

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

If you can't
express your thoughts
there's very little point
in thinking.

Pericles (c. 495-429 BC) paraphrased
political leader at the height of Athenian democracy

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Would you persuade,
speak of interest,
not reason.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)
Poor Richard's Almanac 1746

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You will never ***find*** time
for anything.

If you want time
you must ***make*** it.

Charles Buxton

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Nature
has given people
one tongue
and two ears,
that we may hear
twice as much
as we speak.

Epictetus (50- c.130 A. D.)
Greek stoic philosopher

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Speech is power:
speech is to persuade,
to convert, to compel.
It is to bring another
out of his(her) bad sense
into your good sense.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)
American writer and orator

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Speech Quotation for the Day

All epoch-making
revolutionary events
have been produced
not by the written word
but by the spoken word.

Adolph Hitler (1889-1945)
Mein Kampf

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Speech Quotation For The Day

Far more effective (than books)
is the spoken word.

There is something in the voice,
the countenance, the bearing,
and the gesture of the speaker,
that concur in fixing
an impression upon the mind,
deeper than even
the most vigorous writings.

Pliny the Younger (62-113)
Roman author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Speech that
leads not to action,
still more that hinders it,
is a nuisance
on the earth.

Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)
Scottish essayist

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**It is terrible
to speak well
and be wrong.**

**Sophocles (c.496-406 BC)
Athenian playwright**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Talking and eloquence
are not the same;
to speak,
and to speak well,
are two things.

Ben Jonson (1573-1637)
British actor, playwright and poet

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The great enemy
of clear language
is insincerity.

When there is a gap
between one's real
and one's declared aims,
one turns as if it were instinctively
to long words
and exhausted idioms,
like a cuttlefish squirting out ink.

George Orwell (1903-1950)
British author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**Delivery
is the management,
with grace,
of voice,
countenance,
and gesture.**

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 B. C.)
Roman statesman and orator

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Speech Quotation for the Day

That which we persist in doing
becomes easier—
not that the
nature of the task
has changed,
but our ability to do
has increased.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)
American orator and writer

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Speak the speech,
I pray you...
trippingly on the tongue.
...Suit the action
to the word,
the word to the action,...

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Hamlet III, ii

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Be not tedious
in discourse;
make not
many digressions,
nor repeat often
the same manner
of discourse.

George Washington (1732-1799)

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**Don't quote Latin;
say what you
have to say,
and then sit down.**

**Duke of Wellington (1769-1852)
Advice to a new member of Parliament**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The most
savage controversies
are those about matters
as to which
there is
no good evidence
either way.

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)
English mathematician and philosopher

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**Facts
do not cease to exist
because they
are ignored.**

**Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)
English novelist and critic**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Before the
wise person speaks,
they will consider well
what they speak,
to whom they speak,
and where and when.

St. Ambrose (c. 340-397)
Bishop of Milan

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Speech Quotation for the Day

It is reason and speech
that unite people
to one another;
there is nothing else
in which we differ
so entirely
from brute creation.

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 B. C.)
Roman statesman and orator

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Speech is
the mirror of the soul:
as a person speaks,
so (s)he is.

Publilius Syrus (1st century B. C.)
Maxim 1043

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Speech Quotation for the Day

One picture
is worth more than
ten thousand words.

Chinese proverb

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Do you wish to instruct?
Be brief
that the mind
may catch your precepts
and the more easily
retain them.

Horace (65-8 B. C.)
Roman poet and satirist

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Speech Quotation for the Day

I will speak
something
notable,
new,
and hitherto unspoken
by any other mouth.

Horace (65-8 B. C.)
Roman poet and satirist

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Understanding
is nothing else
than conception
caused by speech.

Thomas Hobbes (1588-1674)
English philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Action!

Action!

Action!

Demosthenes (c. 385-322 B. C.)

Athenian statesman and orator

answering the question,

”What three things make a perfect public speaker?”

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**It usually takes
more than three weeks
to prepare
a good
impromptu speech.**

**Mark Twain (1835-1910)
American humorist and author**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Be pleasant and
hold their (unbelievers)
interest when you
speak the message.
Choose your words carefully and
be ready
to give answers
to anyone
who asks questions.

Paul of Tarsus
Colossians 4:6

Contemporary English Version of ***The Bible***.
advice about speaking to a hostile audience

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The two words
“information” and
“communication”
are often
used interchangeably
but they signify
quite different things.
Information is giving out;
communication is
getting through.

