

SHAKESPEARE (1564 – 1616)



1. How far that little candle throws his beams.
(Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*)

Have a clearly defined vision of your work. Remain as focused as possible on your long-term goals, and try to ensure that every action or decision helps to edge closer towards accomplishment.

2. We know what we are but know not what we may be.
(Ophelia in *Hamlet*)

This is an insight into our ambition and potential for future growth, as we strive to understand our strengths and weaknesses and subsequently learn how we can embark on a journey of self-improvement.

3. Strong reasons make strong actions.
(Lewis on King John)

It is important to take actions that are based on solid reasoning and purposeful rationalization. Whenever you present an idea or concept, take the time to support it with carefully acquired data and testimonials.

4. Go wisely and go slowly. Those who rush stumble and fall.
(Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*)

Act with haste and make sensible decisions.

5. It is not in the Stars to hold our Destiny but in ourselves
(Julius Caesar in *Julius Caesar*)

Do what you can to maximize your own talents and skills in the pursuit of success, rather than believing that your destiny lies in an unknown and predetermined fate. Take control of your destiny and plot the course that you want your life to take.

6. How poor are they that do not have Patience?
(Iago in *Othello*)

The patience enables you to create an environment where individuals can flourish. And ... you will be more creative, peaceful and content with yourself.

7. It is a tale; full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.
(Macbeth in Macbeth)

This is for someone who talks endlessly without ever providing any substance or action to support their words. For those who promise a change that never materializes; for individuals who confidently communicate words alone without making good on any promises that they made.

8. And often times excusing of a fault doth make the fault the worse
by the excuse.

(Pembroke in King John)

It is important to understand that our mistakes can be damaging and cause distress to people around us. This is why without any shame we have to recognize the mistake, showcasing remorse, accept the blame for it and work to rectify it. Be aware that weak and feeble excuses may simply exacerbate the problem and for sure damage your own integrity.