

# Inspirational Plaques Collection

Poems,  
Quotations,  
& Prayers  
to Encourage  
& Inspire You

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# Welcome...

*and thanks for downloading our **Inspirational Plaques Collection**.*

*In the next several pages, you'll find a gold mine of daily inspiration and encouragement. You'll find plaques on Christian as well as nonreligious themes, for both women and men.*

*All of these mini-posters have been specifically sized to fit standard photo frames available at any dollar store. With very little work and expense, you can have a beautiful work of art that will do wonders to lift your spirits and cheer you on to amazing things!*

*If you don't have a color printer, you can ask a friend to print out the multi-color plaques. Most of them will look great even printed in black ink. For an extra touch of elegance, try printing them on colored paper. I printed out "I will persevere" on cream-colored paper, put it in a \$1 frame and hung it next to my bathroom mirror, so I can read it every morning after I shave. It looks terrific and gets me off to a good start every day!*

*These plaques also make perfect gifts for a friend or relative who could use an extra boost of encouragement.*

*If you enjoy these messages, you'll find a treasure-trove of uplifting articles, poems, quotations and photos at our web site:*

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# Framing Instructions

Most of these plaques are undersized, which means they will fit standard size photo frames, but will have a small blank border between the edges of the image and the sides of the frame.

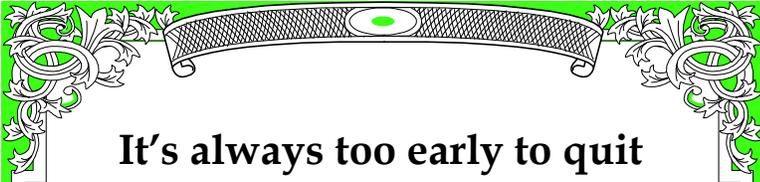
Print out the mini-posters you wish to frame, using 8 1/2" by 11" paper.

The dimensions of each plaque and suggested frame sizes are listed below. Please note that some frames may hide the edge of an image, so adjust accordingly. To center the mini-poster in the frame, remove the sheet of paper from the frame that lists the frame dimensions. Place it on your mini-poster and hold both up to the light. You should be able to center the mini-poster image under the shadow of that piece of paper.

Holding that piece of paper in place, put both sheets on the table and trace lightly around that piece of paper with a pencil. Cut on the pencil line using scissors. If it doesn't come out right the first time, just print out more copies of that mini-poster and keep trying. Remember—they're free!

And *presto!* There's great inspiration & encouragement whenever you need it!

<b><u>Plaque name</u></b>	<b><u>Image size</u></b>	<b><u>Frame size(s)</u></b>
It's always too early to quit	image size 4" x 6"	fits 4"x6" or 5"x7" frame
A cowboy's meditation	image size 4" x 6 1/8"	fits 5" x 7" frame
God and I	image size 4" x 6"	fits 5" x 7" frame
I'm stronger than that now	image size 4" x 6"	fits 5" x 7" frame
I will persevere	image size 6 1/4" x 8 3/4"	fits 8"x10" or 8 1/2" x 11" frame
Morning Prayer	image size 6 1/2" x 9"	fits 8"x10" or 8 1/2" x 11" frame
Prayer after a hard day	image size 3 1/2" x 5"	fits 4" x 6" or 5" x 7" frame
I still believe	image size 4 1/2" x 6 1/2"	fits 5" x 7" frame
Most folks...	image size 3" x 4 1/2"	fits 3 1/2" x 5" or 4" x 6" frame
The Lord is good...	image size 3 1/2" x 5 1/4"	fits 4" x 6" frame
Good things happen...	image size 4" x 5 3/4"	fits 5" x 7" frame
The person who...	image size 3 1/2" x 5"	fits 4" x 6" frame
A cocoon may...	image size 3 3/4" x 5 1/2"	fits 4" x 6" frame
Make a fresh start	image size 6 1/2" x 8 3/4"	fits 8" x 10" or 8 1/2" x 11" frame
I like who I see	image size 4" x 6 1/4"	fits 5" x 7" frame



## It's always too early to quit

When you think back over  
your triumphs in life,  
and how you won them all bit by bit.  
Remember those lessons  
when things don't work out  
'cause it's always too early to quit.