Sydney J. Harris
American newspaper columnist (1917 -1986)

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The work of business,
of government
bureaucracy,
of most forms
of human activity,
is something pursued
not by individuals
but by teams.

Andrew Grove

President and CEO, Intel

As quoted in ***1001 Ways to Energize Employees***

by Bob Nelson

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Democracy
is not about
giving speeches;
it is about
making
committees work.

Lord Bullock (1914-)
British educator

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Oratory
is the power
of beating down
your adversary's
arguments,
and putting better
in their place.

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)
British lexicographer and author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

It is only
by the collision
of adverse opinions
that the remainder
of the truth
has any chance
of being supplied.

John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)
British political economist

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Speech Quotation for the Day

While a sheep
always utters
the same cry,
a human makes
a great variety
until s/he
achieves his/her object.

Archidamus son of Agesilaus (360-338 B. C.)
Spartan king

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**S/he who knows
only her/his own side
of the case
knows little of that.**

**John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)
British political economist**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

What if I could speak
all languages of humans
and of angels?

If I did not love others,
I would be nothing more
than a noisy gong
or a clanging cymbal.

Paul of Tarsus
1 Corinthians 13 v. 1
Contemporary English Version of ***The Bible***.

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Speech Quotation for the Day

I disapprove
of what you say,
but I will
defend to the death
your right to say it.

Voltaire (1694-1778)
French writer and philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Reverend Samuel J. May:

“Mr. Garrison,
you are too excited—
you are on fire!”

William Lloyd Garrison:

“I have need to be on fire,
for I have icebergs
around me to melt.”

William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879)
American abolitionist

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Humankind's
speech
is like
their life.

Socrates (469-399 B. C.)
Athenian philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

It is the province
of knowledge
to speak
and it is the privilege
of wisdom
to listen.

Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
American jurist and author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

That is the
happiest conversation
where there is
no competition,
no vanity,
but a quiet interchange
of sentiments.

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)
British lexicographer and author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

An orator
is a good person
who is skilled
in speaking.

Marcus Porcius Cato
(Cato the Elder) (234-149 B. C.)
Roman statesman

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Speech Quotation for the Day

While the right to talk
may be the
beginning of freedom,
the necessity of listening
is what makes
the right important.

Walter Lippman (1899-1974)
American journalist and author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Remember that you are a
human being with a soul
and the divine gift
of articulate speech;
that your native language
is the language of Shakespeare
and Milton and ***The Bible***;
and don't sit there crooning
like a bilious pigeon.

Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)
Pygmalion Act I

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**When the mind
is thinking,
it is talking to itself.**

**Plato (429-347 BC)
Greek Philosopher**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Communication is
and should be
hell fire and sparks
as well as
sweetness and light.

Aman Vivian Rakoff (1928-)
Vivian Morris Rakoff psychiatrist/writer

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Speech Quotation for the Day

A man who listens
because he has
nothing to say
can hardly be
a source of inspiration.
The only listening
that counts is
that of the talker
who alternately absorbs
and expresses ideas.

Agnes Repplier (1858-1950)
American essayist

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The first book
of the nation
is the dictionary
of its language.

Constantin, Comte de Volney (1757-1820)
Historian and philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

One of the best ways
to persuade others
is with your ears.

Dean Rusk (1909-)
Former U. S. Secretary of State

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The pause-
that impressive silence,
that eloquent silence,
that geometrically
progressive silence
which often achieves
a desired effect where
no combination of words,
howsoever felicitous,
could accomplish it.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)
American author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Language has created
the word “loneliness”
to express the pain
of being alone,
and the word “solitude”
to express the glory
of being alone.

Paul Tillich (1886-1965)
American theologian

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Mr. Chairman,
I desire to say
to those present that
their perfect attention
will not embarrass me
in the least.

John Mills Allen (1846-1917)
First speech to Congress (1885)

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The limits
of my language
mean the limits
of my world.

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951)
German philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The first duty of a lecturer—
to hand you
after an hour's discourse
a nugget of pure truth
to wrap between the
pages of your notebooks
and keep on the
mantelpiece for ever.

Virginia Woolf (1882-1941)
British author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

It is said that a bird
never makes
so much noise
as when she lays
her first egg.

I will sit down now,
but the time will come
when you will hear me.

Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)
First Speech to the House of Commons (1837)
He became Prime Minister of England.

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The ideal committee
is one with me
as chairman,
and two other members
in bed with the flu.

Lord Milverton (1930-)
British politician

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Let your speech
always be gracious,
seasoned with salt,
so that you
may know how
you ought to
answer everyone.

Paul of Tarsus
2 Colossians 4 v. 6

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**Eloquence
is thought on fire.**

Ken McFarland

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Speech Quotation for the Day

When I'm getting ready
to persuade a man,
I spend
one third of the time
thinking about myself—
what I'm going to say—
and two thirds of the time
thinking about him
and what he's going to say.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Wisdom
is the reward you get
for a lifetime of listening
when you'd have
preferred to talk.

Doug Larson
Botanist

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Speech Quotation for the Day

If all my talents and powers
were to be taken from me
by some inscrutable Providence,
and I had my choice
of keeping but one,
I would unhesitatingly ask to be
allowed to keep the
Power of Speaking,
for through it,
I would quickly recover
all the rest.

Daniel Webster (1782-1852)
American statesman and orator

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The ability to speak
is a shortcut to distinction,
It puts a (wo)man in the limelight,
raises her/him head and shoulders
above the crowd,
and the (wo)man
who can speak acceptably
is usually given credit
for an ability
all out of proportion
to what s/he really possesses.

Lowell Thomas (1892-1981)
American news commentator

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**Criticize
your friend privately,
praise
him/her publicly.**

Solon (c. 638-c. 559 B. C.)
Athenian Statesman and orator

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

The shy person
will not learn;
the impatient person
should not teach.
Ask and learn.

Hillel the Elder (fl. 30 BC-9 AD)
Jewish teacher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

My way of
opening and winning
an argument
is to first find
a common ground
of agreement.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then a third time—a tremendous whack!

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)
British statesman, author and orator

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**A Quotation
at the right moment
is like
bread to the famished.**

Talmud

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Speech is
a picture
of the mind.

John Ray (1627?-1705)
English Proverbs 1670

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Analogies, it is true,
decide nothing,
but they can make one
feel more at home.

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)
Austrian founder of psychoanalysis

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Speech Quotation for the Day

An orator
is a (wo)man who says
what s/he thinks
and feels
what s/he says.

William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925)
American statesman

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Even the
most timid person
can deliver
a bold speech.

Seneca (c. 4 B. C.-65)
Roman statesman and teacher

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Be still when you have
nothing to say;
when genuine passion
moves you,
say what you've
got to say,
and say it hot.

D. H. Lawrence (1885-1930)
American writer

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Teach them what has
been said in the past;.....
and judgment
and all exactitude
shall enter them.
Speak to them,
for there is
none born wise.

Ptah Hotep (27th century B. C.)
City governor, vizier under King Izezi
Prisse Papyrus paraphrased

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The practice
of public speaking
flourishes in every
peaceful and free state.

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 B. C.)
Roman statesman and orator

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Be skillful in speech,
that you may be strong;
the strength
(...) of the tongue, and words
are braver than all fighting...
those who are aware of
(a wise person's) knowledge
do not attack him/her.

The Teaching for Merikane
(c. 2135-2040 B. C.)

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Speech Quotation for the Day

By words
the mind is winged.

Aristophanes (c.450-385 B. C.)
Athenian comic playwright

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**Think today
and speak tomorrow.**

Anonymous

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Speech Quotation for the Day

I served with
General Washington
in the Legislature of Virginia...
and... with
Doctor Franklin in Congress.
I never heard either of them
speak ten minutes at a time,
not to any
but the main point.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

A speech is
a solemn responsibility.
The (wo)man who makes a
bad thirty-minute speech
to two hundred people
wastes only a half hour of
his/her own time.
But s/he wastes one hundred hours
of the audience's time—
more than four days—
which should be a hanging offense.

Jenkin Lloyd Jones (1911-)
American publishing executive

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Speech Quotation for the Day

...You can't go wrong if you think of the first two minutes of your speech as an audition. It's a 120-second sample that has to convince your listeners that the remaining twenty minutes are worth their time and attention.

Robert Orben (1927-)
American comedy writer

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**Public speaking
is the art of
ruling people's minds.**

Plato (427?-347 BC)
Greek Philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The ability to communicate effectively is probably the most important skill at a manager's command, because all other management skills depend on it.

