

“An enterprise, when fairly once begun, should not be left till all that ought is won.”

William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

“Nearly every man who develops an idea works it up to the point where it looks impossible, and then he gets discouraged. That’s not the place to become discouraged.”

Thomas A. Edison (1847–1931)

“Excellence is never granted to man but as the reward of labor. It argues no small strength of mind to persevere in habits of industry without the pleasure of perceiving those advances, which, like the hand of a clock, whilst they make hourly approaches to their point, yet proceed so slowly as to escape observation.”

Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723–1792)

“There are but two roads that lead to an important goal and to the doing of great things: strength and perseverance. Strength is the lot but of a few privileged men; but austere perseverance, harsh and continuous, may be employed by the smallest of us and rarely fails of its purpose, for its silent power grows irresistibly greater with time.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749–1832)