

Tony Dungy Quotes

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Integrity doesn't come in degrees: low, medium, or high. You either have integrity or you don't.

~Tony Dungy

It's about the journey--mine and yours--and the lives we can touch, the legacy we can leave, and the world we can change for the better.

~Tony Dungy

You can't always control circumstances. However, you can always control your attitude, approach, and response.

~Tony Dungy

The secret to success is good leadership, and good leadership is all about making the lives of your team members or workers better.

~Tony Dungy

We often can't see what God is doing in our lives, but God sees the whole picture and His plan for us clearly.

~Tony Dungy

Success is uncommon and not to be enjoyed by the common man. I'm looking for uncommon people because we want to be successful, not average.

~Tony Dungy

I said all along that God is in control.

~Tony Dungy

A good leader gets people to follow him because they want to, not because he makes them.

~Tony Dungy

Things will go wrong at times. You can't always control your attitude, approach, and response. Your options are to complain or to look ahead

and figure out how to make the situation better

~Tony Dungy

Courage is the ability to do the right thing, all the time, no matter how painful or uncomfortable it might be.

~Tony Dungy

People look at me and see a calm, cool guy on the sidelines and I want them to know that my Christian faith affects my coaching and everything I do.

~Tony Dungy

Our goal was to win, to win a Super Bowl, but also to win in the right way, to be role models to our community, to represent Indianapolis, the state of Indiana and the National Football League.

~Tony Dungy

Anyone who's a parent dreads that call in the middle of the night. I have four grown children and I still dread it.

~Tony Dungy

Take a moment to think about your answer to this question: Am I prepared to have great success and not get any credit for it?

~Tony Dungy

It's the journey that matters. Learning is more important than the test. Practice well, and the games will take care of themselves.

~Tony Dungy

Remember that mentor leadership is all about serving. Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

~Tony Dungy

Integrity is what you do when no one is watching; its doing the right thing all the time, even when it may work to your disadvantage.

~Tony Dungy

How you use the opportunities your given to affect the world around you will determine the legacy you leave behind.

~Tony Dungy

You don't win on emotion. You win on execution.

~Tony Dungy

You need togetherness because you don't always win, and you have got to hang though together

~Tony Dungy

DON'T FEAR FAILURE. Fear being successful at things that don't matter

~Tony Dungy

Your life has been intentionally designed by God to have a uniquely significant and eternal impact on the world around you.

~Tony Dungy

I am a firm believer that the Lord sometimes has to short-circuit even our best plans for our benefit.

~Tony Dungy

We are all role models to someone in this world, and we can all have an impact - for good.

~Tony Dungy

If we lose sight of people, we lose sight of the very purpose of leadership.

~Tony Dungy

The Lord has a plan. We always think the plans are A, B, C and D, and everything is going to be perfect for us and it may not be that way, but it's still His plan.

~Tony Dungy

Long-term success requires faith-faith that your efforts to plan and execute the process will lead to the desired outcome.

~Tony Dungy

Nothing does more to lubricate the rough spots than a good dose of encouragement.

~Tony Dungy

I need to treat everybody fairly, but fair doesn't always mean equal.

~Tony Dungy

Be successful not just in what you do, but in who you are.

~Tony Dungy

Character is the glue that bonds solid and meaningful relationships

~Tony Dungy

For some reason the football coach of a major college program is seen as one of the leaders of the campus. And some way we have to let our young people know that that leader can look like anyone.

~Tony Dungy

And as a football coach in the National Football League, I know for sure that it's going to end someday.

~Tony Dungy

If you're a leader, people's lives should be better because of the influence you've had along the way.

~Tony Dungy

The best solution for falling just short of the goal is to focus on the fundamentals but perform them better.

~Tony Dungy

Sometimes I think God wants there to be a circus so we can show there's another way to respond.

~Tony Dungy

Integrity, the choice between what's convenient and what's right.

~Tony Dungy

You never know what's going to happen. My mother was an English teacher. If someone had told her that I was going to write a book, she would never have believed that. So you can never say never.

~Tony Dungy

God's definition of success is really one of the significant differences our lives can make in the lives of others.

~Tony Dungy

Part of our purpose in life is to build a legacy - a consistent pattern of building into the lives of others.

~Tony Dungy

We have a number of difficulties facing our nation, but I believe fatherlessness is right at the top of the list.

~Tony Dungy

But there's no substitute for a full-time dad. Dads who are fully engaged with their kids overwhelmingly tend to produce children who believe in themselves and live full lives.

~Tony Dungy

He's probably the hardest-working guy I've been around who has great

ability. Overachievers work hard because they have to. Peyton has rare talent, but chooses to push himself like he doesn't.

~Tony Dungy

If we have trouble hearing Him, He will faithfully work in our lives until we are pointed in the direction He wants us to go.

~Tony Dungy

I just don't think you pass on a great quarterback if you have the opportunity. If need be, you can trade it away.

~Tony Dungy

I realized that I needed to be more like the shepherd than the hired hand in protecting my team.

~Tony Dungy

Winning would create greater potential for change than talk alone.

~Tony Dungy

I needed to do my current job well, keep preparing, and wait on God's timing. I needed to trust His leadership rather than try to force an outcome I wanted.

~Tony Dungy

The first thing you have to do is make sure you're still wanted back. I never take that for granted any more.

