

"Moral courage is the most valuable and usually the most absent characteristic in men." - General George S. Patton

"A man must know his destiny. if he does not recognize it, then he is lost. By this I mean, once, twice, or at the very most, three times, fate will reach out and tap a man on the shoulder. if he has the imagination, he will turn around and fate will point out to him what fork in the road he should take, if he has the guts, he will take it." - General George S. Patton

" I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom." - General George S. Patton

"Say what you mean and mean what you say." - General George S. Patton

"Battle is the most magnificent competition in which a human being can indulge. It brings out all that is best; it removes all that is base. All men are afraid in battle. The coward is the one who lets his fear overcome his sense of duty. Duty is the essence of manhood." - General George S. Patton

"Better to fight for something than live for nothing." - General George S. Patton

"Live for something rather than die for nothing." - General George S. Patton

"Courage is fear holding on a minute longer." - General George S. Patton

"The time to take counsel of your fears is before you make an important battle decision. That's the time to listen to every fear you can imagine! When you have collected all the facts and fears and made your decision, turn off all your fears and go ahead!" - General George S. Patton

"The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his." - General George S. Patton

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." - General George S. Patton

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity." - General George S. Patton

"Prepare for the unknown by studying how others in the past have coped with the unforeseeable and the unpredictable." - General George S. Patton

"Americans love to fight. All real Americans love the sting of battle." - General George S. Patton

"If a man does his best, what else is there?" - General George S. Patton

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." - General George S. Patton

"We herd sheep, we drive cattle, we lead people. Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way." - General George S. Patton

"You need to overcome the tug of people against you as you reach for high goals." - General George S. Patton

"Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory." - General George S. Patton

"Watch what people are cynical about, and one can often discover what they lack." - General George S. Patton

"Always do everything you ask of those you command." - General George S. Patton

"By perseverance, study, and eternal desire, any man can become great." - General George S. Patton

"Do more than is required of you." - General George S. Patton

"In case of doubt, attack." - General George S. Patton

"It's the unconquerable soul of man, not the nature of the weapon he uses, that insures victory." - General George S. Patton

"Never let the enemy pick the battle site." - General George S. Patton

"No good decision was ever made in a swivel chair." - General George S. Patton

"There is only one type of discipline, perfect discipline." - General George S. Patton

"You're never beaten until you admit it." - General George S. Patton

"You shouldn't underestimate an enemy, but it is just as fatal to overestimate him." - General George S. Patton

"Attack rapidly, ruthlessly, viciously, without rest, however tired and hungry you may be, the enemy will be more tired, more hungry. Keep punching." - General George S. Patton

"In landing operations, retreat is impossible, to surrender is as ignoble as it is foolish. above all else remember that we as attackers have the initiative, we know exactly what we are going to do, while the enemy is ignorant of our intentions and can only parry our blows. We must retain this tremendous advantage by always attacking rapidly, ruthlessly, viciously, and without rest." - General George S. Patton

"An Army is a team; lives, sleeps, eats, fights as a team. This individual heroic stuff is a lot of crap." - General George S. Patton

"No sane man is unafraid in battle, but discipline produces in him a form of vicarious courage." - General George S. Patton

"In war the only sure defense is offense, and the efficiency of the offense depends on the warlike souls of those conducting it." - General George S. Patton

". many, who should know better, think that wars can be decided by soulless machines, rather than by the blood and anguish of brave men." - General George S. Patton

"Untutored courage is useless in the face of educated bullets." - General George S. Patton

THROUGH A GLASS, DARKLY
by Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

Through the travail of the ages,
Midst the pomp and toil of war,
Have I fought and strove and perished
Countless times upon this star.

In the form of many people
In all panoplies of time
Have I seen the luring vision
Of the Victory Maid, sublime.

I have battled for fresh mammoth,
I have warred for pastures new,
I have listened to the whispers
When the race took instinct grew.

I have known the call to battle
In each changeless changing shape
From the high souled voice of conscience
To the beastly lust for rape.

I have sinned and I have suffered,
Played the hero and the knave;
Fought for belly, shame, or country,
And for each have found a grave.

I cannot name my battles

For the visions are not clear,
Yet, I see the twisted faces
And I feel the rending spear.

Perhaps I stabbed our Savior
In His sacred helpless side.
Yet, I've called His name in blessing
When after times I died.