

## 25 Great Quotes for Women Presenters: From #METOO to #WETOO

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1. **“Anyone who claims to be a leader must speak like a leader. That means speaking with integrity and truth.”** Hon Kamala Harris, former Vice President.
2. **“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”** Eleanor Roosevelt, whose activism, advocacy, and outspoken participation in American politics changed the role of the First Lady.
3. **“It is never too late to be what you might have been.”** Mary Ann Evans, using the pen name *George Eliot*, an English novelist, poet, journalist.
4. **“What we have to do... is to find a way to celebrate our diversity and debate our differences without fracturing our communities.”** Hillary Clinton, 2016 Democratic Party Presidential Candidate.
5. **“I tell my daughters to have their voice in this world, and it became clear I needed to role-model that.”** -- Melinda Gates, the world’s most powerful advocate for women and girls and Co-Founder, [The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).
6. **“I had two options. One was to remain silent and never to speak and then to be killed by the terrorists. The second option was to speak up for my rights and then die. And I chose the second one.”** -- Malala Yousafzai, [Nobel Peace Prize Winner](#)
7. **“Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.”** -- Gloria Steinem, [Journalist and Activist](#).
8. **“For most of history, ‘Anonymous’ was a woman.”** Virginia Woolf, Author.
9. **“Well behaved women seldom make history.”** Lauren Ulrich Thatcher, Historian, Harvard University.
10. **“In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman.”** Margaret Thatcher, Britain’s first female Prime Minister.
11. **“Opportunity may knock only once but temptation leans on the doorbell.”** Oprah Winfrey, an American media icon, talk show host, author.
12. **“There’s always room for a story that can transport people to another place.”** J.K. Rowling, Author of the *Harry Potter* fantasy series.

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13. **“We have to dare to be ourselves, however frightening or strange that self may prove to be.”** May Sarton, novelist, poet, memoirist.
14. **“Leadership is a series of behaviors rather than a role for heroes.”** - *Margaret Wheatley*
15. **"Champions keep playing until they get it right."** -*Billie Jean King*
16. **“My best successes came on the heels of failures.”** -*Barbara Corcoran, Real Estate Executive and venture capitalist appearing on Shark Tank*
17. **“We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained.”** -*Marie Curie*
18. **"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."** – *First Lady Rosalynn Carter*
19. **“Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one’s courage.”** -*Anais Nin*
20. **“A woman is like a tea bag – you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.”** -*Eleanor Roosevelt*
21. **“Because I am a woman, I must make unusual efforts to succeed. If I fail, no one will say, “She doesn’t have what it takes.” They will say, “Women don’t have what it takes.”** -*Clare Boothe Luce*
22. **“The question isn’t who’s going to let me; it’s who is going to stop me.”** -*Ayn Rand,*
23. **“Stop wearing your wishbone where your backbone ought to be.”** - *Elizabeth Gilbert, essayist and TED speaker*
24. **“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”** Maya Angelou, American poet, singer, memoirist, and civil rights activist.
25. **“I have learned over the years that ...knowing what must be done does away with fear.”** -*Rosa Parks, best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott*