

## **Basketball Quotes by Michael Jordan**

"I have missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot .. and missed. And I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why... I succeed."

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them."

"People ask me if I could fly, I said, "yeah.... for a little while."

"I never looked at the consequences of missing a big shot... when you think about the consequences you always think of a negative result."

"You can practice shooting eight hours a day, but if your technique is wrong, then all you become is very good at shooting the wrong way. Get the fundamentals down and the level of everything you do will rise."

"Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game."

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."

"My heroes are and were my parents. I can't see having anyone else as my heroes."

"My attitude is that if you push me towards something that you think is a weakness, then I will turn that perceived weakness into a strength."

"If you accept the expectations of others, especially negative ones, then you never will change the outcome."

"I would tell players to relax and never think about what's at stake. Just think about the basketball game. If you start to think about who is going to win the championship, you've lost your focus."

"I never thought a role model should be negative."

"There are plenty of teams in every sport that have great players and never win titles. Most of the time, those players aren't willing to sacrifice for the greater good of the team. The funny thing is, in the end, their unwillingness to sacrifice only makes individual goals more difficult to achieve. One thing I believe to the fullest is that if you think and achieve as a team, the individual accolades will take care of themselves. Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."

"I play to win, whether during practice or a real game. And I will not let anything get in the way of me and my competitive enthusiasm to win."

"I know fear is an obstacle for some people, but it is an illusion to me . . . Failure always made me try harder next time."

"I've never been afraid to fail."

"Always turn a negative situation into a positive situation."

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

"I've always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come. I don't do things half-heartedly. Because I know if I do, then I can expect half-hearted results."

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."

*All quotes by "Michael Jordan"*