is the highest activity of life; it creates new untapped alternatives; it values and exploits the mental, emotional, and psychological differences between people.

~Stephen Covey

Difference is the beginning of synergy.

~Stephen Covey

The more deeply you understand other people, the more you will appreciate them, the more reverent you will feel about them. To touch the soul of another human being is to walk on holy ground.

~Stephen Covey

Almost every significant breakthrough is the result of a courageous break with traditional ways of thinking.

~Stephen Covey

Always treat your employees exactly as you want them to treat your best customers.

~Stephen Covey

Interdependent people combine their own efforts with the efforts of others to achieve their greatest success.

~Stephen Covey

Our greatest joy and our greatest pain comes in our relationships with others.

~Stephen Covey

The way we see the problem is the problem.

~Stephen Covey

Link yourself to your potential, not to your past.

~Stephen Covey

We are free to choose our actions, . . . but we are not free to choose the consequences of these actions.

~Stephen Covey

The more involved you are, the more significant your learning will be.

~Stephen Covey

The greatest risk is the risk of riskless living.

~Stephen Covey

Give no answer to contentious arguments or irresponsible accusations. Let such things "fly out open windows" until they spend themselves.

~Stephen Covey

If we keep doing what we're doing, we're going to keep getting what we're getting.

~Stephen Covey

When the trust account is high, communication is easy, instant, and effective.

~Stephen Covey

Without involvement, there is no commitment. Mark it down, asterisk it, circle it, underline it. No involvement, no commitment.

~Stephen Covey

We develop our character muscles by overcoming challenges and obstacles.

~Stephen Covey

Stop setting goals. Goals are pure fantasy unless you have a specific plan to achieve them.

~Stephen Covey

The key to growth is to learn to make promises and to keep them.

~Stephen Covey

Where you are headed is more important than how fast you are going. Rather than always focusing on what's urgent, learn to focus on what is really important.

~Stephen Covey

Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder is leaning against the right wall.

~Stephen Covey

Most people struggle with life balance simply because they haven't paid the price to decide what is really important to them.

~Stephen Covey

If you want to be trusted, be trustworthy.

~Stephen Covey

Self-awareness involves deep personal honesty. It comes from asking and answering hard questions.

~Stephen Covey

It's not what people do to us that hurts us. In the most fundamental sense, it is our chosen response to what they do to us that hurts us.

~Stephen Covey

Be a light, not a judge. Be a model, not a critic

~Stephen Covey

Don't argue for other people's weaknesses. Don't argue for your own. When you make a mistake, admit it, correct it, and learn from it / immediately.

~Stephen Covey

Anyone can count the seeds of an apple. Who can count the apples in a seed?

~Stephen Covey

Security represents your sense of worth, your identity, your emotional anchorage, your self-esteem, your basic personal strength or lack of it.

~Stephen Covey

Internal victories precede external victories.

~Stephen Covey

All things are created twice; first mentally; then physically. The key to creativity is to begin with the end in mind, with a vision and a blue print of the desired result.

~Stephen Covey

The undisciplined are slaves to moods, appetites and passions

~Stephen Covey

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