

# B. C. Forbes

## Quotes

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Yield, Jobs, America, Determination, People, Exercise, Years, Running,  
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If you don't drive your business, you will be driven out of business.

~B. C. Forbes

Golf without bunkers and hazards would be tame and monotonous. So would life.

~B. C. Forbes

Vitally important for a young man or woman is, first, to realize the value of education and then to cultivate earnestly, aggressively, ceaselessly, the habit of self-education.

~B. C. Forbes

History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats.

~B. C. Forbes

Opportunity rarely knocks on your door. Knock rather on opportunity's door if you ardently wish to enter.

~B. C. Forbes

Work is the meat of life, pleasure the dessert.

~B. C. Forbes

How you start is important, but it is how you finish that counts. In the race for success, speed is less important than stamina. The sticker outlasts the sprinter.

~B. C. Forbes

Our future and our fate lie in our wills more than in our hands, for our hands are but the instruments of our wills.

~B. C. Forbes

Enthusiasm is the electric current that keeps the engine of life going at

top speed. Enthusiasm is the very propeller of progress.

~B. C. Forbes

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Real riches are the riches possessed inside.

~B. C. Forbes

The men who have done big things are those who were not afraid to attempt big things, who were not afraid to risk failure in order to gain success.

~B. C. Forbes

Justice must be blind to the hardness or softness of a man's hands, as well as to the leanness or fatness of his pocketbook

~B. C. Forbes

It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn.

~B. C. Forbes

Think not of yourself as the architect of your career but as the sculptor. Expect to have to do a lot of hard hammering and chiseling and scraping and polishing.

~B. C. Forbes

Jealousy... is a mental cancer.

~B. C. Forbes

To succeed, we must have the will to succeed, we must have stamina, determination, backbone, perseverance, self-reliance, and faith.

~B. C. Forbes

He who has faith has... an inward reservoir of courage, hope, confidence, calmness, and assuring trust that all will come out well - even though to the world it may appear to come out most badly.

~B. C. Forbes

There is more credit and satisfaction in being a first-rate truck driver than a tenth-rate executive.

~B. C. Forbes

A shady business never yields a sunny life.

~B. C. Forbes

Don't forget until too late that the business of life is not business but living.

~B. C. Forbes

Better to be occasionally cheated than perpetually suspicious.

~B. C. Forbes

The be-all and end-all of life should not be to get rich, but to enrich the world.

~B. C. Forbes

No man can fight his way to the top and stay at the top without exercising the fullest measure of grit, courage, determination, resolution.

~B. C. Forbes

Bragging often precedes begging.

~B. C. Forbes

Triumph often is nearest when defeat seems inescapable.

~B. C. Forbes

Turn resolutely to work, to recreation, or in any case to physical exercise till you are so tired you can't help going to sleep, and when you wake up you won't want to worry.

~B. C. Forbes

Selfishness corrodes. Unselfishness ennobles, satisfies. Don't put off the joy derivable from doing helpful, kindly things for others.

~B. C. Forbes

Many of the most successful men I have known have never grown up. Youthfulness of spirit is the twin brother of optimism... Resist growing up!

~B. C. Forbes

Jealousy is an inner consciousness of one's own inferiority. It is a mental cancer.

~B. C. Forbes

Acting without thinking is like shooting without aiming.

~B. C. Forbes

The man who has done his level best... is a success, even though the world may write him down a failure.

~B. C. Forbes

Mediocre men wait for opportunity to come to them. Strong, able, alert men go after opportunity.

~B. C. Forbes

You have no idea how big the other fellow's troubles are.

~B. C. Forbes

The human being who lives only for himself finally reaps nothing but unhappiness. Selfishness corrodes. Unselfishness ennobles, satisfies.

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Cheerfulness is among the most laudable virtues. It gains you the good will and friendship of others. It blesses those who practice it and those upon whom it is bestowed.

~B. C. Forbes

Diamonds are only lumps of coal that stuck to their jobs.

~B. C. Forbes

A business like an automobile, has to be driven, in order to get results.

~B. C. Forbes

Money, or even power, can never yield happiness unless it be accompanied by the goodwill of others.

~B. C. Forbes

A word of appreciation often can accomplish what nothing else could accomplish.

~B. C. Forbes

It's so much easier to do good than to be good.

~B. C. Forbes

Success is sweetest to one who has known failure.

~B. C. Forbes

Honesty is the cornerstone of character.

~B. C. Forbes

Difficulties should act as a tonic. They should spur us to greater exertion.

