**Mistakes**

**People have to be able to redeem themselves; they have to be able to make mistakes. Otherwise, creativity is going to be killed. *(Marilyn Minter, artist)***

**Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep. *(Scott Adams, cartoonist)***

**If you don’t make mistakes, you aren’t really trying. *(Coleman Hawkins)***

**True artists never make mistakes -- every mistake is part of the art. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**The only thing I regret about my past is the length of it. If I had to live my life again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner. *(Tallulah Bankhead, American actress)***

**What were the most errors ever committed in one major league baseball play? Three. A ball hit to right fielder Snead Jolley of the Chicago White Sox went through his legs and bounced off the wall back through his legs. He picked it up and threw it over the head of the third baseman. One run scored. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**When pointing out a mistake by another person, always consider the person’s feelings. Milton Berle was dining with his wife, Ruth, in a Hollywood restaurant, when a waiter put too much pepper on her salad. Mrs. Berle tasted it and said, “Hmm. Needs more salad.” (Bits & Pieces) 920902**

**The biggest mistake you can make is to believe that you are working for someone else. *(Quote magazine)***

Mistakes **are easy, mistakes are inevitable, but there is no mistake so great as the mistake of not going on. (William Blake)**

**Mistakes are the usual bridge between inexperience and wisdom. *(Phyllis Theroux, essayist, in Night Lights)***

**Every great mistake has a halfway moment, a split-second when it can be recalled and perhaps remedied. *(Pearl Buck)***

**No man made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little. *(Edmund Burke, in Adventist Today)***

**While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior. *(Henry C. Link)***

**President Jimmy Carter apologized to members of the Congressional Black Caucus for being late for their annual dinner. He said he was delayed because he met Alex Haley, the author of Roots, coming into the dining room and, "I made the mistake of asking him how his family was." *(UPI)***

**In a recent survey of nearly 1,000 CEO candidates, researchers found that 45 percent had made at least one mistake in their career that either ended in them losing their job or was extremely costly to their business. However, more than 78 percent of those people ended up getting the top job. They also found that educational pedigree in no way correlated with performance. *(Harvard Business Review, as it appeared in The Week magazine, April 28, 2017)***

**The Six Mistakes of Man:**

**1. The delusion that personal gain is made by crushing others.**

**2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.**

**3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.**

**4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.**

**5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind, and not acquiring the habit of reading and studying.**

**6. Attempting to compel others to believe and live as we do. *(Cicero, Roman philosopher and statesman)***

**Because of its proximity to Lake Erie, Cleveland was sometimes derided as the "Mistake on the Lake." Fact of the matter is that Cleveland itself is a typo. The city's founder was Moses Cleaveland and no one knows why the letter A disappeared in the 1830s. *(Jack Kreismer, in The Bathroom Trivia Companion, p. 74)***

**A computer expert reveals that it would take a hundred clerks working for a hundred years to make a mistake as monumental as a single computer can make in 1/1000 of a second. *(Bits & Pieces) 1212916***

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**There’s one sure way to correct your mistakes: write your biography. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**If error is corrected whenever it is recognized as such, the path of error is the path of truth. *(Hans Reichenbach)***

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**Do not fear mistakes – there are none. *(Miles Davis)***

**No one deliberately makes mistakes – it’s rarely done on purpose. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren’t so busy denying they made them. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**It’s discouraging to make a mistake, but it’s downright humiliating to find out you’re so unimportant nobody even noticed it. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**My Favorite Saying: “It’s the person who does nothing that never makes a mistake.” *(Dorothy Schlitt, in Reminisce magazine)***

**It’s easier to learn from other people’s mistakes than from your own – and usually faster. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Every wrong attempt discarded is a step forward. *(Thomas Edison)***

**To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer. *(Paul Ehrlich)***

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**When Albert Einstein wanted to relax, he played the violin. He had no illusions, however, about his talent. Once, after he had spent an evening playing chamber music with friends, one of them said, “You were very good tonight. It surprised me, because I know you cut your finger this afternoon, and could scarcely use it.” “Well, it was no surprise to me,” said Einstein. “That’s the finger that makes all the mistakes.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**If mistakes are a fact of life, then I’ve accumulated more facts than a set of encyclopedias! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

