

# Aesop Quotes

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It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds.

~Aesop

United we stand, divided we fall.

~Aesop

Every truth has two sides; it is as well to look at both, before we commit ourselves to either.

~Aesop

Better be wise by the misfortunes of others than by your own.

~Aesop

A doubtful friend is worse than a certain enemy. Let a man be one thing or the other, and we then know how to meet him.

~Aesop

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

~Aesop

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

~Aesop

The little reed, bending to the force of the wind, soon stood upright again when the storm had passed over.

~Aesop

It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow.

~Aesop

Beware of a wolf in sheep's clothing.

~Aesop

Put your shoulder to the wheel.

~Aesop

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

~Aesop

Uninvited guests are often most welcome when they leave

~Aesop

Little by little does the trick.

~Aesop

The smaller the mind the greater the conceit.

~Aesop

Do not count your chickens before they are hatched.

~Aesop

Gratitude is the sign of noble souls.

~Aesop

Those who voluntarily put power into the hands of a tyrant ... must not wonder if it be at last turned against themselves.

~Aesop

Please all, and you will please none.

~Aesop

The tyrant will always find a pretext for his tyranny.

~Aesop

The level of our success is limited only by our imagination and no act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.

~Aesop

Self-conceit may lead to self destruction.

~Aesop

In union there is strength.

~Aesop

In serving the wicked, expect no reward, and be thankful if you escape injury for your pains.

~Aesop

Adversity tests the sincerity of friends

~Aesop

Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.

~Aesop

Don't cry over spilt milk.

~Aesop

The unhappy derive comfort from the misfortunes of others.

~Aesop

Better to starve free than be a fat slave

~Aesop

Injuries may be forgiven, but not forgotten.

~Aesop

It is easy to be brave from a safe distance.

~Aesop

Vices are their own punishment

~Aesop

It is with our Passions, as it is with Fire and Water, they are 'Good Servants,' but 'Bad Masters.'

~Aesop

Persuasion is often more effectual than force.

~Aesop

A liar will not be believed, even when he speaks the truth.

~Aesop

Don't let your special character and values, the secret that you know and no one else does, the truth - don't let that get swallowed up by the great chewing complacency.

~Aesop

Appearances often are deceiving.

~Aesop

Those who cry the loudest are not always the ones who are hurt the most

~Aesop

The cat always leaves a mark on his friend.

~Aesop

The grateful heart will always find opportunities to show its gratitude.

~Aesop

He that always gives way to others will end in having no principles of his own.

~Aesop

Facts speak plainer than words

~Aesop

I thought these grapes were ripe, but I see now they are quite sour.

~Aesop

The haft of the arrow had been feathered with one of the eagle's own Lures. We often give our enemies the means of our own destruction.

~Aesop

Affairs are easier of entrance than of exit; and it is but common prudence to see our way out before we venture in.

~Aesop

He who shares the danger ought to share the prize.

~Aesop

There can be little liking where there is no likeness.

~Aesop

If you can't say anything nice, then don't say anything at all.

~Aesop

It is one thing to say that something should be done, but quite a different matter to do it.

~Aesop

We should look to the mind, and not to the outward appearance.

~Aesop

Liars often set their own traps.

~Aesop

He that is discontented in one place will seldom be happy in another.

~Aesop

He that is neither one thing nor the other has no friends.

~Aesop

Men often bear little grievances with less courage than they do large misfortunes.

~Aesop

A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety.

~Aesop

Pride goes before destruction.

~Aesop

You can fool people some of the time, but you can't fool them all of the time.

~Aesop

Betray a friend, and you'll often find you have ruined yourself.

~Aesop

If you choose bad companions, no one will believe that you are anything but bad yourself.

~Aesop

Uninvited guests seldom meet a welcome.

~Aesop

There are many statues of men slaying lions, but if only the lions were sculptors there might be quite a different set of statues.

~Aesop

We often give our enemies the means for our own destruction.

~Aesop

Men often applaud an imitation and hiss the real thing.

~Aesop

Familiarity breeds contempt.

~Aesop

Don't make much ado about nothing.

~Aesop

He that is hard to please, may get nothing in the end.

~Aesop

After the rain cometh the fair weather.

~Aesop

Slow but steady wins the race.

~Aesop

Don't kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

~Aesop

Try as one may, it is impossible to deny one's nature

~Aesop

Thinking to get at once all the gold the goose could give, he killed it and opened it only to find-nothing.

~Aesop

Only cowards insult dying majesty.

~Aesop

What a splendid head, yet no brain.

~Aesop

It is possible to have too much of a good thing.



~Aesop

The greatest kindness will not bind the ungrateful.

~Aesop

Fine clothes may disguise, but silly words will disclose a fool

~Aesop

What's bred in the bone will stick to the flesh.

~Aesop

In a crisis, give help first and then advice.

~Aesop

Don't neglect the future in times of plenty, for tomorrow you may need what you wasted today.

~Aesop

Better to learn wisdom from other people's misfortunes than from your own.

~Aesop

Be content with your lot; one cannot be first in everything.

~Aesop

Any excuse will serve a tyrant.

~Aesop

Labour is the source of every blessing.

~Aesop

Sometimes the slow ones blame the active for the delay.

~Aesop

Destroy the seed of evil, or it will grow up to your ruin.

~Aesop

We should find out as much as possible about someone before coming into conflict with him.

~Aesop

People often grudge others what they cannot enjoy themselves.

~Aesop

A person's true nature will reveal itself despite disguise.

~Aesop

The injuries we do and those we suffer are seldom weighed in the same scales.

~Aesop

Notoriety is often mistaken for fame.

~Aesop

He who plots to hurt others often hurts himself.

~Aesop

To be well prepared for war is the best guarantee of peace.

~Aesop

Great determination can overcome most odds.

~Aesop

Always stop to think whether your fun may be the cause of another's unhappiness

~Aesop

Outside show is a poor substitute for inner worth.

~Aesop

Those who return evil for good should not expect the kindness of others to last long.

~Aesop

Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.

~Aesop

Once a wolf, always a wolf.

~Aesop

We would often be sorry if our wishes were gratified.

~Aesop

Your birthday is the vintage of your wine; the mark that warns you of your future.

~Aesop

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