

THE EXTRA POINT

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1760 Quotations: The Unexpected and the Uncertain

Do you prefer to know what life has in store for you with carefully laid out plans and few surprises, or are you the kind of person who enters each day, week, year as if it's a blank slate and you're up for whatever and wherever it takes you? For my part, I've taken some steps in my life and headed off into uncharted territory. Sometimes, things turned out great and sometimes not so great. How about you? I'm Jerry Roberts and today, we'll see what a group of noteworthy folks have to say about the uncertain and the unexpected when it comes to life and work. That's next on The Extra Point.

Thirteen people with thirteen opinions on how we face up to unexpected and uncertain events in our lives.

1. *"In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity."*
— Sun Tzu, Chinese military strategist

2. *"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."*
— Charles Darwin, geologist and biologist

...who once said to Ray: "Hey, quit monkeying around."

The unexpected and the uncertain happens to all of us. The key is how we approach it.

3. *"Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it."*
— Charles R. Swindoll, evangelist

4. *"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."*
— Dolly Parton, singer, songwriter, actress

5. *"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."*
— Winston S. Churchill, British prime minister

And when you need advice on which way to go, there was never anybody better than this New York Yankee hall of famer.

6. *"When you come to a fork in the road, take it."*
— Yogi Berra, New York Yankees catcher

Now, if you really don't like a lot of question marks in your life and in your career, you can be proactive and have more certainty. You've heard me give this one before, but it's always worth repeating:

7. *"The best way to predict the future is to create it."*
— Peter Drucker, business guru

And if the unexpected knocks us down...

8. *"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."*
— Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa

9. *"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."*
— Henry Ford, automaker

Sometimes, we experience things that make us hit the pause button. It doesn't mean we give up.

10. *"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces."*
— Will Rogers, humorist

Maybe you pull into one of those and relax for a while. You don't want to stay forever. Or, maybe you do.

For some of us, an unexpected turn in the road makes us realize that we need change.

11. *"If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you."*
— Steven Wright, comedian

Too many of us keep jumping out of the same plane, hoping for the parachute to finally open.

(Con't.)

12. *"In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back."*

— Charlie Brown, "Peanuts" (by Charles Schulz)

That's why you have to get out of bed and face off with the new day, every day.

Finally, this...

13. *"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, writer and poet

You are enough.

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3FM, the Ray Gibson Show, and First Hawaiian Bank, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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