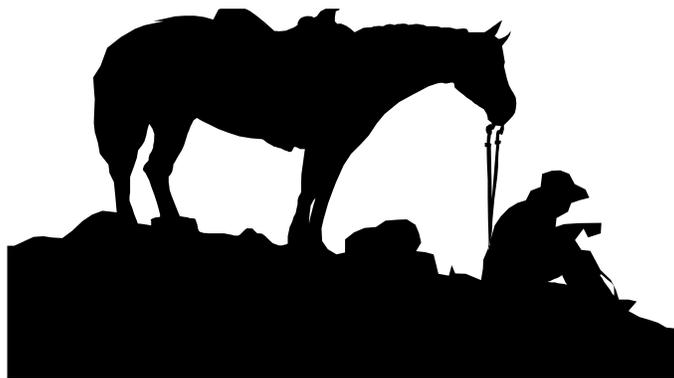
We seldom get anything on the first try.  
Don't give up when the pieces won't fit.  
Just take a short rest  
then return to the task,  
'cause it's always too early to quit.

Everything worthwhile  
that's ever been done,  
was accomplished with hard work and grit.  
Your breakthrough will come  
if you'll only keep trying,  
'cause it's always too early to quit.

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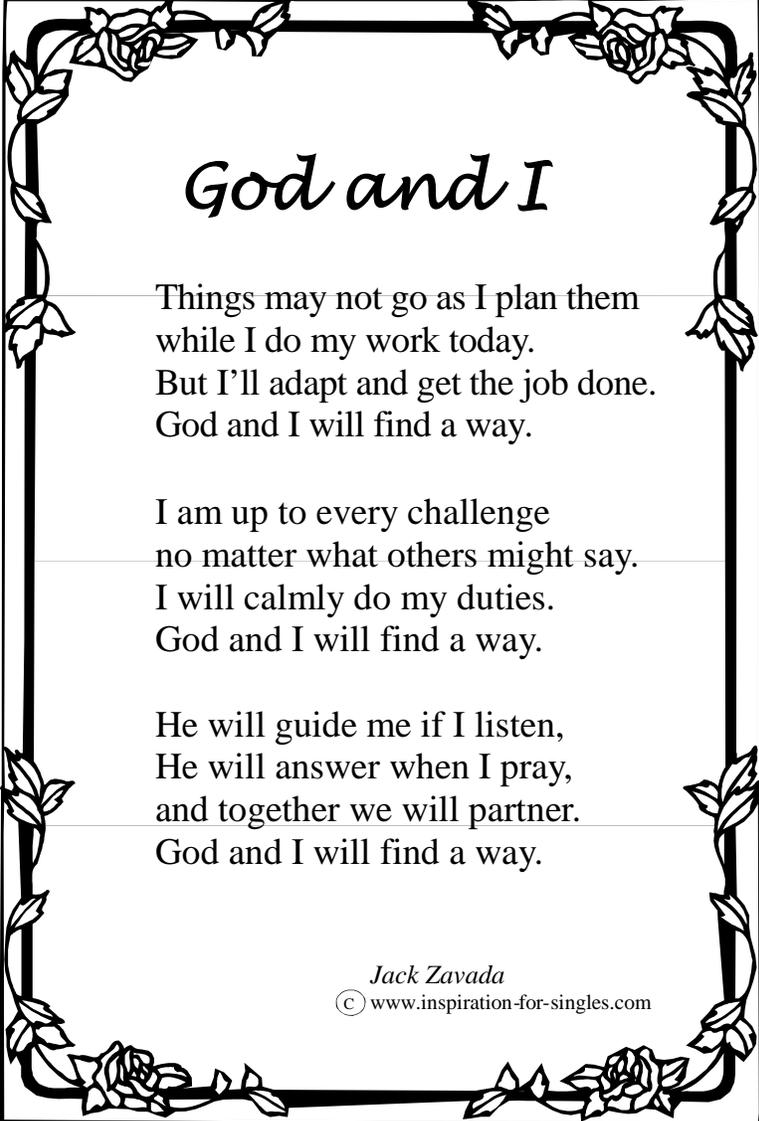
## A Cowboy's Meditation

Life's trail is full of twists and turns,  
so don't let your spirits sag,  
if one day you're up ridin' point  
and the next you're ridin' drag.

