

**Start with a smile**

Never tell a woman that you didn't realize she was pregnant unless you're certain that she is.

— *Dave Barry*

**Focus on what's important**

Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones.

— *Phillips Brooks*

**Break the barriers**

I would never have amounted to anything were it not for adversity. I was forced to come up the hard way.

— *J.C. Penney*

**Seize the summits**

You must have long-range goals to keep you from being frustrated by short-range failures.

— *Charles Noble*

## ❧ January 2

### **Start with a smile**

I've decided to never sky dive. It would scare the heck out of my dog.

— *Gretchen Alexander, when asked if there is anything she wouldn't try as a blind woman*

### **Focus on what's important**

When you're not thinking about yourself, you're usually happy.

— *Al Pacino*

### **Break the barriers**

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful individuals with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

— *Calvin Coolidge*

### **Seize the summits**

Success is 99 percent failure.

— *Soichiro Honda*

### **Start with a smile**

When a man says, “Honey, there are only two minutes left in the football game,” it is the same amount of time as when his wife says, “Honey, I’ll be ready in two minutes.”

— *Ann Landers*

### **Focus on what’s important**

If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well.

— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### **Break the barriers**

A man learns to skate by staggering about making a fool of himself; indeed, he progresses in all things by making a fool of himself.

— *George Bernard Shaw*

### **Seize the summits**

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.

— *Johann von Goethe*

## ❧ *January 4*

### **Start with a smile**

The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

— *Sir George Jessel*

### **Focus on what's important**

Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn whatever state I may be in, therein to be content.

— *Helen Keller*

### **Break the barriers**

The more concerned we become over the things we can't control, the less we will do with the things we can control.

— *John Wooden*

### **Seize the summits**

Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed.

— *Cavett Robert*

**Start with a smile**

A word to new brides: if you want to be remembered forever, don't write a thank-you note for a wedding gift.

— *Edward Rankin, Jr.*

**Focus on what's important**

The friend who holds your hand and says the wrong thing is made of dearer stuff than the one who stays away.

— *Barbara Kingsolver*

**Break the barriers**

Be so good they can't ignore you.

— *Jerry Dunn*

**Seize the summits**

The key to successful time management is doing the most important task first, and giving it your full concentration, to the exclusion of everything else.

— *Alex MacKenzie*