

PERSEVERANCE

Constancy, Diligence, Persistence and Tenacity

1. ESSENCE

- 3597 Water continually dropping will wear hard rocks hollow.
Plutarch (46-120 A.D.)
- 3598 Many strokes, though with a little axe,
Hew down and fell the hardest timbered oak.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 3599 He who does not tire, tires adversity.
Tupper (1810-1889)

2. OPPOSITES

- 3600 Those who gave thee a body, furnished it with weakness;
but He who gave thee Soul, armed thee with resolution.
Employ it, and thou art wise; be wise and thou art happy.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 3601 Good fortune and misfortune take effect through
perseverance. The way of heaven and earth becomes visible
through perseverance. The way of sun and moon become bright
through perseverance. All movements under heaven become
uniform through perseverance.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 3602 'Tis known by the name of perseverance in a good cause-
and of obstinacy in a bad one.
Sterne (1713-1768)
- 3603 The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is:
that one often comes from a strong will,
and the other from a strong won't.
Beecher (1813-1878)
- 3604 There is no royal road to anything.
One thing at a time, all things in succession.
That which grows fast withers rapidly;
That which grows slowly endures.
Josiah Holland (1819-1881)

3. INSIGHT

- 3605 Some men give up their designs when they have almost
reached the goal; while others, on the contrary, obtain
a victory by exerting, at the last moment, more vigorous
efforts than before.
Polybius (B.C. 203?-120)

- 3606 Perseverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little.
Plutarch (46-120 A.D.)
- 3607 It is with many enterprises as with striking fire; we do not meet with success except by reiterated efforts, and often at the instant when we despaired of success.
Francoise de Maintenon (1635-1719)
- 3608 What we hope ever to do with ease, we must first learn to do with diligence.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 3609 The bird that flutters least is longest on the wing.
Cowper (1731-1800)
- 3610 There are two ways of attaining an important end: force and perseverance. Force falls to the lot only of the privileged few, but austere and sustained perseverance can be practised by the most insignificant. Its silent power grows irresistible with time.
Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)
- 3611 We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough.
Helen Keller (1880-1968)

4. POSITIVE

- 3612 As a camel beareth labor, and heat, and hunger, and thirst, through deserts of sand, and fainteth not; so the fortitude of a man shall sustain him through all perils.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 3613 Diligence increases the fruit of toil. A dilatory man ever wrestles with losses.
Hesiod (B.C. 800?)
- 3614 Endurance is one of the most difficult disciplines, but it is to the one who endures that the final victory comes.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 3615 Happy are those that persevere to the end, for they shall inherit the earth.
Jesus (B.C. 6?-30? A.D.)

- 3616 He will reward them, on account of their having persevered, with a garden and silk dress: reclining therein upon thrones, they shall not see either the sun or biting cold, and the shades of the garden shall be close upon them, and its fruits shall be within easy reach.
Koran (c. 651 A.D.)
- 3617 Diligence is the mother of good fortune.
Cervantes (1547-1616)
- 3618 The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of ordinary qualities. These may for the most part be summed up in these two - commonsense and perseverance.
Owen Feltham (1602-1668)
- 3619 Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance. Yonder palace was raised by single stones, yet you see its height and spaciousness. He that shall walk with vigor three hours a day will pass in seven years a space equal to the circumference of the globe.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 3620 The nerve that never relaxes, the eye that never blanches, the thought that never wanders, the purpose that never wavers - these are the masters of victory.
Burke (1729-1797)
- 3621 Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air.
John Quincy Adams (1767-1848)
- 3622 Victory belongs to the most persevering.
Napoleon (1769-1821)
- 3623 Constancy is the complement of all other human virtues.
Giuseppe Mazzini (1805-1872)

5. NEGATIVE

- 3624 Perseverance alone does not assure success. No amount of stalking will lead to game in a field that has none.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 3625 Perseverance merits neither blame nor praise; it is only the duration of our inclinations and sentiments, which we can neither create nor extinguish.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

3626 Perseverance - A lowly virtue whereby mediocrity achieves
an inglorious success.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914?)

6. ADVICE

3627 No plain not followed by a slope.
No going not followed by a return.
He who remains persevering in danger is without blame.
Do not complain about this truth;
Enjoy the good fortune you still possess.

I Ching (B.C. 1150?)

3628 Prefer diligence before idleness,
unless you esteem rust above brightness.

Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)

3629 He who labors diligently need never despair;
for all things are accomplished by diligence and labor.

Menander (B.C. 342-291)

3630 Always at it wins the day.

Thomas E. Watson (1557-1592)

3631 An enterprise, when fairly once begun,
should not be left till all that ought is won.

Shakespeare (1564-1616)

3632 Resolve to perform what you ought;
perform without fail what you resolve.

Franklin (1706-1790)

3633 Never despair; but if you do, work on in despair.

Burke (1729-1797)

3634 The secret of success is constancy of purpose.

Disraeli (1804-1881)

3635 Patience and perseverance are essential in the inner fight.
The higher self's war with the lower self is a great
struggle. Develop these two virtues to a maximum degree
and strengthen them by all manner of intelligent discipline
and constant exercise.

Sivananda (born 1887)

7. POTPOURRI

3636 Through perils both of wind and limb,
Through thick and thin she followed him.

Samuel Butler (1612-1680)

- 3637 Diligence is the mother of good luck, and God gives all things to industry. Work while it is called to-day, for you know not how much you may be hindered by tomorrow. One to-day is worth two tomorrows; never leave that till to-morrow which you can do to-day.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 3638 No rock so hard but a little wave may beat admission in a thousand years.
Alfred Tennyson (1809-1892)
- 3639 Less good from genius we may find
Than that from perseverance flowing;
So have good grist at hand to grind,
And keep the mill a-going.
Thomas English (1819-1902)
- 3640 Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 3641 Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Finds us further than to-day.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 3642 Keep right on to the end of the road;
Keep right on to the end.
Harry Lauder (1870-1950)