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Confucius: Confucius: Greatest Quotes and Life Lessons (Inspirational Writing Book 3) (English Edition)

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19 Highlights

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Lesson 1: “Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.” – Confucius

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This cycle of falling and getting back up is crucial to life, because that’s how you truly learn, get better, and achieve greatness.

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“Everything has its beauty but not everyone sees it.” – Confucius

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If you take everything around you for granted, you won’t be able to see the beauty in things anymore.

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If you want to live a happy life, you will have to consciously seek and remind yourself of the beauty in things, and the keyword here is consciously. If you don’t make a mental effort to find the beauty in things, your mind will automatically tick it as “just another thing.” If you keep taking everything for granted, you will want to fill the void inside with materialistic things: drugs, fatty food, anything that makes you forget about how bad life is.

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Just remember that everything has beauty; it’s always there, even amid war and chaos. You just have to find it, like an archeologist dusting soil, trying to find relics under dirt.

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“It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop.” – Confucius

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When you want to achieve something in life, however big or small, realize that success comes from laying a brick at a time until your dream is built. When people have a dream or goal they would like to accomplish, they keep looking at the big picture, at how they want the “mansion” to look like, and then get discouraged because it seems too big of a project. If you were to stand in front of a large field – the place you’d want to build your dream – don’t keep looking at all the work that needs to be done, i.e., don’t keep looking at all the bricks behind you. Instead, have a blueprint of your dream nearby (just a reminder), and keep placing a brick at a time. You want to focus all your energy on placing that single brick down each day. If you were to place just a single brick (a simple action step) a day, you’d be well on your way to achieving your dreams.

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Success is a marathon, not a sprint. Just know what you want and take simple steps toward it.

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Momentum is a beautiful gift, perhaps the most precious energy out there. You build momentum by taking action every day. When you have momentum, stay in that cart and don’t jump out, because it’s a free ride down toward your dreams.

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“The superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions.” – Confucius

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Instead of constantly worrying about what someone else is saying about you, use that energy on creating a life that you dream about.

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“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” – Confucius

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“When anger rises, think of the consequences.”

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“To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must cultivate our personal life; and to cultivate our personal life, we must first set our hearts right.” – Confucius

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“To be wronged is nothing unless you continue to remember it.” – Confucius

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In the end, nothing truly holds power over you. It’s only the things you think about constantly that does.

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“Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves.” – Confucius

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If we want to live an extraordinary, happy life, we need to rise above primal anger (however hard it might be in the moment) and choose a direction we would like to go with our conscious mind. There is a battle within us all, constantly raging every day. It’s a battle between the higher and lower self. Your higher self wants to achieve great things: freedom, richness, love, and abundance. Your lower self wants to stay where it is, do nothing, be nothing.
