

# *The Mount of Olives*

11 Declarations to an Extraordinary Life



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1. ***"WORDS SPOKEN,  
SET LIFE IN  
MOTION"***
2. ***"LIVE WITH THE  
END IN MIND"***
3. ***"IN ALL THINGS, BE  
FILLED WITH  
GRATITUDE"***
4. ***"EACH DAY, GIVE  
OF YOURSELF  
MORE THAN YOU  
EVER HAVE  
BEFORE"***
5. ***"BLAME NO ONE  
BUT YOURSELF"***
6. ***"DEVELOP A  
BURNING DESIRE"***
7. ***"YOU MUST TAKE  
ACTION"***
8. ***"ALWAYS  
PERSIST"***
9. ***"YOU ARE A  
CREATURE OF  
HABIT"***
10. ***"LOVE WILL SET  
YOU FREE"***
11. ***"YOU MUST  
CHOOSE TO  
BELIEVE"***

## *Declaration #1: Words spoken set life in motion.*

*I will listen diligently to every word my mind tells me and I will interrupt it. I will judge it with the seriousness I would the most heinous crime. Every thought that is destructive and speaks against what I seek —will be cast out as if it was a disease of my mind.*

*I must silence any evil that comes from my mind as the universe is listening. It is listening and waiting to take action with the same force that moves mountains and with the same winds which dash waves onto the rocks. The same breath which taught the sun to burn with violence and the moon to cool the night is waiting for my voice and, until now, I have only robbed myself with my words.*

*When my mind speaks death, I will speak life and I will out-yell the words spoken against me until the voice in my mind becomes an unstoppable force, now speaking for me.*

*Soon the two voices will speak in unison and two will become one again. I will speak life because words spoken set my life in motion.*

## *Declaration #2: Live with the end in mind.*

*I will live with the end in mind.*

*I will evaluate where I am today and this will reveal where my end will be.*

*The road I am currently on has only one destination. If I am not pleased with the destination, I must take another road and if I don't, I must accept my fate. I cannot and will not simply wish for change while I continue to walk in the wrong direction.*

*My future will not magically change. If I wish to change my destination I must first peer through the glass of time to my last day. I must decide how I want this day to be and I must decide what I want people to say about me. And what will they say about me? Will the world mourn or will it continue without a hiccup in the day? Did I live? Did my life serve a purpose? Was my life ordinary... or was it extraordinary?*

*I will live with the end in mind and, if I do, I will not stray. When I am lost and weary I will stop and look ahead. I will renew my strength and continue to walk the road ahead.*

*Yesterday's failures cannot stop me today as long as I live with the end in mind.*

*And when death comes finally knocking on my door, I'll gladly open and invite it in, for I'll know that I have truly lived.*

*I must live with the end in mind.*

*Declaration #3: In all things, be filled with gratitude.*

*In all things, I will be grateful.*

*With my legs I walk. With my hands I hold. With my eyes I see. With my ears I hear. With my mind I think. With my heart I live. With my lungs I breathe.*

*If I start to complain I will count my blessings. I will write them on my sleeve and I will never forget them. When I wake in the morning I will raise my hands and say "thank you! I am alive another day."*

*If I lack I need only to ask. I will ask for a thing as if it were already in my possession and I will say "thank you."*

*In my sorrow I will seek for things to be grateful for and in my joy I will give thanks.*

*In all things, I will be grateful.*

*Declaration #4: Each day, give of yourself more than you ever have before.*

*Each day, I will give of myself more than I ever have before.*

*Each day, I will rise before the sun has finished its sleep. As it rises, it will find me about my business and it will shine on my labor.*

*I will not sit idle and seek Lady Opportunity from the seat of my ass for she sees the lazy man and walks past his home. I will labor and she will draw near to me. I will not rush her, for by faith, I know that she is making her way to me.*

*Each day, I will give of myself more than I ever have before.*

*I will not concern myself with the work or pay of others and I will not compare the difficulty of my labor to theirs. I will do the things that others avoid today so that tomorrow I will receive the things others merely dream of. I will do more than I am paid to do and soon I will be paid for more than I do.*

*I will not judge my labor, big or small, for I will always give my greatest effort.*

*Each day, I will give of myself more than I ever have before.*

### *Declaration #5: Blame no one but yourself.*

*If my pride, anger, or laziness blind me from opportunity, I will blame no one but myself.*

*If I am working until my old age and my hands and feet are tired, I will blame no one but myself.*

*If my satchel does not ring with the sound of gold, I will blame no one but myself.*

*If my house is not built and my fields are not bringing a harvest, I will blame no one but myself.*

*If my relationships are failing, I will blame no one but myself.*

*When I am challenged with difficulty and I refuse to face it, I will blame no one but myself.*

*As I examine my life and I see things that bring me shame, I will blame no one but myself.*

*Only I have the ability to create my happiness and if it has eluded me, I will blame no one but myself.*

*For my successes, I give myself credit, but if I fail and have the urge to blame, I will blame no one but myself.*

### *Declaration #6: Develop a burning desire.*

*I must have a burning desire for a thing if I wish to achieve it.*

*A wish is simply a wish and it will remain a wish until it fades. If I desire to turn my wish from a wish to a thing I possess, I must have a desire that burns for that thing.*

*As I rise in the morning and lay my head to rest at night, I will create a picture in my mind's eye of that which I wish for. I will feel it, I will taste it, I will hear it, and I will speak to it until my desire becomes my reality.*

*I will fan the measly flame of that idea until it bursts into a roaring fire that turns the dark days of my life to brightness and the bright days brighter.*

*When it is but a tiny flame, I will speak not of my desire for the danger of others extinguishing it with their words. Only when it burns strongly and no great sea can quench it, will I no longer fear what others know of it.*

*Any man that speaks to me may not know of my desire but they will see in my eyes a flame that shines deep from within my soul and they will not wish to stand in the way of that flame, which is my desire.*

*Thousands upon thousands that have come before me and more that will follow after, will wish for a thing, but few will understand the magnetic power of a burning desire.*

## *Declaration #7: You must take action.*

*I must not only speak, I must take action.*

*No man acquires gold by merely speaking of it.*

*No man achieves greatness by simply talking of it.*

*No man fulfills his purpose by only thinking of it.*

*In all things that I wish to achieve, great or small, I must take action.*

*I am not what I say; I am what I do. It is my actions that will reveal who I am.*

*Opportunity presents itself often and only those that take action will reap the benefits of its riches.*

*The world is full of men who speak of a thing or teach a thing but it is taking action towards that thing that makes it real. Withholding action only makes the thing an idea, and the world, although seemingly built on ideas, was in fact built on ideas followed by action.*

*If I claim to want a thing, I must not sit with arms folded, I must act with arms swinging.*

*I must not merely speak; I must take action.*

## *Declaration #8: Always persist.*

*A single drop of rain may not be noticed, but drop after drop, it drenches an entire land. Like the rain, I will persist.*

*A river carves its path into the canyon not by force, but by persistence. Like the river, I will persist.*

*For every door slammed shut in my face, I will knock on two more. I will persist.*

*Although I get weary, day by day, and the end seems nowhere in sight, I will persist.*

*If I lack skill and talent, I will persist and I will surpass those more talented and skilled than I.*

*The world is full of people with dreams but my dreams will not stay merely dreams because I will persist.*

*I may kick, I may scream, I may fail, and I may cry, but as long as I am still alive, I will persist.*

*When I try, the world may hold me down but when I continue to persist, they will step aside and watch me pass by.*

*I will not quit,*

*I will persist.*

### *Declaration #9: You are a creature of habit.*

*Wherever I am, I am there because of my habits.*

*Today, I still do things that hold me back and I do not do the things that will move me forward. But I am a creature of habit and I must learn that I can only do the things around which I have formed habit.*

*If I am not where I want to be then I must look at why this is so. If I am not where I want to be then my habits are to blame. If my habits are those of a lazy man, then I must settle for the pay of a lazy man. If my habits are those of a poor man, then I must settle for the life of a poor man.*

*I must learn the habits of the man I desire to be and if I succeed in forming these habits, then I will succeed indeed.*

*By forming habits around the things I need to do, I will do them even when I have no desire to.*

*My mind is a powerful and unstoppable force, waiting for my command. Whatever I have commanded of it, I will surely see.*

*I am... a creature of habit.*

### *Declaration #10: Love will set you free.*

*My bitterness and my hate, my anger and frustrations, my envy and my disgust, my misfortunes and my lies, have chained my mind, but it is love that will set me free.*

*When they attack me with their words, I will remember that it is they who hurt inside, and I will teach them that it is love that sets them free.*

*If I am to succeed, I must first learn to love without greed. Whatever I set out to do, I will approach it with love and my love will empower me to succeed.*

*The world is broken and can only be fixed by one condition... It can be fixed with a love that is without condition.*

*I will love, because I now know that I am loved.*

*It is love that sets me free.*

*Declaration #11: You must choose to believe.*

*Though I do not see, I will choose to believe.*

*Though I do not hear, I will choose to believe.*

*Though I do not understand, I will choose to believe.*

*It is not in the wisdom of man that the creator resides, it is in the simplicity of a child that he lives.*

*It is not by logic that I will understand, it is by the broken spirit that I will learn to believe.*

*The world is thrown into turmoil by those who believe and those who disagree and still I will not learn from either. I will seek his presence in all that I do and it is there that I will learn to believe.*

*It is with his breath that my lungs are filled.*

*It is by his hand that my heart pumps as I sleep.*

*It is by his will that my mind can achieve whatever it conceives.*

*I will choose to believe.*

**“Just when it seems like the olive tree will never produce, it brings forth more fruit than can be contained.”**