

# Tim Ferriss Quotes

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What we fear doing most is usually what we most need to do.

~Tim Ferriss

If you don't have time, the truth is, you don't have priorities. Think harder; don't work harder.

~Tim Ferriss

It isn't enough to think outside the box. Thinking is passive. Get used to acting outside the box.

~Tim Ferriss

The best way to counter-attack a hater is to make it blatantly obvious that their attack has had no impact on you.

~Tim Ferriss

The way we measure productivity is flawed. People checking their BlackBerry over dinner is not the measure of productivity.

~Tim Ferriss

I'll repeat something you might consider tattooing on your forehead: What we fear doing most is usually what we most need to do.

~Tim Ferriss

That's precisely the question everyone should be asking-why the hell not? - Why not you, why not now.

~Tim Ferriss

Luxury, to me, is not owning a lot of stuff. Luxury, to me, is feeling unrushed.

~Tim Ferriss

Money doesn't change you; it reveals who you are when you no longer have to be nice.

~Tim Ferriss

Slow down and remember this: Most things make no difference. Being busy is a form of mental laziness-lazy thinking and indiscriminate action.

~Tim Ferriss

Being selective-doing less-is the path of the productive. Focus on the important few and ignore the rest.

~Tim Ferriss

Tomorrow becomes never. No matter how small the task, take the first step now!

~Tim Ferriss

Three ingredients of luxury lifestyle design are time, income, and mobility.

~Tim Ferriss

The question you should be asking isn't, "What do I want?" or "What are my goals?" but "What would excite me?"

~Tim Ferriss

The best way to improve mental performance, is to improve physical performance

~Tim Ferriss

Believe it or not, it is not only possible to accomplish more by doing less, it is mandatory. Enter the world of elimination.

~Tim Ferriss

Reality is negotiable.

~Tim Ferriss

There are two components that are fundamental to enjoy life and feel good about yourself: continual learning and service.

~Tim Ferriss

If you are insecure, guess what? The rest of the world is, too.

~Tim Ferriss

Do not overestimate the competition and underestimate yourself. You are better than you think.

~Tim Ferriss

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Lack of time is actually lack of priorities.

~Tim Ferriss

Are you better off than you were one year ago, one month ago, or one week ago? If not, things will not improve by themselves.

~Tim Ferriss

One can steal ideas, but no one can steal execution or passion.

~Tim Ferriss

Focus on impact, not approval. If you believe you can change the world, which I hope you do, do what you believe is right and expect resistance and expect attackers. Keep calm and carry on!

~Tim Ferriss

If only I had more money is the easiest way to postpone the intense self-examination and decision-making necessary to create a life of enjoyment - now and not later.

~Tim Ferriss

Which 20% of sources are causing 80% of my problems and unhappiness? Which 20% of sources are resulting in 80% of my

desired outcomes and happiness?

~Tim Ferriss

A person's success in life can usually be measured by the number of uncomfortable conversations he or she is willing to have.

~Tim Ferriss

Emphasize strengths, don't fix weaknesses.

~Tim Ferriss

Uncertainty and the prospect of failure can be very scary noises in the shadows. Most people will choose unhappiness over uncertainty.

~Tim Ferriss

To do the impossible, you need to ignore the popular.

~Tim Ferriss

An entrepreneur isn't someone who owns a business, it's someone who makes things happen.

~Tim Ferriss

Nothing can match the wonderment that comes from staring up into the star-filled canopy above and realizing that you are a part of that creation.

~Tim Ferriss

Learn to be difficult when it counts. In school as in life, having a reputation for being assertive will help you receive preferential treatment without having to beg or fight for it every time.

~Tim Ferriss

The biggest misconception about work is that you need to spend the majority of your time doing it.

~Tim Ferriss

You can lose money and make it back, you can't do that with time.

~Tim Ferriss

The most important actions are never comfortable.

~Tim Ferriss

If it's important to you and you want to do it 'eventually', just do it and correct course along the way.

~Tim Ferriss

Poisonous people do not deserve your time. To think otherwise is masochistic.

~Tim Ferriss

Slowing down doesn't mean accomplishing less; it means cutting out counterproductive distractions and the perception of being rushed.

~Tim Ferriss

Age doesn't matter. An open mind does.

~Tim Ferriss

What you do is infinitely more important than how you do it.

~Tim Ferriss

Think big and don't listen to people who tell you it can't be done. Life's too short to think small.

~Tim Ferriss

If we define risk as 'the likelihood of an irreversible negative outcome,' inaction is the greatest risk of all.

~Tim Ferriss

Luxury is feeling unrushed. It is designing a life that allows you to do what you want with high leverage, with many options, all while feeling

unrushed.

~Tim Ferriss

Dreamlining is so named because it applies timelines to what most would consider dreams.

~Tim Ferriss

The fishing is best where the fewest go. There is just less competition for bigger goals.

~Tim Ferriss

There are no statues erected to critics.

~Tim Ferriss

Short, sweet, and to the point. Clear writing, and therefore clear commands, comes from clear thinking. Think simple.

~Tim Ferriss

People are fond of using the its not what you know, its who you know adage as an excuse for inaction, as if all successful people are born with powerful friends. Nonsense.

