

Good Quotations for Great Use by Famous People

ART

Art is long and time is fleeting. —LONGFELLOW

ADVICE

Those who school others, oft should school themselves. —SHAKESPEARE

ABILITY

Behind an able men there are always other able men. —CHINESE PROVERB

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing while other judge us by what we have already done. —LONGFELLOW

There may be luck in getting a good job, but there's no luck in keeping it. —J. GODEN ARMOUR

AGE

In youth the days are short and the years are long, in old age the years are short and the days long. — PANIN

In old age life's shadows are meeting eternity's days. —CLARKE

AVARICE

Poverty wants some things, luxury many, avarice all things.—COWLEY

AMBASSADOR

An Ambassador in an honest man sent to lie and intrigue abroad for the benefit of his country. —SIR H. WOTTON

ABSENCE

Love reckons hours for months, and days for years, and every little absence is an age. —ANON

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The sign brings customers. —THE FORTUNE TELLERS

Business today consists in persuading crowds. —GERALD STATLEY, Lee

AIM

In great attempts it is glorious even to fail. —LONGINUS

ANGER

The greatest remedy for anger is delay. —SENECA

ATIFICE

To know how to dissemble is the knowledge of kings.—RICHELIEU

ANIMALS

Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions, pass no criticisms. —GEORGE Eliot

ACTION

Strong reasons make for strong actions. —SHAKESPEARE, King John

Heaven never helps the man who will not act. —SOPHOCLES

ASPIRATION

No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings. —W. BLAKE

ANCESTRY

I will not borrow merit from the dead, myself an undeserver.—B OWE

ACQUAINTANCE

Sudden acquaintance brings repentance. —THOMAS FULLER

APPEARANCE

She looks as if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth. —SWIFT Polite Conversation

BLUSH

When a girl ceases to blush, she has lost the most powerful charm of her beauty. —GREGORY

BUSINESS

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can. —SAMUEL CLEMENTS

It is not the crook in modern business that we fear but the honest man who does not know what he is doing. —OWEN D. YOUNG

Business is like oil, it won't mix with anything but business —J. GRAHAM

BEAUTY

A thing of beauty is a joy forever. —KEATS

BACHELOR

A bachelor is one who enjoys the chase but not the game. —ANON

BOOKS

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested. —

BACON

Choose an author as you choose a friend. —ROSCOMMON

BEGINNING

The beginnings of all things are small. —CICERO, De Finibus

BANK

The banker is a man who lends you an umbrella when the weather is fair and takes it away when it rains. —ANON

BOY

One boy is more trouble than a dozen girls. —English Proverb

BIRTH

Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither. —Old Testament

COMMUNISM

Communism possesses a language which very people can understand, its elements are hunger, envy, and death. —HEINE

Communism is the exploitation of the strong by the weak. In communism, inequality springs from placing mediocrity on a level with excellence. —PROUDHON

CRIME

It is not the thief who has hanged but one who was caught stealing. —Czech Proverb

CONFIDENCE

Be courteous to all but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. —WASHINGTON

CROWN

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. —SHAKESPEARE

CRITICISM

Even the lion has to defend himself against flies. —German Proverb

COMPROMISE

Better bend than break. —Scottish Proverb

COURTSHIP

Men are April when they woo; December when they wed. —SHAKESPEARE

CONDUCT

Conduct is three-fourths of our life and its largest concern. —M. ARNOLD

CARE

For want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost; being overtaken and slain by the enemy, all for want of care about a horse-shoe nail. —FRANKLIN

Providence has given us hope and sleep as a compensation for the many cares of life. —VOLTAIRE

CHARACTER

Character buildings begins in our infancy and continues until death. —MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

COMMERCE

Commerce is the equalizer of the wealth of nations. —GLADSTONE

CASTLES

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost, there is where they should be. Now put foundation under them. —THOREAU

CHILD

Many children, many cares; no children, no felicity.

