

## The People I Admire Most

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The people I admire most are the ones who know who they are and what it is they want from life. They have strength and courage and faith in themselves and in a Higher Power. And while the path they take may lead them here and there, their compass always faces north, and eventually they arrive at the place they were meant to be.

The people I admire most learn to live without fear. They venture out into the world, confident that they can cope with whatever may come their way. They know they have the right tools to survive, no matter where they go.

The people I admire most don't sit and wait for rescue. They jump into the fray. They are the ones who rescue others, sometimes at the risk of their own peril.

The people I admire most don't quake at changing times. They keep up, try new things; they're in the know. They embrace the new and constantly changing technology and utilize it to their advantage.

The people I admire most are welcome anywhere. They know how to fit in, be a part of any group, and enjoy what's going on. They get involved in politics. Speak up, shout out. Put in the time and energy to move things forward, to help promote a better day.

The people I admire most are not concerned about themselves. They reach out to help others who are less fortunate. They are the leaders and the teachers and the counselors who make a difference in other people's lives.

The people I admire most are never lost and lonely. They face each day as if it were a gift and enjoy the surprises that come their way. They live every day to the fullest, and sleep well at day's end. Then they wake up each morning, ready to do it all again.

The people I admire most know how to live. They've got the right stuff. They have the right tools. The people I admire most are prepared to thrive!