~Tony Dungy

There are weaknesses that you have to understand and it takes a lot of discipline for the players to be able to play it effectively and have confidence in what they're doing.

~Tony Dungy

Everybody needs encouragement, even when things are going well.

~Tony Dungy

What's important is not the accolades and memories of success but the way you respond when opportunities are denied.

~Tony Dungy

Remember that mentor leadership is all about serving.

~Tony Dungy

Once we had become locked in on a schedule, he (Coach Denny Green) often created a disruption (artificial adversity) to that schedule just to see how guys would respond.

~Tony Dungy

Pain prompts us to change behavior that is destructive to ourselves or to others. Pain can be a highly effective instructor.

~Tony Dungy

You can have an impact anywhere you are.

~Tony Dungy

Stubbornness is a virtue if you are right.

~Tony Dungy

The first step toward creating an improved future is developing the ability to envision it.

~Tony Dungy

I talk to our players about life and situations and doing the right thing all the time.

~Tony Dungy

No excuses. No explanations.

~Tony Dungy

I could never have pictured myself writing a book when I was 25 years old. My mom was an English teacher but I wasn't that way growing up.

~Tony Dungy

When I was young, I didn't like to read. I would have much rather been outside doing something than been inside reading about it.

~Tony Dungy

It's just really making sure I am doing the best job I can do as a dad. I do think that is my No. 1 job.

~Tony Dungy

I guess I'm flattered that people think I can help get things done.

~Tony Dungy

As a father of seven kids, and been a kid myself at one point, I realize you don't always make the best decisions every time out. And life is a learning experience.

~Tony Dungy

And if God has given you a lot of ability, I believe you should be held to a higher level of expectation.

~Tony Dungy

Once a player joins our team, our priority is to teach him, not worry about the player we didn't select.

~Tony Dungy

We believed it was not our formations that made us good, but rather how we played.

~Tony Dungy

False modesty is an attempt to tear yourself down. True humility focuses more on build up others.

~Tony Dungy

We wanted guys who had been productive in college, and we made it a point to pick performance over potential.

~Tony Dungy

We have a whole generation of men who don't understand how much they mean to their kids.

~Tony Dungy

You have gifts, abilities, and dreams no one else has.

~Tony Dungy

First, there is no typical grief cycle, and second, it's not something I went through. I'm still grieving.

~Tony Dungy

God allows us to feel pain for a reason: to protect us.

~Tony Dungy

When it's over, it's over is part of football's greatest appeal to me. When a game ends, win or lose, it's time to prepare for the next one.

~Tony Dungy

I have yet to hear God's audible voice, although I have often felt led by God in more subtle ways.

~Tony Dungy

I was not asked whether I would have a problem having Michael Sam on my team. I would not.

~Tony Dungy

It's easy to lose sight of the ultimate goal when you're in the trenches.

~Tony Dungy

But I know I have a son who doesn't listen to anything I say and if he hears the same thing from someone else, sometimes it has a little more impact.

~Tony Dungy

They were unwillingly to give 100 percent if they didn't personally think it was important. What you don't understand is the champions know it's all important.

~Tony Dungy

Don't worry about your platform; focus on your impact.

~Tony Dungy

If you're just saying, hey, I'm doing this. I'm working to make money. I'm working to increase my status. If that's all there is, I think you will find out that it's meaningless.

~Tony Dungy

I think there are times when I believe God welcomes the circus into our lives to give us an opportunity to show that there's another way to live and respond to things.

~Tony Dungy

At some point in life's journey, professionally and personally, we have to be able to trust our preparation.

~Tony Dungy

I've always tried to coach people the way I would like to be coached; positively and encouragingly rather than with criticism and fear ... I've tried to be as fair as possible.

~Tony Dungy

The fundamental keys to the culture of any organization can only be achieved when everyone is on the same page.

~Tony Dungy

I was able to look at football as something that God was allowing me to do, not something that should define me. I couldn't take my identity from this sport.

~Tony Dungy

There's a difference between making incremental improvements and making sweeping changes that take you away from your core values.

~Tony Dungy

Avoidance doesn't solve anything; it merely serves as a temporary salve.

~Tony Dungy

If we do what we do without panicking, we can accomplish great things.

~Tony Dungy

What you do is not as important as how you do it.

~Tony Dungy

I enjoy watching football on TV. Many times I can visualize the whole field, even on the TV screen, because I still know enough about what the teams are doing.

~Tony Dungy

Don't shed any tears for me. I got to live a dream most people don't get to live.

~Tony Dungy

Change isn't always bad; we should always be learning and improving. But the change I was seeing involved principles, not procedures.

~Tony Dungy

I can't very well preach unity and tell the guys we're all in this together and everyone's important, then cut a guy because we might improve by one percent if we bring in someone else.

~Tony Dungy

We only wanted to pay significant sums to keep truly special players.

~Tony Dungy

The further I get away from coaching, the more I know I made the right decision. You almost forget how wonderful family life is.

~Tony Dungy

I had 10 to 12 close buddies who I played ball with all the way from elementary to high school. That is where I learned to compete.

~Tony Dungy

I would want America to know our kids need us. Spend as much time with your kids as you can. Enjoy them. Be with them. Hug your children; You never know when it will be the last time.

~Tony Dungy

Gay marriage and who should be on a football team have nothing to do with each other.

~Tony Dungy

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