

Positively Speaking

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Don't Quit!

Everybody is tempted to give up sometimes. Even the greatest success stories have the "shadow moments" of futility and hopelessness. It comes with the package of being human.

Wouldn't it be great if we received a dollar for every time we felt like throwing in the towel – but didn't? We'd be rich!

That, ultimately, is the difference between those who rise above the ordinary and others who meander in mediocrity. In order to achieve greatness, you must keep going – even when the way is riddled with difficulty. With your eye on the goal, you must plod forward without wavering.

When my children were smaller, they loved it when I read "The Little Engine that Could" to them before bed. "Read it again, Daddy!" my daughter exclaimed, "Read it again!" There's something about keeping on which inspires all of us: from children to senior citizens.

What if Henry Ford would have quit? You'd be walking to work!

What if Susan B. Anthony had quit? None of the women would be able to vote!

What if Bill Gates had quit? We'd still be pushing paper!

What if Thomas Edison had quit? We'd be sitting in the dark!

What if George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin had quit? We'd be singing "God Save the Queen" before football games!

What if George Washington Carver had quit? There would be no peanut butter – and we'd just be stuck with jelly sandwiches!

If Martin Luther had quit, there would be no Church Basement Ladies

What if Clara Barton had quit? There would be no Red Cross. Millions would have died needlessly.

What if Jesus had quit? We'd be lost in our sins without a Savior.

The point of the matter is this – if you have a worthwhile cause, keep going! Keep believing! Keep moving forward! Don't quit! Giving up won't help matters any.

Stick to the task! If you succeed, you will bless everybody. If you fail, you will still be an inspiration. Either way, it's better than quitting!

The world is changed by those few brave souls who hang on just a little bit longer.

As the anonymous poet said:

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*When things wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must but don't you quit*

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