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A collection of thoughts and quotations compiled by Craig Lock
(in 1994), that have inspired him in his quest and "mission".

"What you ARE is as important as what you do."

"Who you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you're saying."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those
who are doing it."
– anon

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."
– Henry Ford

"Never ever give up – never"
– Winston Churchill

No matter what path you are on, people (often well-meaning)
will not understand and will criticise you. Are you strong enough
to handle the critics?

Passionate people, who live their dreams, embrace what they love
and never give up. They overcome many (and often seemingly
insurmountable) obstacles on the path to success in pursuing
their life vision.

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"Obstacles cannot crush me; every obstacle yields to stern resolve."

– Leonardo Da Vinci

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal."

– Henry Ford

"We who lived in the concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof, that everything can be taken away from a man but one thing: The last of his freedoms – to choose one's

attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

– Viktor E. Frankl in his book, 'Man's Search for Meaning'

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DON'T BE AFRAID TO FAIL

You've failed many times; although you may not remember.

* Didn't you fall down the first time you tried to walk?

(What would you have done, if your dear mom had given up on you ever walking as a baby). No, she waited patiently for you to take those first tentative steps.

* You almost drowned the first time you tried to swim, didn't you?

* Did you hit the ball the first time you swung a bat?

Heavy hitters, the ones who strike the most home runs, also strike out a lot.

Now for some examples of famous achievers, who refused to quit...

R.H Macy failed 7 times, before his store in New York caught on.

English novelist John Creasey got 753 rejection slips before he published 564 books.

Baseball legend, Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times; but he also hit 714 home runs.

So don't worry about failure.

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Worry about the chances you miss, when you don't even try.

Abraham Lincoln didn't quit. He once wrote:

"The sense of obligation to continue is present in all of us. A duty to strive is the duty of us all. I feel a call to that duty."

– Abraham Lincoln

"The path was worn and slippery. My foot slipped out from under me, knocking the other out of the way, but I recovered and said to myself, 'It's a slip and not a fall.'"

Lincoln spoke these inspiring words after losing a senate race. He never quit...and so won't I.

Will YOUR name be mentioned some day as not being a "quitter", who overcame almost insurmountable obstacles?

Will YOU quit, whatever you are doing...if you really believe in your

"unique calling" – a tribute to the power of persistence and faith?

WILL YOU SAY, I WILL UNTIL?"

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"Every man has his own destiny; the only imperative is to follow it, no matter where it leads him."

– Henry Miller

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man, who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcomings, who knows the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at best knows in the end the high achievement of triumph and who at worst, if he fails while daring greatly, knows his place shall never be with those timid and cold souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

– Theodore Roosevelt

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About That Dream...

By Darlene Arechederra

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Remember your very first job? That all-grown-up feeling! Your own money to buy things... That feeling of independence!

Do you still have that excitement today? Do you jump out of bed, eager to start a new day? Or are you tired, even slightly depressed?

Perhaps you've lost touch with your own special *dream* over the years. What was your dream? Have you thought about it lately? Acknowledging your dream can free you up to remove the obstacles...

Those Nasty Obstacles

What's keeping you from your dream? Start a small list of things you consider obstacles in your way. Are they *Time,* *Energy,* *Money?*

 Is your life just too stressful? Brainstorm some solutions and write them in the column next to the obstacles.

Each of the above were obstacles for me. We were about \$14,000 in debt (credit cards and school loans). I was working 40-60 hours a week -- just to pay the bills. I was using my energy to work for *things,* leaving none for pursuing my dream.

The Negotiation

If you could trade something for your dream, what would it be? If you wanted it so badly you could taste it -- how could you make it happen?

I wanted to work part time and pursue my writing. I negotiated with myself. If I could learn to live on 20 hours pay per week, I could go part time. Two and a half years later, we were debt free with a small nest egg. Our spending was minimal. I had finished the first draft of my book a year earlier. I moved to part time, evening hours, and my new job was now 3 miles from home. My immediate goal of part time had spurred me on.

What could you negotiate with yourself today – to pull your dream a little bit closer? How about making a small deal with yourself? If I (fill in the blank), then I could (fill in the blank). Who better to negotiate with?

Which Way to Easy Street?

There is no Easy Street (at least not on my road map). But there is that road less traveled... with a few obstacles along the way. My husband lost two jobs soon after I made major changes in my life, the first just months later. It wasn't easy, but I had Plan B ready to go.

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What's the worst thing that could happen if you take a different path? Beneath your obstacle list from above, jot down the worst things that might happen. In the column next to them, jot down some ideas for a Plan B of your own.

What's Keeping You?

Time Instead of working more hours away from home for 'extra money', could you invest your time in planning and saving for your dream? Do your current activities move you closer to doing what you'd love to do?

Energy Short on energy? Try blowing the dust off your dream. You'll be amazed at the renewed energy you'll have! Eliminate energy wasters -- things that don't move you forward.

Money What spending can you 'exchange' if it means finally living your dream? Money I spent weekly buying books is now funneled back into my dream. Trade your current spending for your dream. You'll be wonderfully surprised at how much money you'll *find* for your dream!

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Dream Psychology

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