'Cause it's not a fancy saddle  
that sets a man apart.  
It's honesty and workin' hard  
and kindness in your heart.

So stick close to the Trail Boss,  
as across the plains you roam.  
He's never lost a cowboy, son.  
He'll get you safely Home.

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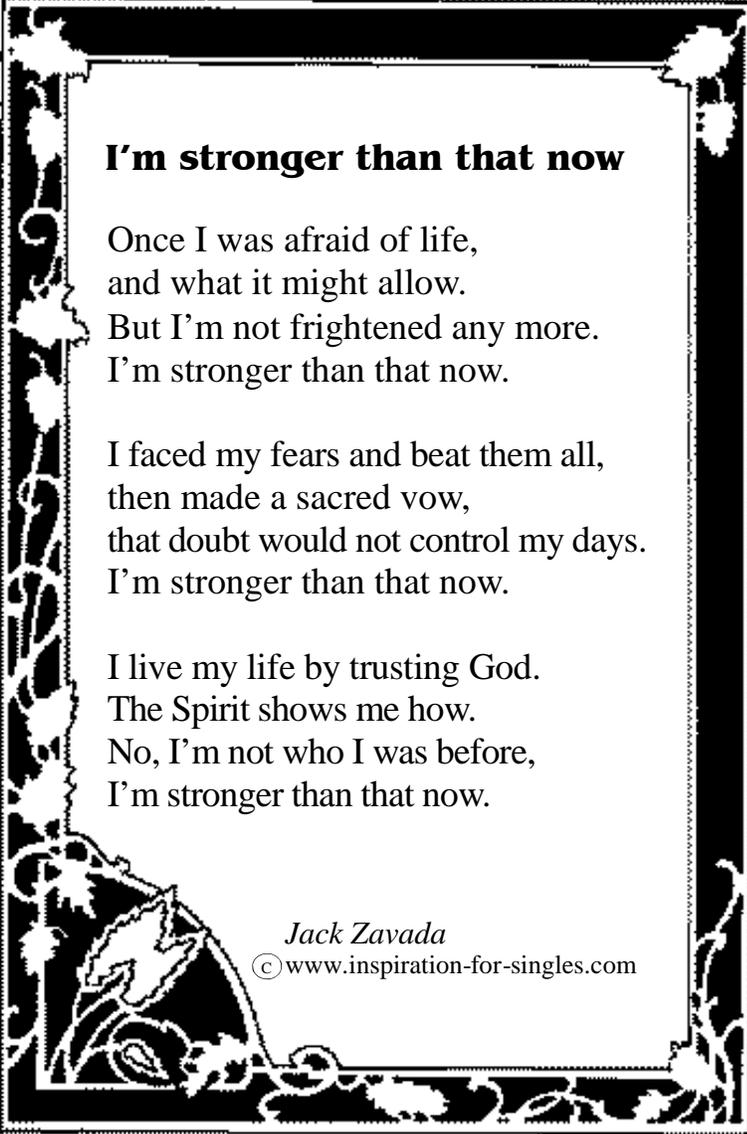
## *God and I*

Things may not go as I plan them  
while I do my work today.  
But I'll adapt and get the job done.  
God and I will find a way.

I am up to every challenge  
no matter what others might say.  
I will calmly do my duties.  
God and I will find a way.

He will guide me if I listen,  
He will answer when I pray,  
and together we will partner.  
God and I will find a way.

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A decorative border with a floral and vine pattern surrounds the text. The border is black with white floral motifs and a dotted inner line.