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**Anyone can make a mistake. A fool insists on repeating it. *(Robertine Maynard)***

**The biggest mistake people make in life is not trying to make a living at doing what they most enjoy. *(Malcolm Forbes)***

**We were deliberately designed to learn only by trial and error. We’re brought up, unfortunately, to think that nobody should make mistakes. Most children get de-geniused by the love and fear of their parents – that they might make a mistake. But all my advances were made by mistakes. You uncover what is when you get rid of what isn’t. *(Buckminster Fuller)***

**Err on the side of generosity: You get more by first giving more. *(Danny Meyer, in Setting the Table: The Transforming Power of Hospitality in Business)***

**Can God make mistakes? If so, it would explain many otherwise very puzzling things. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Woman says to the waiter: "I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake." *(Glasbergen cartoon, in Catholic Digest)***

**The chief trick to making good mistakes is not to hide them -- especially not from yourself. *(Daniel Dennett, philosopher)***

**A mistake is simply another way of doing things. *(Katharine Graham, publisher)***

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**The greatest mistake a man can make is to sacrifice health for any other advantage. *(Schopenhauer)***

**It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can do only a little. Do what you can. *(Sydney Smith)***

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**There’s many a mistake made on purpose. *(Thomas Haliburton)***

**A well-adjusted person is one who makes the same mistake twice without getting nervous. *(Alexander Hamilton)***

**A life spent making mistakes isn't only more honorable, but more useful, than a life spent doing nothing. *(Country Extra magazine)***

**One of the huge mistakes people make is that they try to force an interest on themselves. *(Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon)***

**Some friends and I stopped at an ice-cream parlor, where I asked for my favorite, a hot-fudge sundae with chocolate ice cream. But when the waitress brought our orders, I saw that mine had vanilla ice cream. "I ordered chocolate," I pointed out. The young woman consulted her order pad and responded, "So you did. I'll take it back and get chocolate." "Never mind," I said. "I don't like to see anything wasted." "Nothing is wasted around here!" she insisted. "We eat our mistakes." (*Ruth S. Kaschman, in Reader's Digest)***

**Isn’t it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet? *(L. M. Montgomery, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Live all you can: it’s a mistake not to. *(Henry James)***

**Delay is preferable to error. *(Thomas Jefferson)***

**One of the disadvantages of wine is that it makes a man mistake words for thoughts. *(Samuel Johnson)***

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**A man’s errors are his portals of discovery. *(James Joyce)***

**Mistakes are the portals of discovery. *(James Joyce)***

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**An error does not become a mistake until you refuse to correct it. *(John F. Kennedy)***

**In general, there are two kinds of people who make mistakes: those who won’t admit them and those who call them experience. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**We will not make the same old mistakes. We will make our own. *(Henry Kissinger)***

**A mistake is an event, the full benefit of which has not yet been turned to our advantage. *(Edwin Land, Founder of Polaroid)***

**Your last mistake is your best teacher. (Bits & Pieces)**

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**Consider this the next time you make a monumental mistake on your way to fame and fortune: If the Leaning Tower of Pisa didn't tilt so badly, who'd ever have heard of Pisa? (L. M. Boyd)**

**How would you like to be credited with designing the Leaning Tower of Pisa? (It wasn't meant to be built twenty feet from the perpendicular.) However, the designer provided a foundation only 10 feet deep for a building that would stand 179 feet tall. That's no small mistake, but I'm sure architects learned from this practical flop. (Glenn Van Ekeren, in The Speaker's Sourcebook, p. 150)**

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**Only some of us can learn by other people's mistakes. The rest of us have to be the other people. (Chicago Tribune)**

