

About Powerful Beginnings

Contemplations on Getting Started Right

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There are two mistakes one can make along the road to truth:
not going all the way, and not starting.

—*Buddha*

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.

—*Jim Rohn*

You are young and life is long and there is time to kill today.
And then one day you find ten years have got behind you. No one
told you when to run, you missed the starting gun.

—*Pink Floyd*

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

—*Lao Tzu*

So many fail because they don't get started—they don't go.
They don't overcome inertia. They don't begin.

—*W. Clement Stone*

What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is
to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.

—*T.S. Eliot*

There is a woman at the beginning of all great things.

—*Alphonse de Lamartine*

Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over.

—*F. Scott Fitzgerald*

Desire is the starting point of all achievement, not a hope, not a wish,
but a keen pulsating desire which transcends everything.

—*Napoleon Hill*

Daring ideas are like chessmen moved forward.
They may be beaten, but they may start a winning game.

—*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

You will never win if you never begin.

—*Helen Rowland*

Before beginning, prepare carefully.

—*Marcus Tullius Cicero*

Even if man fails again and again to accomplish his
purpose (as he necessarily must until weakness is overcome),
the strength of character gained will be the measure of his true

success, and this will form a new starting point for future power and triumph.
—James Allen

Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is the world made new.
—Sarah Chauncey Woolsey

There is no such thing as a long piece of work,
except one that you dare not start.
—Charles Baudelaire

He who chooses the beginning of the road chooses
the place it leads to. It is the means that determines the end.
—Harry Emerson Fosdick

The beginnings and endings of all human undertakings are untidy.
—John Galsworthy

No one lives long enough to learn everything they need to learn starting from scratch.
To be successful, we absolutely, positively have to find people who have already
paid the price to learn the things that we need to learn to achieve our goals.
—Brian Tracy

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.
—Demosthenes

Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.
—Henry Ford

If I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the
capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.
—Mahatma Gandhi

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started
is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks,
and then starting on the first one.
—Mark Twain

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment
before starting to improve the world.
—Anne Frank

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