The smallest children are nearest to God as the smallest planets are nearest to the sun —RICHTER

COMMANDER

It is better to have a lion at the head of an army of sheep, than a sheep at the head of an army of lions. —DEFOE

COUNTRY

I consider it the best part of an education to have been born and brought up in the country —ALB OTT

CONCEALMENT

It is great cleverness to know how to conceal our cleverness. —ROCHEFOUCAULD

CAUTION

A wise man does not trust all his eggs to one basket.—CERVANTES

CLOTHES

The clothes makes the man. —Latin Proverb

CHEERFULNESS

Cheerfulness is health, its opposite, melancholy is disease. —HALIBURTON

An ounce of cheerfulness is worth a pound of sadness to serve God with. —FULLER

COWARDICE

Cowards die many time before their death; the valiant never tastes of death but once. —SHAKESPEARE I

CIRCUMSTANCES

Circumstances: I make circumstances. —NAPOLEON

CONVERSATION

Debate is masculine: conversation is feminine. —ALCOTT

CEREMONY

Ceremony is the invitation of wise men to keep fools at a distance. —STEELE

DIPLOMACY

A diplomat is a man who remembers a lady's birthday but forgets her age. —ANON

When a diplomat says yes he means perhaps; when he says perhaps he means no; when he says no he is no diplomat. —ANON

DUTY

I slept and dreamed that life was Beauty.

I woke and found that life was Duty —ELLEN S. HOOPER

DOG

The cowardly dog barks more violently than it bites. —QUINTUS CIRCUIT RUFUS

A living dog is better than a dead lion. —ECCLESIASTES

DANGER

A timid person is frightened before a danger; a coward during the time; and a courageous man afterwards. —RICHTER

Danger is never overcome without danger. —PUBLIUS

DIFFICULTY

The best way out of a difficulty is through it. —ANON

DEFEAT

What is defeat? Nothing but education, nothing but the first step to something better. —WENDELL PHILLIPS

Defeat should never be a source of discouragement but rather a fresh stimulus. —SOUTHE

DARKNESS

It is always darkest just before the day dawns.—THOMAS FULLER

DEMOCRACY

The devil was the first democrat. —BYRON

DEEDS

Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds. —GEORGE ELIOT

DISCUSSION

Understand your antagonist before you answer him. —CHANNING

DRESS

Eat to please thyself, but dress to please others. —FRANKLIN

DELUSION

The worst deluded are the self-deluded. —BOVEE

DISBASE

Desperate diseases require desperate remedies. —English Proverb

DRINKING

At the first cup a man drinks wine, at the second cup wine drinks man, at the third cup wine drinks man. —ANON

DEBT

A small debt produces a debtor; a large one, an enemy. —PUBLIUS SYRUS

DEVIL

No sooner is a temple built to God than the devil builds a chapel hard by. —HERBERT

ENVY

The hen of our neighbour appears to us a goose, says an oriental proverb. —MME. DELUZY

EATING

One should eat to live, not live to eat. —FRANKLIN

EYE

The eyes believe themselves; the ears believe other people. —German Proverb

EMPLOYMENT

Employment is nature's physician, and is essential to human happiness. —GALEN

EXPECTATION

Blessed are those that naught expect, for they shall not be disappointed. —WALCOT

EFFICIENCY

The best carpenters make the fewest chips. —German Proverb

Wealth, power and efficiency are the appurtenances of life and not life itself. —S. BADHAKR[SHNAN

EXPERT

The shoemaker makes a good shoe because he makes nothing else. —EMERSON

ENDURANCE

What cannot be cured must be endured. —English Proverb

FAULT

A fault once denied is twice committed. —THOMAS FULLER

FACE

Man is read in his face. —BEN JONSON

FAMILY

All happy families resemble one another: every unhappy family is Unhappy in its own way. —TOLSTOY

FORGIVENESS

It is easier to forgive an enemy than a friend. —MME. DOROTHEE KELUZY

FIRE

Better a little fire that warms than a big one that burns.—JOHN RAY

FRIENDSHIP

Chance makes our parents, but choice makes our friends.—DELILLE

FORCE

Who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe.—MILTON

FAILURE

They never fail who die in a great cause. —BYRON

FASHION

A fashionable woman is always in love with herself. —LA BOCHEFOUCAULD

FAME

I awoke one morning and found myself famous. —BYRON

FOLLY

He who lives without folly is not no wise as he imagines. —ROCHEFOUCAULD

GIRL

The girls nowadays display a shocking freedom; but they were partly led into it by the relative laxity of their mothers, who in their turn, gave great anxiety to a still earlier generation.—EDMUND GOSSE

GENEROSITY

Almost always the most indigent are the most generous. —STANISLAUS

GOD

Man doth what he can, and God what he will. —JOHN RAY

If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him. —VOLTAIRE

GAMBLING

By gambling we lose both our time and treasure—two things most precious in the life of man. —FELLTHAJ

GIFT

When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow. —HERBER

It is the will, and not the gift that makes the giver. —LESSIN

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