

GEORGE BUSH
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Dear Virtual Visitor,

Thank you for visiting the George Bush Presidential Library Center. We hope you enjoyed your day with us.

You ask, "Is there a quotation that best expresses your outlook on life?"

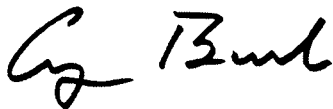
From an early age, I have enjoyed reading, and there are a number of favorite passages from the Bible and from writers such as Lincoln and Churchill that have given me great inspiration. But I think my favorite quotation is one I chose for the frontispiece of my autobiography, *Looking Forward*. The quotation is from Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the United States Senate and author of the book *The Man Without A Country*:

Look up, and not down;
Look out, and not in;
Look forward, not back;
And lend a hand.

That quotation captures the spirit of how I have tried to live my life—to be optimistic, to look for the best in people, and to do what I can to help others. Something of the same spirit led me to start the Points of Light initiative when I was President, to encourage Americans to become involved in one-on-one voluntary efforts to improve our communities—to make community service central to their lives and work. I have often noted that any definition of a successful life must include serving others.

Again, thank you for spending time in our Library. Barbara and I send best wishes to you and yours.

With warm regards,



George Bush