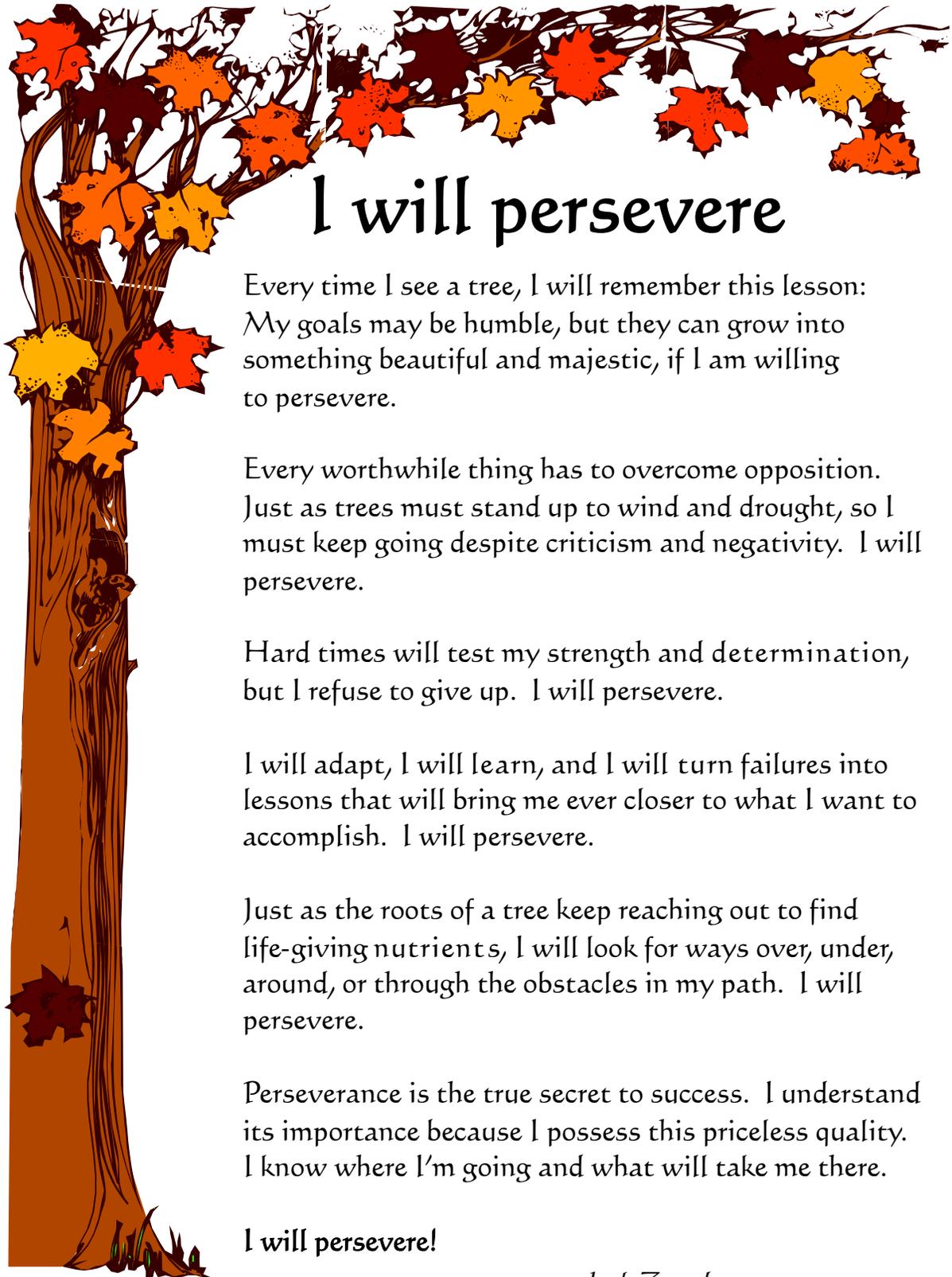
### **I'm stronger than that now**

Once I was afraid of life,  
and what it might allow.  
But I'm not frightened any more.  
I'm stronger than that now.

I faced my fears and beat them all,  
then made a sacred vow,  
that doubt would not control my days.  
I'm stronger than that now.

I live my life by trusting God.  
The Spirit shows me how.  
No, I'm not who I was before,  
I'm stronger than that now.

