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MCI Shirley

We fight because our lives can only have meaning if we strive to better ourselves and the world.

Tim. M.

There is no such thing as great men, only great challenges that ordinary people must rise to face.

Shawn F.

Sometimes it takes great courage to face the inner fears that prevent us from doing great deeds.

Joe L.

Because out of challenges, grow miracles and still we rise, like the tide that raises all boats.

Mike S.

It has been the low tides, boat grounded, earth with the stench of death, that we are forced to examine what is. We find self, we find purpose... courage exposed, meaning manifested.

Ken S.

The fight for forbearance is the foundation we build on with our tools we like to call perception.

John L.

With faith is a great challenge that can help win most fights and wars of the world.

Frank Q.

Time is the fire in which we burn and as the fire burns we become brighter.

Scott B.

Just because you may have failed at times doesn't make you a failure and because you made mistakes doesn't make you a mistake, but a man God created for greatness.

M.S.

Nature is the most powerful thing on earth and human nature is the most influential force on earth. It is human to want to succeed as well as natural to use the resources around you.

E.A.

Miserando Atque Eligend = Lowly Yet Chosen. Fortitude Vincimus =
by endurance we conquer. In strength and struggle.

Bill The Barber

God created me very differently, to be very happy and gay, to guide
others with the cloud by day and with light from the fire by night!

John M.

The essence of growth is measured through time, in order for one to
grow they may first have to embrace the conditions they are in and
take the "time" to ACCEPT who they truly are as a man and human being.

Aaron W.

The power in ones abilities relies on the focus of ones skill, based
upon ones perceptions of what's real.

H.E.

The Lord sees your heart and he too is touched by your pain and
compassion. We can't change our past but we grow, mature and realize
how our actions effect others.

Stevie J.

Forgiveness comes from within yourself once your able to do that
you break away the restraints that have held you back for so long.
You are now able to have peace within.

Joshua H.

I truly believe having and keeping the "faith" keeps oneself strong,
and can help stop many of the "wars" that some of us come across in
"our" lifetimes. Please keep the Faith!

Frank Q.

Mother Teresa once said, "We can't do great things but we can all do
little things each day with great love." It doesn't matter where we
are!

Michael W.

We escalate the errosion of the social fabric with the continuation
of our punative and retributive system of draconian incarceration;
fully devoid of meaningful rehabilitation.

Tim M.

... And so, collectively, we do our share as individuals as to make
the impossible, possible asking each one to do the impossible, to
bear...

Tim M.

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Billerica HOC

I am prepared to meet my maker, although I do not think that my maker is prepared to go through the great ordeal in which it is to meet me!

J.S.

No pain is forever, but the thought of heartache could torture you for an eternity! Blood does not create family, loyalty does!

Tristan S.

Don't make the mistake not to learn, so learn from your mistake.

J.L.

Time is not being wasted, another experience is being gained. The things that come to those who wait, maybe the things left by those who got their first. If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.

D.P.

They say, "It ain't a hood story, but it's my story." I can't guarantee all good is gonna come out the hood, but if you heard my name in the hood, I can guarantee it's good.

MCI Norfolk

It only gets done when you pass the pen.

B.B.

Who am I to judge!!

Joe J.

Or who are you to judge me without considering any of the sociological factors that lead to my incarceration? Is the social system so fair between class and race, that you can properly conclude that all my decisions and circumstances were chosen?

X.

Unchosen courses lead to undesirable circumstances that man the souls of its inhabitants. Who are they?

T.

Know your inner strength; know your own rules and play by them...

V.

Always strive to be your best in sincerity and honesty and the rest will come to you, use your experience in life to foresee when difficulty and

dismay come about and try to avoid the frivolous and unfruitful conversation at all cost.

Lonnie W.

"Ignorance" is the best means the devil ever considered to keep up the number of his subjects in our world.

William S.

When society as a whole, gives thought to poor and disenfranchised, then we will be better off as a society.

C.B.

The history of prisons and the law speaks for itself. If one is inclined to pick up a book and actually read (unlike prison guards and ad truths) then one can readily see the pattern of stupidity, corruption and abuse. Because the system actually does protect society from a few insidious people, the sad truth of its highly questionable status remains swept under the rug.

S.M.

I would like to see more paroles for second degree lifers. I am a lifer who has done 47 years on second degree life.

William B.

Use your time to better you. Don't let the time use you. Don't give up on hope, because the system wins and you look like a dope!

Russell R. "AKA" Rusty

Why knowledge is power: Once you aquire an education, it can never be taken away from you. Once you use your education, you will never be the same.

James K.

I believe every man should try to make good changes within himself every day and the best way is to start with self by doing one good and positive thing that moves you toward freeing yourself from your wrong behavior.

Myles M.

I believe that in order to get what most people want, you need to do what most people won't!

Bro B.

Society's losing its common sense to technology.

Francisque J.

Life is simple. Simple-ness makes life difficult.

J.B.

Things are never what they appear to be, people are primarily altruists.

Wayne G.

If gays and lesbians can co-habitate in prison, why are hetrosexuals denied the compassion (access) to those they prefer?

M.R.

We need to get back to treating others as family, not as enemies, as politicians have led us to believe, when we are guilty of committing wrongs.

M.P.M.

Who's the animal here? They are quick to impose but won't follow their own laws. They hurry to cuff me with no probable cause. Then they want to hold me with excessive bail. I'm just another ghetto youth the system failed. From 013-72-7296, to W86445 to them I've always been just a number.

Zawade K.

The totality of life matters not just this moment in time. Too many get locked up and thrown away: story of my life untold.

B.C.

If women were allowed weekend visits with their children, then why can't men be allowed weekend visits? I was a witness to this fact and I was always confused/well lets say curious about why?

Richard E.

Even though my negligence caused me to take a life my life is of great value, therefore I now live my life in honor of the one taken.

One Love Brian A.

Judge not all equally.

Dweed

Why is Dweed giving his thoughts?

D.L.

You can only correct what you are willing to truthfully confront.

Jama H.S.

Do you have any idea what corrections is? What they are supposed to do?
What they really do?

John S.

I was once told by a corrections employee that after a judge drops the gavel and pronounces the sentence, that is when the punishment should end and rehabilitation should begin. Sadly most of the DOC personell tend to deal with prisoners as though they have been sent to prison not as punishment but to be punished.

J. Louie J.

A DOC employee is someone who sold their morality for a steady paycheck and pension.

Carnell H.

To love is not a choice, to not love is!

Shield W.

When a child misbeahves, it si the behavior we abhor. We still love the child. It is what was done that we don't like. Why does this change when we achieve adulthood? Why all the hate?

Lee A.

Believe it or not, resolution is not defined by restitution.

Quota M.

Saints have a past and sinners desire a future.

Larry L.

Nothing changes if nothing changes.

P.G.