

Vocation quotes – February

February 1. Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling me who I am.

Parker J. Palmer

February 2. I think it would be well, and proper, and obedient, and pure, to grasp your one necessity and not let it go, to dangle from it limp wherever it takes you.

Annie Dillard

February 3. You owe it to all of us to get on with what you're good at.

W.H. Auden

February 4. Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.

Thomas Merton

February 5. Every industrious man, in every lawful calling, is a useful man. And one principal reason why men are so often useless is that they neglect their own profession or calling, and divide and shift their attention among a multiplicity of objects and pursuits.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

February 6. The blind spiritual instinct that tells us obscurely that our own lives have a particular importance and purpose, and which urges us to find out our vocation, seeks in so doing to bring us to a decision that will dedicate our lives irrevocably to their true purpose.

Thomas Merton

February 7. Is that what they call a vocation, what you do with joy as if you had fire in your heart, the devil in your body?

Josephine Baker

February 8. I have no expectation that any man will read history aright who thinks that what was done in a remote age, by men whose names have resounded far, has any deeper sense than what he is doing today.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

February 9. Don't be in a hurry about finding your work in the world for yourself—you are not old enough to judge for yourself yet; but just look about you in the place you find yourself in, and try to make things a little better and honester there.

Thomas Hughes

February 10. Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life; everyone must carry out a concrete assignment that demands fulfillment. Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated, thus, everyone's task is as unique as his specific opportunity to implement it.

Viktor E. Frankl

**February 11. An unfulfilled vocation drains the color from a man's entire existence.
Honore de Balzac**

**February 12. The fact of the matter is that the most unexpected and miraculous thing in my life was the arrival in it of poetry itself - as a vocation and an elevation almost.
Seamus Heaney**

**February 13. The artist vocation is to send light into the human heart.
George Sand**

**February 14. When something is a vocation, you don't really make a decision about it.
Cate Blanchett**

**February 15. It is not more vacation we need - it is more vocation.
Eleanor Roosevelt**

February 16. I've always felt that if one was going to take seriously this vocation as an artist, you have to get beyond that decorative facade. Anish Kapoor

February 17. A society in which vocation and job are separated for most people gradually creates an economy that is often devoid of spirit, one that frequently fills our pocketbooks at the cost of emptying our souls. Sam Keen

February 18. Each man has his own vocation; his talent is his call. There is one direction in which all space is open to him. Ralph Waldo Emerson

February 19. The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves." Smith, Logan Pearsall

February 20. A vocation that is not mine, no matter how externally valued, does violence to the self... Parker J. Palmer

February 21. Where talents and the needs of the world cross, therein lies your vocation. Aristotle

February 22. Discover vocation and creation. And joy will come like clairvoyance, where blindness was before." Rumi

February 23. The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle. Steve Jobs

February 24. Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life. Confucius

February 25. To find out what one is fitted to do and to secure an opportunity to do it is the key to happiness.

John Dewey

February 26. Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known.

Garrison Keillor

February 27. Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there.”

Henry Wheeler Shaw writing as Josh Billings

February 28. It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.

Albert Einstein,