~Tim Ferriss

If you don't have time, you don't have priorities.

~Tim Ferriss

Life is too short to be small.

~Tim Ferriss

Many a false step was made by standing still.

~Tim Ferriss

For all their bitching about what's holding them back, most people have a lot of trouble coming up with the defined dreams they're being held

from.

~Tim Ferriss

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~Tim Ferriss

The goal is not to simply eliminate the bad, which does nothing more than leave you with a vacuum, but to pursue and experience the best in the world.

~Tim Ferriss

Pacifists become militants. Freedom fighters become tyrants. Blessings become curses. Help becomes hindrance. More becomes less.

~Tim Ferriss

Creating demand is hard. Filling demand is easier. Don't create a product, then seek someone to sell it to. Find a market - define your customers - then find or develop a product for them.

~Tim Ferriss

Excitement is the more practical synonym for happiness, and it is precisely what you should strive to chase. It is the cure-all.

~Tim Ferriss

For uncommon solutions, you have to look in uncommon places.

~Tim Ferriss

Just a few words on time management: forget all about it.

~Tim Ferriss

To enjoy life, you don't need fancy nonsense, but you do need to control your time and realize that most things just aren't as serious as you make them out to be.

~Tim Ferriss



In a digital world, there are numerous technologies that we are attached to that create infinite interruption.

~Tim Ferriss

Get good at being a troublemaker and saying sorry when you really screw up

~Tim Ferriss

Awareness, even at a subconscious level, beats fancy checklists without it, track or you will fail.

~Tim Ferriss

Requiring a lot of time does not make a task important.

~Tim Ferriss

There is a direct correlation between an increased sphere of comfort and getting what you want.

~Tim Ferriss

I work hard, but in spurts.

~Tim Ferriss

Focus on being productive instead of busy.

~Tim Ferriss

Just as modern man consumes both too many calories and calories of no nutritional value, information workers eat data both in excess and from the wrong sources.

~Tim Ferriss

People don't want to be millionaires - they want to experience what they believe only millions can buy.

~Tim Ferriss

I value self-discipline, but creating systems that make it next to impossible to misbehave is more reliable than self-control.

~Tim Ferriss

The key to having more time is doing less, and there are two paths to get there, both of which should be used together: (1) Define a short to-do list and (2) define a not-to-do list.

~Tim Ferriss

Being busy is a form of laziness - lazy thinking and indiscriminate action. Being busy is most often used as a guise for avoiding the few critically important but uncomfortable actions.

~Tim Ferriss

Ninety-nine percent of people believe they can't do great things, so they aim for mediocrity.

~Tim Ferriss

Sometimes you need to go on a low-information diet.

~Tim Ferriss

I do not equate productivity to happiness. For most people, happiness in life is a massive amount of achievement plus a massive amount of appreciation. And you need both of those things.

~Tim Ferriss

World barista champions use the AeroPress to make coffee on the folding tray tables of airplanes.

~Tim Ferriss

Being efficient without regard to effectiveness is the default mode of the universe.

~Tim Ferriss

Happiness has a very short half-life.

~Tim Ferriss

People who avoid all criticism fail. It's destructive criticism we need to avoid, not criticism in all forms.

~Tim Ferriss

The fishing is best where the fewest go and the collective insecurity of the world makes it easy for people to hit home runs while everyone is aiming for base hits.

~Tim Ferriss

I really feel like knife skills - not just in the kitchen, but in life - are really critical.

~Tim Ferriss

Massive elimination is the most important step and the most neglected step for entrepreneurs.

~Tim Ferriss

The opposite of love is indifference, and the opposite of happiness is boredom.

~Tim Ferriss

Someday is a dis-ease that will take your dreams to the grave with you.

~Tim Ferriss

Don't suffer fools or you'll become one.

~Tim Ferriss

Information is useless if it is not applied to something important or if you will forget it before you have a chance to apply it.

~Tim Ferriss

It's amazing how someone's IQ seems to double as soon as you give them responsibility and indicate that you trust them.

~Tim Ferriss

Avoid results-by volume approach, instead focus on few critically important but uncomfortable actions.

~Tim Ferriss

I'm prepared to do battle for a dream that is worth dreaming.

~Tim Ferriss

Personally, I now aim for one month of overseas relocation or high-intensity learning (tango, fighting, whatever) for every two months of work projects.

~Tim Ferriss

There are two types of mistakes: mistakes of ambition and mistakes of sloth.

~Tim Ferriss

Fun things happen when you earn dollars, live on pesos, and compensate in rupees.

~Tim Ferriss

The universe doesn't conspire against you, but it doesn't go out of its way to line up the pins either. Conditions are never perfect.

~Tim Ferriss

The first thing I would do for anyone who's trying to lose body fat, for instance, would be to remove foods from the house that he or she would consume during lapses of self-control.

~Tim Ferriss

The decent method you follow is better than the perfect method you

quit.

~Tim Ferriss

Never check email first thing in the morning. Instead, complete your most important task before 11:00 A.M. to avoid using lunch or reading email as a postponement excuse.

~Tim Ferriss

Simplicity requires ruthlessness.

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