

Conative/Volition Domain

The path of the lazy leads to disgrace.
Proverb (Omaha)

Some men and women glory in their exalted thoughts, but if these thoughts never reach the plane of action they remain useless...
Bahá'í Faith, 'Abdu'l-Bahá: TB, 172

Success or failure, gain or loss, must...depend upon man's own exertions.
Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: ESW, 27

No goodly deed was or will ever be lost, for benevolent acts are treasures preserved with God for the benefit of those who act.
Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: HQ, #40

Better than a hundred years lived in idleness and weakness is living one day if a person courageously makes effort.
Buddhism, Dhammapada 112

If anything is to be done, let one do it vigorously.
Buddhism, Dhammapada 313

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together,...encouraging one another...
Christianity, Hebrews 10: 23-25 RSV

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening-- it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.
Christianity, Hebrews 12: 11 NLT

Confucius said: "...If you see what is right and fail to act on it, you lack courage."
Confucianism, Analects 2: 24

To seek gladness through righteous persistence is the way to accord with heaven and to respond to men.

Confucianism, I Ching 58: Joy

Though he be ever so tired by repeated failure, let him begin his operations again and again; for fortune greatly favors the man who perseveres in his undertakings.

Hinduism, Laws of Manu 9: 300

Tomorrows work do today, today's work now
If the moment is lost, the work be done how.

Hinduism, Kabir, Doha 3

And God loves those who are firm and steadfast.

Islam, Qur'án 3: 146

And when they hear vain talk, they turn away therefrom and say: "To us our deeds, and to you yours; peace be to you: we seek not the ignorant."

Qur'án 28: 55

You have crossed the great ocean; why do you halt so near the shore? Make haste to get on the other side, Gautama; be careful all the while!

Jainism, Uttaradhyayana Sutra 10: 34

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all ye that wait for HaShem.

Judaism, Tehilim (Psalms) 31: 25 RSV

[T]hey that wait for HaShem shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Judaism, Yisheyah (Isaiah) 40: 31 JPS

Heaven is not attained without good deeds.

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Ramkali-ki-Var, M.1, p. 952

Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself
is true power.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching 33

Failure is an opportunity. If you blame someone
else, there is no end to the blame.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching 79

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