David P. Reynolds
Chairman, Reynolds Aluminum

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

There is
no such thing
as an
uninteresting subject.
There are only
uninterested people.

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)
English journalist and author

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Know how to listen
and you will profit
even from those
who talk badly.

Plutarch (46?-120?AD)
Greek biographer

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Most of the decisions
that affect our lives
are not made by individuals,
but by small groups of people
in executive boardrooms,
faculty meetings, town councils,
quality circles, dormitory rooms,
kitchens, locker rooms
and a host of other meeting places.
In a democracy, the small group
is the most basic way
to get work done.

Arthur Jensen (1923-)
Psychologist

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Of the three elements
in speechmaking--
speaker, subject
and person addressed--
it is the last one,
the hearer,
that determines
the speech's
end and object.

Aristotle (384-322 BC)
Greek philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**If thou thinkest twice,
before thou
speakest once,
thou wilt speak
twice the better for it.**

**William Penn (1644-1718)
Quaker and founder of Pennsylvania**

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Good results
are seldom led to
When people feel
they're being read to.

Charles Osgood (1933-)
American broadcast Journalist

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Speak properly,
and in as few
words as you can,
but always plainly;
for the end of speech
is not ostentation,
but to be understood.

William Penn (1644-1718)
Quaker and founder of Pennsylvania

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

The power of eloquence--
so very effective
in convincing us of
either wrong or right--
lies open to all.

St. Augustine (396-430)
Bishop of Hippo

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Speech Quotation for the Day

If it is urged that an abuse
of the rhetorical faculty
can work great mischief,
the same charge can be brought
against all good things such as
strength, health, wealth
and military skill.

Rightly employed,
they work the greatest blessing;
and wrongly employed,
they work the utmost harm.

Aristotle (384-322 BC)
Greek philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**If truth
were self-evident,
eloquence
would not be
necessary.**

**Cicero (106-43 BC)
Roman statesman and orator**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

If you want me
to talk for ten minutes,
I'll come next week.

If you want me
to talk for an hour,
I'll come tonight.

Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)
American President

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Language
is the armory
of the human mind,
and at once contains
the trophies
of its past and
the weapons
of its future conquests.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)
English poet

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Good argument,
like good architecture,
reveals its structural elements
so that what is being said
and how it is being supported
lie open to the
consideration of all.

Perry Weddle
Author and educator

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Eloquence
is the power
to translate a truth
into language
perfectly intelligible
to the person
to who you speak.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)
American author and philosopher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Having a
young child explain
something exciting
he has seen
is the finest example
of communication
you will ever
hear or see.

Bob Talbert (1936-1999)
Columnist

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Speak when
you are angry
and you will make
the best speech
you will ever regret.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-?1914)
American author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

Words without ideas
are like
sails without wind.

Courier-Record
(Blackstone Virginia)

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**By inflection
you can say much more
than your words do.**

Malcolm S. Forbes (1919-1990)
Publisher

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Speech Quotation for the Day

North Americans
communicate
through buttons,
T-shirts and
bumper stickers
the way some cultures
use drums.

Tim McCarthy

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Speech Quotation for the Day

The right word
may be effective,
but no word
was ever as effective
as a rightly timed
pause.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)
American author

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Speech Quotation for the Day

There is
nothing in the world
like a persuasive
speech
to fuddle
the mental apparatus.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)
American author

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

There are
very few people
who don't become
more interesting
when they stop talking.

Mary Lowry
Educator

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

How to win a case in court;

If the law is on your side,
pound on the law;

if the facts are on your side,
pound on the facts;

if neither is on your side,
pound on the table.

Unknown

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Propaganda is
the art of
persuading others
of what
you don't
believe yourself.

Abba Eban (1915-)
Israeli diplomat and statesman

Using Your Speech Power!

Speech Quotation for the Day

Never tell people
how to do things.
Tell them what to do
and they will
surprise you
with their ingenuity.

General George S. Patton Jr.(1885-1945)
American General

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**It is better
to debate a question
without settling it
than to settle a question
without debating it.**

**Joseph Joubert (1754-1824)
French essayist and moralist**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

**We only think
when we are
confronted
with a problem.**

**John Dewey (1859-1952)
American educator**

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Speech Quotation for the Day

God, give me
the serenity to accept
the things
I cannot change,
the courage to change
the things I can,
and the wisdom
to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)
American Theologian