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# Quotes about Things and Little Things

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Little by little does the trick.

- Aesop

What we call little things are merely the causes of great things; they are the beginning, the embryo, and it is the point of departure which, generally speaking, decides the whole future of an existence. One single black speck may be the beginning of a gangrene, of a storm, of a revolution.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

My own idea is that these things are as piffle before the wind.

- Ashford, Daisy

Inanimate objects are classified scientifically into three major categories -- those that don't work, those that break down and those that get lost.

- Baker, Russell (Wayne)

Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things. I am tempted to think there are no little things.

- Barton, Bruce

Nothing can be done except little by little.

- Baudelaire, Charles

Show me a man who cannot bother to do little things and I'll show you a man who cannot be trusted to do big things.

- Bell, Lawrence D.

Every passion borders on the chaotic, but the collector's passion borders on the chaos of memories.

- Benjamin, Walter

As we become curators of our own contentment on the Simple Abundance path... we learn to savor the small with a grateful heart.

- Breathnach, Sarah Ban

I don't look to jump over 7-foot bars: I look around for 1-foot bars that I can step over.

- Buffett, Warren

It can be helpful simply to make a written or mental list of the things you do each day. Then give yourself a mental credit for each of them, however small. This will help you focus on what you have done instead of what you haven't gotten around to do. It may sound simplistic, but it works.

- Burns, David D.

Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves.

- Carnegie, Dale

Once I planned to write a book of poems entirely about the things in my pocket. But I found it would be too long; and the age of the great epics is past.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

There is no one giant step that does it. It's a lot of little steps.

- Cohen, Peter A.

The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions -- the little soon forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment, and the countless infinitesimal of pleasurable and genial feeling.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

A mighty flame followeth a tiny spark.

- Dante Alighieri

It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important.

- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

I can never bring you to realize the importance of sleeves, the suggestiveness of thumb-nails, or the great issues that may hang from a boot-lace.

- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

Its the little things that matter, that add up in the end, with the priceless thrilling magic found only in a friend.

- Dunphy, Elizabeth

We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.

- Edelman, Marian Wright

It is in these acts called trivialities that the seeds of joy are forever wasted, until men and women look round with haggard faces at the devastation their own waste has made, and say, the earth bears no harvest of sweetness -- calling their denial knowledge.

- Eliot, George

You'll come to learn a great deal if you study the Insignificant in depth.

- Elytis, Odysseus

A small leak can sink a great ship

- Franklin, Benjamin

Human felicity is produced not as much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen as by little advantages that occur every day.

- Franklin, Benjamin

For the person for whom small things do not exist, the great is not great.

- Gasset, Jose Ortega Y

I feel like a micro cog in a macrocosm

- Guyette, Mary

All good work is done the way ants do things, little by little.

- Hearn, Lafcadio

If you add a little to a little and do this often, soon the little will become great.

- Hesiod

Those that are little, little things suit.

- Horace

There is nothing, Sir, too little for so little a creature as man. It is by studying little things that we attain the great art of having as little misery and as much happiness as possible.

- Johnson, Samuel

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.

- Keller, Helen

Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations, habitually practiced in our social intercourse, give a greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments.

- Kelty, Mary Ann

It is often better to have a great deal of harm happen to one than a little; a great deal may rouse you to remove what a little will only accustom you to endure.

- Kleiser, Grenville

All difficult things have their origin in that which is easy, and great things in that which is small.

- Lao-Tzu

Life is made up of small pleasures. Happiness is made up of those tiny successes. The big ones come too infrequently. And if you don't collect all these tiny successes, the big ones don't really mean anything.

- Lear, Norman

The human tendency to regard little things as important has produced very many great things.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

As the few adepts in such things well know, universal morality is to be found in little everyday penny-events just as much as in great ones. There is so much goodness and ingenuity in a raindrop that an apothecary wouldn't let it go for less than half-a-crown...

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

Inches make champions.

- Lombardi, Vince

Never neglect the little things. Never skimp on that extra effort, that additional few minutes, that soft word of praise or thanks, that delivery of the very best that you can do. It does not matter what others think, it is of prime importance, however, what you think about you. You can never do your best, which should always be your trademark, if you are cutting corners and shirking responsibilities. You are special. Act it. Never neglect the little things.

- Mandino, Og

It's the little things that make the big things possible. Only close attention to the fine details of any operation makes the operation first class.

- Marriott, J. Willard

We can not do great things. We can only do little things with great love.

- Mother Teresa

It has been rightly said that nothing is unimportant, nothing powerless in the universe; a single atom can dissolve everything, and save everything! What terror! There lies the eternal distinction between good and evil.

- Nerval, Gerard De

The thing that goes the farthest towards making life worth while, That costs the least, and does the most, is just a pleasant smile.

- Nesbit, Wilbur D.

We must not discriminate between things. Where things are concerned there are no class distinctions. We must pick out what is good for us where we can find it.

- Picasso, Pablo

What a profound significance small things assume when the woman we love conceals them from us.

- Proust, Marcel

Do little things now; so shall big things come to thee by and by asking to be done.

- Proverb, Persian

Inch by inch, it's a cinch.

- Schuller, Robert H.

The person determined to achieve maximum success learns the principle that progress is made one step at a time. A house is built one brick at a time. Football games are won a play at a time. A department store grows bigger one customer at a time. Every big accomplishment is a series of little accomplishments.

- Schwartz, David J.

A mountain is composed of tiny grains of earth. The ocean is made up of tiny drops of water. Even so, life is but an endless series of little details, actions, speeches, and thoughts. And the consequences whether good or bad of even the least of them are far-reaching.

- Sivananda, Sri Swami

Fewer and fewer Americans possess objects that have a patina, old furniture, grandparents pots and pans -- the used things, warm with generations of human touch, essential to a human landscape. Instead, we have our paper phantoms, transistorized landscapes. A featherweight portable museum.

- Sontag, Susan

All great things are only a number of small things that have carefully been collected together.

- Unknown, Source

Increased QUALITY/PRODUCTIVITY is made up of 1000s of small improvements. Just like Gulliver who was held down by 1000s of threads. Each one doesn't seem to mean much, and in the case of a thread, can be easily broken. But 1000s of them can have a very strong effect.

- Unknown, Source

Little pots soon boil over.

- Unknown, Source

Someone has calculated that in fifteen minutes a day we can read the Bible through twice in a year's time.

- Unknown, Source

If we triumph in the little things of our common hours, we are sure to triumph in our lives.

- Unknown, Source

To be free of destructive stress don't sweat the small stuff and by realizing that all stuff is small.

- Unknown, Source

I believe in the total depravity of inanimate things... the elusiveness of soap, the

knottiness of strings, the transitory nature of buttons, the inclination of suspenders to twist and of hooks to forsake their lawful eyes, and cleave only unto the hairs of their hapless owner's head.

- Walker, Katharine

Success in life is founded upon attention to the small things rather than to the large things; to the every day things nearest to us rather than to the things that are remote and uncommon.

- Washington, Booker T.

It isn't the big pleasures that count the most; it's making a great deal out of the little ones.

- Webster, Jean

There is no object so soft but it makes a hub for the wheeled universe.

- Whitman, Walt

I am beginning to learn that it is the sweet, simple things of life which are the real ones after all.

- Wilder, Laura Ingalls

It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen.

- Wooden, John

Wellbeing is attained by little and little, and nevertheless is no little thing itself.

- Zeno, Citium





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