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# I will persevere

Every time I see a tree, I will remember this lesson: My goals may be humble, but they can grow into something beautiful and majestic, if I am willing to persevere.

Every worthwhile thing has to overcome opposition. Just as trees must stand up to wind and drought, so I must keep going despite criticism and negativity. I will persevere.

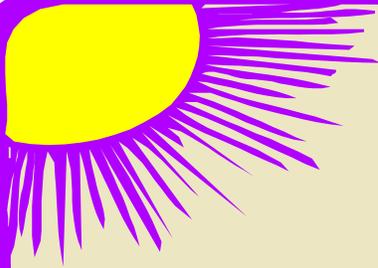
Hard times will test my strength and determination, but I refuse to give up. I will persevere.

I will adapt, I will learn, and I will turn failures into lessons that will bring me ever closer to what I want to accomplish. I will persevere.

Just as the roots of a tree keep reaching out to find life-giving nutrients, I will look for ways over, under, around, or through the obstacles in my path. I will persevere.

Perseverance is the true secret to success. I understand its importance because I possess this priceless quality. I know where I'm going and what will take me there.

**I will persevere!**



# Morning Prayer

Good morning, Lord!

Thank you for another day to love you and to feel your love in me. Thank you for all the gifts you will give me today.

Please keep me safe on my way to and from work. Help me do my job with care, accuracy, and cheerfulness. Thank you for the income it brings.

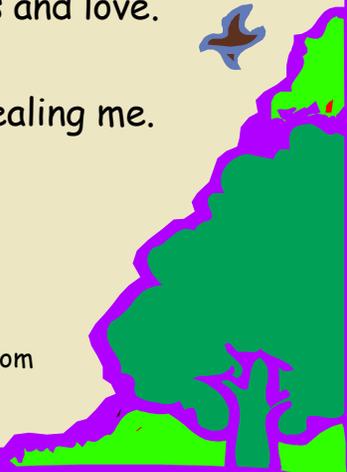
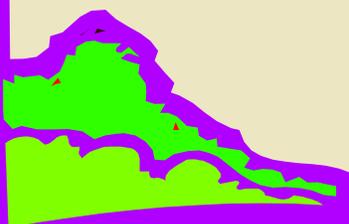
I ask you to work through me, bringing words of patience, kindness and encouragement to others. Show me someone who is hurting so I can help lighten their burden. Please remember my prayer requests too.

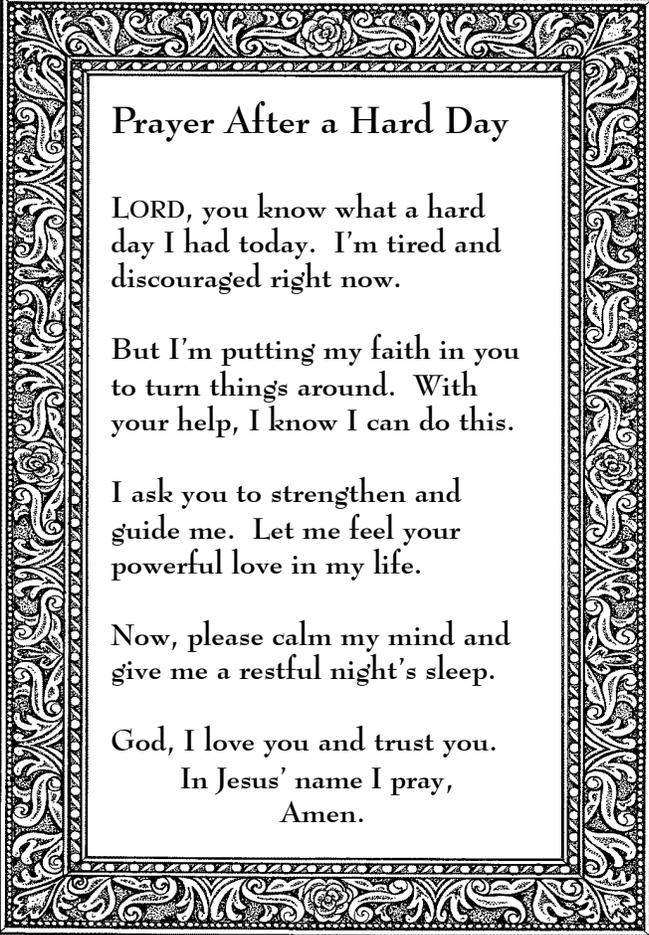
Please bless me with one of your happy surprises today, and shower me with your goodness and love.