~B. C. Forbes

Many a man thinks he is patient when, in reality, he is indifferent.

~B. C. Forbes

He best keeps from anger who remembers that God is always looking upon him.

~B. C. Forbes

The most profitless things to manufacture are excuses.

~B. C. Forbes

Golf is an ideal diversion, but a ruinous disease.

~B. C. Forbes

Life is just an endless chain of judgements. . . . The more imperfect our judgement, the less perfect our success.

~B. C. Forbes

The man of fixed ingrained principles who has mapped out a straight course, and has the courage and self-control to adhere to it, does not find life complex. Complexities are all of our own making.

~B. C. Forbes

Christmas moves us to think of others rather than of ourselves & directs our thoughts to giving.

~B. C. Forbes

The bargain that yields mutual satisfaction is the only one that is apt to be repeated.

~B. C. Forbes

The man who is intent on making the most of his opportunities is too busy to bother about luck.

~B. C. Forbes

The truth doesn't hurt unless it ought to.

~B. C. Forbes

The man who has won millions at the cost of his conscience is a failure.

~B. C. Forbes

Upon our children-how they are taught-rests the fate-or fortune-of tomorrow's world.

~B. C. Forbes

To make headway, improve your head.

~B. C. Forbes

Plan your work - work your plan

~B. C. Forbes

The man who is cocksure that he has arrived is ready for the return journey.

~B. C. Forbes

An idea, like a machine, must have power applied to it before it can accomplish anything.

~B. C. Forbes

What you have outside you counts less than what you have inside you.

~B. C. Forbes

If you do the best and the most you can today, don't worry about tomorrow.

~B. C. Forbes

Use life to provide something that outlasts it.

~B. C. Forbes



Work done with little effort is likely to yield little result.

~B. C. Forbes

We must learn that to enjoy happiness we must conscientiously and continuously seek to spread happiness. Selfishness is suicidal to happiness.

~B. C. Forbes

Kill time and you will kill your career.

~B. C. Forbes

Madame Curie didn't stumble upon radium by accident. She searched and experimented and sweated and suffered years before she found it. Success rarely is an accident.

~B. C. Forbes

The man without religion is as a ship without a rudder.

~B. C. Forbes

The things that are most worthwhile in life are really those within the reach of almost every normal human being who cares to seek them out.

~B. C. Forbes

The fellow who isn't fired with enthusiasm is apt to be fired.

~B. C. Forbes

It is the hard-boiled employer, not the soft-hearted species, that incites most of our strikes and does most of endanger the harmonious progress of democracy.

~B. C. Forbes

The real friend is he or she who can share all our sorrow and double our joys.

~B. C. Forbes

It is when things go hardest, when life becomes most trying, that there is greatest need for having a fixed goal.

~B. C. Forbes

When it comes to betting on yourself... you're a chicken-livered coward if you hesitate.

~B. C. Forbes

Some people are so methodical that that is all they are or ever will be.

~B. C. Forbes

Next to the dog, the wastebasket is your best friend.

~B. C. Forbes

Lady Luck generally woos those who earnestly, enthusiastically, unremittingly woo her.

~B. C. Forbes

Whimpering never kept a leaking vessel from foundering. Vigorously manning the pumps has. Get busy with your head and hands, not your chin.

~B. C. Forbes

Honesty pays dividends both in dollars and in peace of mind.

~B. C. Forbes

Success consists of being and doing, not simply accumulating.

~B. C. Forbes

Any business arrangement that is not profitable to the other fellow will in the end prove unprofitable for you. The bargain that yields mutual satisfaction is the only one that is apt to be repeated.

~B. C. Forbes

If the deal isn't good for the other party, it isn't good for you.

~B. C. Forbes

Anything that inspires unselfishness makes for our ennoblement. Christmas does that. I am all for Christmas.

~B. C. Forbes

Time mends all, ends all things earthly.

~B. C. Forbes

I have never seen people who could do real work except under the stimulus of encouragement and enthusiasm and the approval of the people for whom they are working.

~B. C. Forbes

Temporary release from work, through vacations, becomes more welcome, more pleasurable, even more necessary, as we grow older.

~B. C. Forbes

There's no such thing as a self-made man. I've had much help and have found that if you are willing to work, many people are willing to help you.

~B. C. Forbes

The man who is too busy to read is never likely to lead.

~B. C. Forbes

If a pig could pray, it would pray for swill. What do you pray for?

~B. C. Forbes

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