

Vince Lombardi Quotes

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Vincent Thomas Lombardi (1913 to 1970) got his start at St. Cecilia High School in Englewood, New Jersey. His salary was \$1,700 a year to teach Latin, algebra, physics and chemistry, and coach the football, basketball and baseball teams. He went on to transform the Green Bay Packers from perpetual losers in 1959, into an NFL dynasty, as he won five league championships during his 9 year career as coach. After retiring from coaching in 1968, he returned as head coach of the Washington Redskins for the 1969 season. He is one of the best coaches to quote, partly because Lombardi's record in the post-season was 9-1, the loss coming in the first of those games, the 1960 NFL championship.

Here are some of the most famous Vince Lombardi quotes: "Coaches who can outline plays on a black board are a dime a dozen. The ones who win get inside their player and motivate."

"Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence."

"Dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price."

"Football is like life - it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority."

"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious."

"If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?"

"If you are not fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm."

"If you can accept losing you can't win. If you can walk you can run. No one is ever hurt. Hurt is in your mind."

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

"It's easy to have faith in yourself and have discipline when you're a winner, when you're number one. What you got to have is faith and discipline when you're not a winner."

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up."

"Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."

"Live as if you were living already for the second time and as if you had acted the first time as wrongly as you are about to act now!"

"Once you agree upon the price you and your family must pay for success, it enables you to ignore the minor hurts, the opponent's pressure, and the temporary failures."

"Once you learn to quit, it becomes a habit."

"People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses, or the problems of modern society."

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

"Practice does not make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect." "Some of us will do our jobs well and some will not, but we will be judged by only one thing-the result."

"Some people try to find things in this game that don't exist but football is only two things - blocking and tackling."

"Success demands singleness of purpose."

"Teamwork is what the Green Bay Packers were all about. They didn't do it for individual glory. They did it because they loved one another."

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

"The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall."

"The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender."

"The leader can never close the gap between himself and the group. If he does, he is no longer what he must be. He must walk a tightrope between the consent he must win and the control he must exert."

"The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have."

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."

"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

"The real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back. That's real glory. That's the essence of it."

"There is no room for second place. There is only one place in my game and that is first place. I have finished second twice in my time at Green Bay and I never want to again."

"We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time."

"We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible."

"Winners never quit and quitters never win." "Winning is habit. Unfortunately, so is losing."

"Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is habit. Unfortunately, so is losing."

"Winning is not everything, but wanting to win is."

"Winning isn't everything, but the will to win is everything."

"Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."