Thank you for guiding, protecting and healing me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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## Prayer After a Hard Day

LORD, you know what a hard day I had today. I'm tired and discouraged right now.

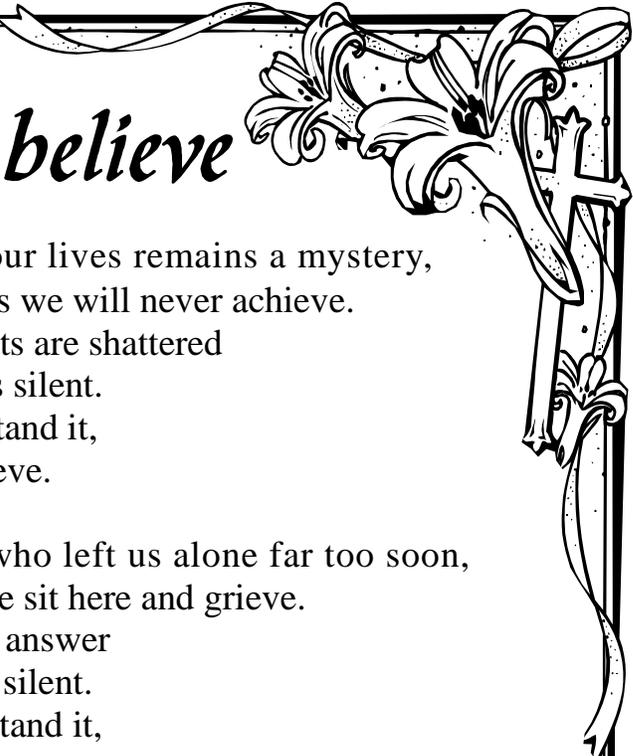
But I'm putting my faith in you to turn things around. With your help, I know I can do this.

I ask you to strengthen and guide me. Let me feel your powerful love in my life.

Now, please calm my mind and give me a restful night's sleep.

God, I love you and trust you.

In Jesus' name I pray,  
Amen.



## *I still believe*

So much of our lives remains a mystery,  
broken dreams we will never achieve.  
Our poor hearts are shattered  
And heaven is silent.  
I don't understand it,  
but I still believe.

Loved ones who left us alone far too soon,  
In darkness we sit here and grieve.  
We ask for an answer  
But heaven is silent.  
I don't understand it,  
but I still believe.

The tomb that was empty contained all the answers,  
in a plan only Love could conceive.  
To bring us all back together,  
***Forever.***  
I understand now,  
and that's why I believe.

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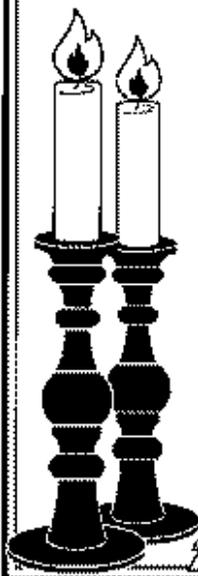
**M**ost

folks are about  
as happy as they  
make up their minds  
to be.



*Abraham Lincoln*  
1809-1865  
16th President  
of the  
United States

**The LORD is  
good, a refuge  
in times of  
trouble.**



**He cares  
for those  
who trust  
in Him.**

*Nahum 1:7*





Good things happen  
to you every day,  
if you start  
expecting them.

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**T**he person who  
sows a single  
beautiful thought in  
the mind of another  
renders the world a  
greater service than that  
rendered by all the  
faultfinders combined.