**Billy says to Jeffy: “You can learn from your mistakes, so be sure to make some.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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**Dennis says to Margaret: "Half my life is spent making mistakes, while the other half is payin' for them!" *(Ferdinand & Hamilton, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**The man who is incapable of making a mistake is incapable of anything. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**Mistakes are part of the dues that one pays for a full life. *(Sophia Loren)***

**Mishaps are like knives that either serve us or cut us as we grasp them by the blade or the handle. *(James Russell Lowell)***

**The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything. *(Edward John Phelps)***

**A smart manager makes a mistake worthwhile by being big enough to admit it, strong enough to correct it, and intelligent enough to profit from the process. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**There's many a mistake made on purpose. (Thomas Haliburton, Canadian jurist-humorist)**

**Learn from the mistakes of others. You can never live long enough to make them all yourself. (Groucho Marx, in The Economist)**

**Lord, deliver me from the man who never makes a mistake, and also from the man who makes the same mistake twice. *(William J. Mayo)***

**Deadly medical mistakes: Medical errors in hospitals and other health care facilities are now the third-leading cause of death in the United States, claiming more lives each year than respiratory disease, accidents, stroke, and Alzheimer's disease. After analyzing four large studies investigating death rates, researchers at John Hopkins University calculated that mistakes ranging from undetected complications to medication mix-ups are responsible for more than 250,000 deaths a year. "It boils down to people dying from the care that they receive rather than the disease for which they are seeking care," study leader Martin Makary tells The Washington Post. The researchers argue that federal mandates should be revised to require doctors to disclose medical errors that resulted in a preventable death. "When a plane crashes, we don't say this is confidential proprietary information," Makary says. "We consider this part of public safety. Hospitals should be held to the same standards." *(The Week magazine, May 20, 2016)***

**A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: If you think you never make a mistake, you might be mistaken. *(Reminisce magazine)***

**Most of the mistakes of our life come from feeling when we ought to think and thinking when we ought to feel. *(Bits & Pieces) 19015***

**I would rather make mistakes in kindness and compassion than work miracles in unkindness and hardness. *(Mother Teresa)***

**A “mutation” is a mistake in heredity wherein a gene does not copy itself exactly, and the copy passes along the error. If the heredity experts are correct, each of us has six to 10 defective genes – meaning we’re all mutations. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**He who never made a mistake never made a discovery. *(Samuel Smiles)***

**I haven’t time to make any new mistakes today – I’m too busy correcting yesterday’s mistakes. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A French newspaper mistakenly ran an obituary for Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite. The premature obituary reflected none of his interests in humanity, love of people, or generosity. This led him to create the Nobel Prizes that awarded individuals who did the most to advance peace, literature, and the sciences. (Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 177)**

**It’s discouraging to make a mistake, but it’s downright humiliating to find out you’re so unimportant nobody even noticed it. (Bits & Pieces)**

**There is nothing final about a mistake, except its being taken as final.  
*(Phyllis Bottome, in Strange Fruit)***

**Oprah Winfrey’s first name should have been the biblical Orpah, from the book of Ruth, except the midwife made a mistake in spelling it when she filled out the birth certificate. *(Noel Botham, in The Ultimate Book of Useless Information, p. 5)***

**The name “Oprah” is actually a misspelling of “Orpah,” the name given to her at birth and derived from the biblical character in the Book of Ruth. The misspelling was so common, however, that it stuck, and she has been known as Oprah ever since. (2024 Mind-Bending Facts for Curious People, p. 9)**

**Learn from the mistakes of others -- you can never live long enough to make them all yourself. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The most formidable weapon against errors of every kind is reason. I have never used any other, and I trust I never shall. *(Thomas Paine)***

**In 1992, Pepsi ran a contest in the Philippines offering 1 million pesos to anyone finding a bottle cap with the number 349 on it. Somehow, the company printed half a million such caps. The potential payout would have been about $18 billion. Instead, Pepsi paid out nineteen dollars per cap. The end result was not good. Pepsi still paid out $10 million, had their bottling plant attacked, and some of their execs had to flee the country. (Don Voorhees, in *The Perfectly Useless Book of Useless Information, p. 121)***

