

Quotes from Cesar Chavez

- From the depth of need and despair, people can work together, can organize themselves to solve their own problems and fill their own needs with dignity and strength.
- If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with him... the people who give you their food give you their heart.
- In some cases non-violence requires more militancy than violence.
- Our language is the reflection of ourselves. A language is an exact reflection of the character and growth of its speakers.
- Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures.
- Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity?
- Students must have initiative; they should not be mere imitators. They must learn to think and act for themselves - and be free.
- The fight is never about grapes or lettuce. It is always about people.
- There is no substitute for hard work, 23 or 24 hours a day. And there is no substitute for patience and acceptance.
- There is no such thing as defeat in non-violence.
- We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.
- We draw our strength from the very despair in which we have been forced to live. We shall endure.
- We need to help students and parents cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community - and this nation.
- Who gets the risks? The risks are given to the consumer, the unsuspecting consumer and the poor work force. And who gets the benefits? The benefits are only for the corporations, for the money makers.
- You are never strong enough that you don't need help.