*Napoleon Hill*





**A cocoon may be a  
safe place, but it  
also prevents  
a butterfly from  
spreading  
its wings.**

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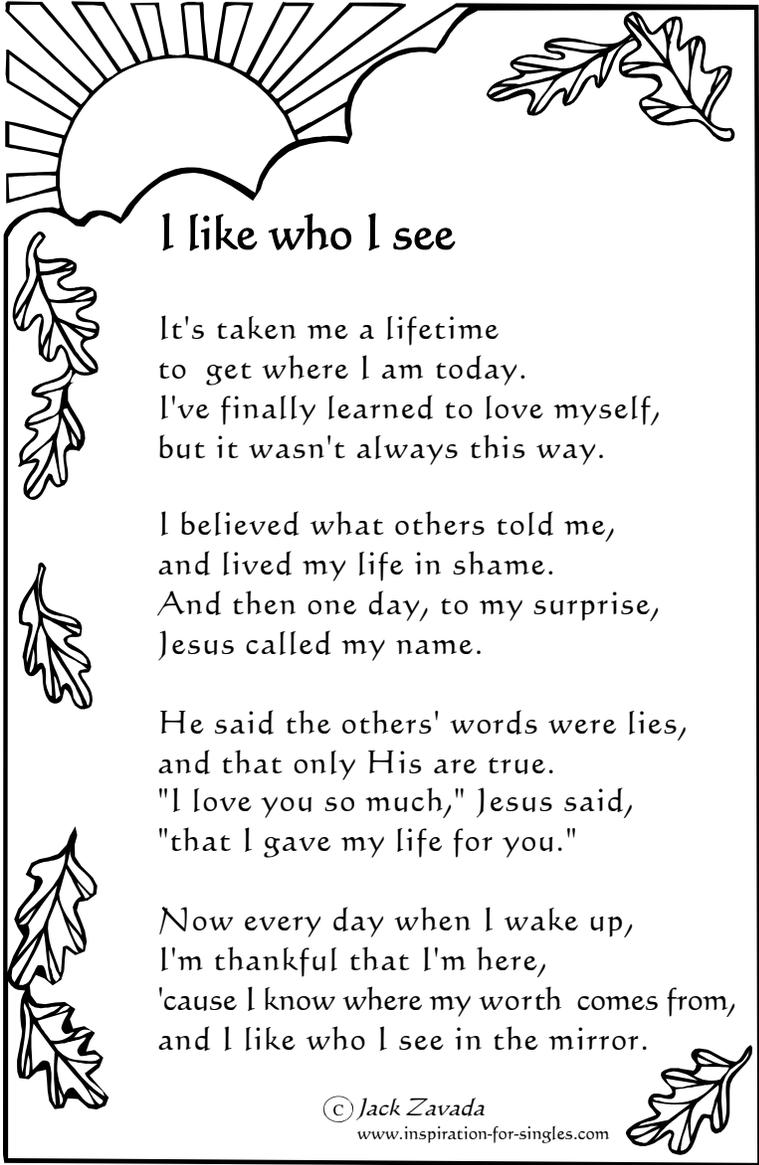


## Make a fresh start

*Today was a stinker,  
a doozy of a day,  
but I hung right in there  
and made it okay,  
'cause I'm tough, good-lookin' and smart.  
Well, two outta three ain't bad, you see  
and tomorrow I'll make a fresh start.*

*I've learned to keep goin'  
when stuff hits the fan,  
I dodge it and duck it  
the best that I can.  
I get by 'cause I've got a big heart.  
If I can hack it one day at a time,  
then tomorrow I'll make a fresh start.*

*I divide my life  
into day-sized chunks,  
I smell all the flowers  
and steer clear of skunks.  
This wisdom I'm glad to impart:  
Toss your regrets out with yesterday's trash  
and tomorrow just make a fresh start.*



## I like who I see

It's taken me a lifetime  
to get where I am today.  
I've finally learned to love myself,  
but it wasn't always this way.

I believed what others told me,  
and lived my life in shame.  
And then one day, to my surprise,  
Jesus called my name.

He said the others' words were lies,  
and that only His are true.  
"I love you so much," Jesus said,  
"that I gave my life for you."

Now every day when I wake up,  
I'm thankful that I'm here,  
'cause I know where my worth comes from,  
and I like who I see in the mirror.



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