**If you have made mistakes, there is always another chance for you. You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call “failure” is not the falling down, but the staying down. *(Mary Pickford)***

**I prefer the errors of enthusiasm to the indifference of wisdom. *(Anatole France)***

**All my mistakes are protected by copyright – you must make your own. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**I had come in time to learn that it was a mistake to smile a friendly smile when somebody made a fool of me. (Marcel Proust, in Remembrance of Things Past: The Captive)**

**A mistake proves that someone stopped talking long enough to do something. *(Phoenix Flame)*  
If people hate to make mistakes, why do so many go to the racetrack? More people make more mistakes there than anywhere else in the world, it’s claimed. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**The one good thing about repeating your mistakes is that you know when to cringe. *(Doug Larson, author)***

**Learn from others’ mistakes. We don’t have the time to make them all ourselves. *(Eleanor Roosevelt)***

**The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything. *(Theodore Roosevelt)***

**The easiest way to avoid wrong notes is to never open your mouth and sing. What a mistake that would be. (Pete Seeger)  
A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Strong people make as many and as ghastly mistakes as weak people. The difference is that strong people admit them, laugh at them, learn from them. That is how they become strong. *(Richard J. Needham)***

**Sulking about your mistakes only leads to future ones. *(Bill Rancic, in USA Weekend)***

**Remember, there are no mistakes, only lessons. Love yourself, trust your choices, and everything is possible. *(Cherie Carter-Scott)***

**The truth about mistakes: When did failure become a badge of honor? asked Lucy Kellaway. UBS chief executive Sergio Ermotti won plaudits from Wall Street last week for telling his bankers that it's OK to make mistakes, as long as they are honest mistakes. A culture in which employees are too scared to take risks doesn't help the bank or its clients, he explained. How mature and refreshing, came the response. "But it wasn't mature. It was mad." Sure, people shouldn't be punished for the slightest slipups. But we also shouldn't tell bankers that it is fine to screw up. "This mistake-loving nonsense is an export from Silicon Valley, where 'fail fast and fail often' is what passes for wisdom." Glorifying failure is based on a few misunderstandings. The first is that we always learn from our mistakes, "when there is no evidence of anything of the kind." The second is that mistakes should be made less scary, so that we aren't paralyzed with fear when we need to take decisive action. But equally, doing harm isn't justified simply because we've made "an honest mistake." Ermotti should have told his bankers that sometimes risks are appropriate, and sometimes things will go wrong. But when that happens, "no one must ever make light of their cock-ups." *(The Week magazine, October 9, 2015)***

**If only one could have two lives: the first in which to make one’s mistakes, and the second in which to profit by them. *(D. H. Lawrence) 1901***

**Good week for: Typos, which are earning Google $497 million a year, according to Harvard University researchers. About 68 million people a day mistype the names of highly trafficked websites, landing on bogus sites (called “typosquatters”) to which Google supplies ads, thereby hauling in a fortune. *(The Week magazine, March 5, 2010)***

**Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake. *(Savielly Tartakower, chess master)***

**When you do something exactly wrong, you always turn up something. *(Andy Warhol)***

**A mistake, like a weed, is a flower we have not learned to value. *(James Hubbell)***

**To err is human -- but it feels divine. *(Mae West)***

**Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**Mistakes are little windows into what is possible. *(Laura Owens, artist)***

**A wise man learns from the mistakes of others. Nobody lives long enough to make them all himself. *(Bits & Pieces) 9209019***

**My coach at Purdue, Piggy Lambert, constantly reminded us: “The team that makes the most mistakes will probably win.” That may sound a bit odd, but there’s a great deal of truth in it. The doer makes mistakes. Coach Lambert taught me that mistakes come from doing, but so does success. The individual who is mistake-free is also probably sitting around doing nothing. And that’s a very big mistake. *(Coach John Wooden) 423986***

**A doctor can bury his mistakes, but an architect can only advise his clients to plant vines. *(Frank Lloyd Wright, prominent architect)*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***