

Laws of Douglass

1. Anything worth doing is worth overdoing!
2. Don't be a dick.
3. Plan to Replan
4. The more you know, the more you know.
5. Optimism is the enemy of realism.
6. The leading cause of failure is ignoring risk.
7. It ain't right if it don't run.
8. Fact trumps Theory.
9. The difference between Theory and Practice is greater in Practice than it is in Theory.
10. Timeliness is next to godliness.
11. Act like what you do makes a difference.
12. "Safe enough" looks different at 35,000 feet
13. Think horizontally, implement vertically.
14. Those arguing that something is impossible should get out of the way of those actually doing it.
15. A good poem is worth a good proof – or a really great theorem!
16. On its best-behaved day, the world is still only piece-wise linear.
17. Embrace Uncertainty. – Law 16 (I think)
18. Continuously verify your work as you create it.
19. Pointers don't kill programs – people kill programs.
20. You give power to that which you grant attention.
21. The more I learn, the less I know.
22. Don't believe your own marketing hype.
23. The mind is the instrument of the heart.
24. The model IS the code!
25. Apply no design before its time.
26. $2+2=5$ for sufficiently large values of 2
27. Subtlety is best applied with a sledgehammer, but a baseball bat will do in a pinch
28. While (!(succeed = try()));
29. There are 10 kinds of people in the world; those that understand binary and those that do not.
30. The best way not to have defects in your system is to not put any defects into your system
31. /* no comment */
32. I'm uncertain about quantum mechanics
33. If life was easy, anyone could do it
34. The cadaver is always right
35. Stupidity *should* be painful
36. I'm not pedantic – I'm *precise!*
37. The biggest problem with the communication is the illusion that it takes place.
38. First Law of Dating: Never date anyone crazier than you are.
39. The First Rule of Fight Club should also be the First Rule of Religion.
40. Religion: together we can find the cure.

41. If you don't want to be made fun of, don't say stupid stuff out loud.
42. People deserve respect; ideas do not.
43. Good food should hurt a little bit.
44. You should fail 25% of the time or you're not trying hard enough!
45. Fact trumps theory.
46. You can learn something from everybody, but it's often not what they think they have to teach you.
47. The worst thing about censorship is *****,
48. That which doesn't kill me usually just pisses me off.
49. The difference between a methodologist and a terrorist is that you can negotiate with a terrorist.
50. The best way to predict the future is to invent it.
51. The person who feels the pain needs to be a part of the solution.
52. Curiosity is mostly habit
53. First we build the tools and then they build us.
54. Life is either a daring adventure or it is nothing – Helen Keller
55. Sweat is holy water for the mind
56. You don't use science to show you're right; you use science to become right.
57. The 2nd Law of Dating: "No Pain, No Gain" doesn't apply to romantic relationships.
58. Thank god I'm an atheist!
59. BE the dumbbell! (workout tip)
60. Any language rich enough to be useful is also expressive enough to state utter nonsense.
61. Your free speech doesn't mean that I won't make fun of you for saying stupid stuff.
62. If god didn't want us eating animals, he wouldn't have made them out of tasty tasty meat.
63. You're just mad because the voices only talk to me.
64. If I agreed with you, then we'd both be wrong.
65. Time is the universe's way from making sure everything doesn't happen at once. Space is the universe's way of making sure it doesn't all happen to me.
66. All generalizations are false.
67. An expert is someone with an opinion from more than 50 miles away.
68. Exercise. Eat Right. Die anyway.
69. Technology solves all the problems you never had before technology.
70. I have a photographic memory. What I lack is film.
71. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.
72. Common sense isn't common.
73. Intelligence is not a greater virtue than honor.
74. I absolutely HATE all bigots.
75. When life gives me lemons, BY GOD I'm still going to make orange juice!
76. Pain is temporary. Achievement is permanent.
77. It is never too late to go wrong.
78. Mornings would be a lot better if they didn't come so damn early.
79. A problem well-behaved, is half solved.

80. Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.
81. Do Epic Shit.
82. With no authority comes no responsibility.
83. A good friend will bail you out of Jail. A **great** friend will be sitting beside you saying "That was AWESOME!"
84. In general, people suck. But you don't have to.
85. You're only as old as your girlfriend.
86. Carpe deim jugulum (sieve the day by the throat)
87. Nuthin's ever easy
88. Time is how nature keeps everything from happening all at once. Lately, it doesn't seem to be working.
89. Don't subscribe to any religion – make up your own dogma!
90. Facts are like psychotic friends – they'll turn on you in a moment if you ignore them.
91. My ex wife once accused me of appearing self important – I nearly fell off my throne!
92. Wherever you go, there you are.
93. You can't improve what you do not measure.
94. If we're made in god's image, then why aren't we invisible?
95. War never solved anything – except fascism and slavery.
96. Women make you stoopid.
97. Facts are facts – you ignore them at your peril.
98. It is better to have loved and lost than to be stuck with that psycho bitch forever.
99. Everything you don't have to do takes zero time.
100. Enthusiasm is best applied like a brick to the face – Tamera Lanham
101. Seize the day before it seizes you.
102. Always turn your wheels into the skid, even if you're not driving.
103. Intellect without action is failure.
104. I love the smell of planning in the morning. It smells like Victory!
105. If you're not planning to plan for success, then you're planning to plan for failure. Don't plan on it!
106. Beware of the path of least resistance – it's slippery!
107. Life is a word problem in that if you can't do the math, you die.
108. A dedicated person is one who, when life gives them lemons, makes orange juice.
109. To design a car, you needn't reverse engineer a horse.
110. You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club. It's like a lot of things in that respect.
111. The meaning of life is to give life meaning.
112. That Diem isn't going to Carpe itself!
113. Theorize, but verify.
114. Smart has the great plans, but Stupid has all the great stories.
115. Trust yourself.
116. Break some rules.
117. Don't be afraid to fail.
118. Ignore the naysayers.

119. Work your ass off.
120. Give something back.
121. Train to power, race to HR.
122. "The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity"
~ Amelia Earhart
123. All the best lies are actually true.
124. Projects have three dimensions – functionality, quality, and time. You can at most specify two of these.
125. There are two reasons to schedule a project: 1) provide an accurate estimate the cost, effort, time, and resources required 2) provide worker motivation. They are incompatible.
126. "If you live long enough, eventually you will die. If you race long enough, eventually you will suck" – Tinley
127. Do something awesome everyday. Twice on Saturday.
128. The perfect is the enemy of the good.
129. It's just math; how hard can it be?
130. We all cognate by building models, but some models are better than others.
131. The code is the truth, but not the whole truth. – Grady Booch
132. Go the extra mile – refuse to ask for directions.
133. Failures are guaranteed. Learning from them is optional.
134. To be average, is to be below average.
135. Dance like nobody is watching,
Sing like you're alone in the shower,
Engineer like you're a passenger hurdling through space in a speeding tube of death that you designed
136. Knowing is not enough; We must apply. Willing is not enough; We must do. – Bruce Lee
137. The first 60 years of childhood are the hardest.
138. Hard work beats Talent, when Talent doesn't work hard.
139. Failure is the best teacher – Master Yoda
140. "Optimism" is just another word for "wrong"
141. Failure is a sign of a life well lived – Wit (Oathbringer)
142. The downhill race is not worth running.
143. The most important step is: the next one – Dalinar (Oathbringer)
144. If everything is coming your way – DUCK!
145. Cause no harm but take no shit
146. I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand. ~
Confucius
147. Agile means being flexible enough to do what makes sense. The notion of "strict Agile" is an oxymoron