

4. Quotes

“Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content.” *–* ***Helen Keller***

“Part of the problem with the word ‘disabilities’ is that it immediately suggests an inability to see or hear or walk or do other things that many of us take for granted. But what of people who can’t feel? Or talk about their feelings? Or manage their feelings in constructive ways? What of people who aren’t able to form close and strong relationships? And people who cannot find fulfilment in their lives, or those who have lost hope, who live in disappointment and bitterness and find in life no joy, no love? These, it seems to me, are the real disabilities.” *―*[***Fred Rogers***](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/32106.Fred_Rogers)*(*[*The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember*](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/713675)*)*

“At the cross, Jesus subjects himself to disability, and His resurrected body continues to bear his scars as a sign of God's solidarity with humanity.” *–* [***Thomas E. Reynolds***](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1380359.Thomas_E_Reynolds)

“It’s a lie to think you’re not good enough. It’s a lie to think you’re not worth anything.” *―*[***Nick Vujicic***](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3395320.Nick_Vujicic)(Life Without Limbs*, see bio)*

“We can’t, and we should not, compare sufferings. We come together as a family of God, hand in hand. And then together coming and standing upon the promises of God, knowing that no matter who you are, no matter what you’re going through, that God knows it, He is with you, He is going to pull you through.” *―*[*Nick Vujicic*](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3395320.Nick_Vujicic)

“... for every disability you have, you are blessed with more than enough abilities to overcome your challenges.” *―*[***Nick Vujicic***](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3395320.Nick_Vujicic)

“I was slightly brain damaged at birth, and I want people like me to see thay they shouldn’t let a disability get in the way. I want to raise awareness – I want to turn my disability into ability.” *– Susan Boyle (popular British singer)*

“Let us work together for a world of opportunity and dignity for all, a future of inclusion, one in which we all gain by leaving no one behind.” *– UN*[*Secretary-General*](http://www.un.org/sg/)*Ban Ki-moon, on the occasion of 2016, 10th anniversary of a United Nations treaty that protects the rights of persons with disabilities.*

“If you are disabled, it is probably not your fault, but it is no good blaming the world or expecting it to take pity on you. One has to have a positive attitude and must make the best of the situation that one finds oneself in; if one is physically disabled, one cannot afford to be psychologically disabled as well.

“In my opinion, one should concentrate on activities in which one's physical disability will not present a serious handicap. . . . My disabilities have not been a significant handicap in my field, which is theoretical physics. . . . I have managed . . . only because of the large amount of help I have received from my wife, children, colleagues and students. I find that people in general are very ready to help, but you should encourage them to feel that their efforts to aid you are worthwhile by doing as well as you possibly can.” *–* ***Steven Hawking*** *(in “*[*Handicapped People and Science*](http://books.google.com/books?id=9LVFAAAAYAAJ&q=%22handicapped+people+and+science%22#search_anchor)*,”*Science Digest)

“It is in the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways, have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church; it is to prove His people and develop their true character. Angels of God are watching to see how we treat these persons who need our sympathy, love, and disinterested benevolence. This is God’s test of our character.” *–* ***Ellen White*** *(*Testimonies to the Church, *Vol. 3, p. 511)*

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