

Baltasar Gracian Quotes

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Inspirational, Self, Giving, Needs, Character, Excellence, Knowledge, Fool,
Enemy, Littles, Long*

Dreams will get you nowhere, a good kick in the pants will take you a long way.

~Baltasar Gracian

A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the other one.

~Baltasar Gracian

It is better to sleep on things beforehand than lie awake about them afterwards.

~Baltasar Gracian

He that can live alone resembles the brute beast in nothing, the sage in much, and God in everything.

~Baltasar Gracian

Self-reflection is the school of wisdom.

~Baltasar Gracian

Never open the door to a lesser evil, for other and greater ones invariably slink in after it.

~Baltasar Gracian

A wise man gets more use from his enemies than a fool from his friends.

~Baltasar Gracian

The wise have a solid sense of silence and the ability to keep a storehouse of secrets. Their capacity and character are respected.

~Baltasar Gracian

Know or listen to those who know.

~Baltasar Gracian

To find one real friend in a lifetime is good fortune; to keep him is a

blessing.

~Baltasar Gracian

Friendship multiplies the good of life and divides the evil.

~Baltasar Gracian

There are friendships merely for pleasure, some for the exchange of ideas. Rarest are those friends of one's inmost self.

~Baltasar Gracian

A single lie destroys a whole reputation for integrity.

~Baltasar Gracian

Always act as if you were seen.

~Baltasar Gracian

It is a great piece of skill to know how to guide your luck even while waiting for it.

~Baltasar Gracian

The envious die not once, but as oft as the envied win applause.

~Baltasar Gracian

One must pass through the circumference of time before arriving at the center of opportunity.

~Baltasar Gracian

Don't take the wrong side of an argument just because your opponent has taken the right side.

~Baltasar Gracian

Never do anything when you are in a temper, for you will do everything wrong.

~Baltasar Gracian

Always leave something to wish for; otherwise you will be miserable from your very happiness.

~Baltasar Gracian

Without courage, wisdom bears no fruit.

~Baltasar Gracian

The greatest service you can render someone else is helping him help himself.

~Baltasar Gracian

Put a grain of boldness into everything you do.

~Baltasar Gracian

Truth is for the minority.

~Baltasar Gracian

Respect yourself if you would have others respect you.

~Baltasar Gracian

Harness the imagination, for she is the whole of happiness.

~Baltasar Gracian

Words are feminine; deeds are masculine.

~Baltasar Gracian

At twenty a man is a peacock, at thirty a lion, at forty a camel, at fifty a serpent, at sixty a dog, at seventy an ape, at eighty a nothing at all.

~Baltasar Gracian

A man of honour should never forget what he is because he sees what others are.

~Baltasar Gracian

Know how to ask. There is nothing more difficult for some people, nor for others, easier.

~Baltasar Gracian

True knowledge lies in knowing how to live.

~Baltasar Gracian

Friendship multiplies blessings and...soothes the soul.

~Baltasar Gracian

Things do not pass for what they are, but for what they seem. Most things are judged by their jackets.

~Baltasar Gracian

To oblige people often costs little and helps much.

~Baltasar Gracian

Better mad with the rest of the world than wise alone.

~Baltasar Gracian

Fortunate people often have very favorable beginnings and very tragic endings. What matters isn't being applauded when you arrive - for that is common - but being missed when you leave.

~Baltasar Gracian

A bad manner spoils everything, even reason and justice; a good one supplies everything, gilds a No, sweetens a truth, and adds a touch of beauty to old age itself.

~Baltasar Gracian

The path to greatness is along with others.

~Baltasar Gracian

Life is a warfare against the malice of others.

~Baltasar Gracian

Don't express your ideas too clearly. Most people think little of what they understand, and venerate what they do not.

~Baltasar Gracian

Know how to choose well. Most of life depends thereon. It needs good taste and correct judgment, for which neither intellect nor study suffices.

~Baltasar Gracian

Attempt easy tasks as if they were difficult, and difficult as if they were easy; in the one case that confidence may not fall asleep, in the other that it may not be dismayed.

~Baltasar Gracian

Know how to use evasion. That is how smart people get out of difficulties.

~Baltasar Gracian

Every fool stands convinced; and everyone convinced is a fool. The faultier a person's judgement the firmer their convictions.

~Baltasar Gracian

He who puts off nothing till tomorrow has done a great deal.

~Baltasar Gracian

Hurry is the weakness of fools.

~Baltasar Gracian

Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment.

~Baltasar Gracian

Let him that hath no power of patience retire within himself, though even there he will have to put up with himself.

~Baltasar Gracian

Never have a companion that casts you in the shade.

~Baltasar Gracian

Mix a little mystery with everything, for mystery arouses veneration.

~Baltasar Gracian

He that has satisfied his thirst turns his back on the well.

~Baltasar Gracian

Never contend with a man who has nothing to lose.

~Baltasar Gracian

Excellence resides in quality, not in quantity. The best is always few and rare; much lowers value.

~Baltasar Gracian

Many pleasant things are better when they belong to someone else. When things belong to others, we enjoy them twice as much, without the risk of losing them, and with the pleasure of novelty.

~Baltasar Gracian

Rate the intensive above the extensive. The perfect does not lie in quantity, but in quality.

~Baltasar Gracian

Let the first impulse pass, wait for the second.

~Baltasar Gracian

He that communicates his secret to another makes himself that other's slave.

~Baltasar Gracian

It is good to vary in order that you may frustrate the curious, especially those who envy you.

~Baltasar Gracian

It is a great misfortune to be of use to nobody; scarcely less to be of use to everybody.

~Baltasar Gracian

Hear, see, and be silent.

~Baltasar Gracian

Be first the master of yourself

~Baltasar Gracian

Character and intelligence are the poles you talent spins on, displaying your gifts.

~Baltasar Gracian

They make the greatest show of what they have done, who have done least.

~Baltasar Gracian

It is better to have too much courtesy than too little, provided you are not equally courteous to all, for that would be injustice.

~Baltasar Gracian

The wise person would rather see others needing him than thanking him.

~Baltasar Gracian

Advice is sometimes transmitted more successfully through a joke than grave teaching.

~Baltasar Gracian

The wise are always impatient, for he that increases knowledge increases impatience of folly.

~Baltasar Gracian

We have more days to live through than pleasures. Be slow in enjoyment, quick at work, for men see work ended with pleasure, pleasure ended with regret.

~Baltasar Gracian

A prudent man will think more important what fate has conceded to him, than what it has denied.

~Baltasar Gracian

Keep expectation alive. Keep stirring it up. Let much promise more, and great deeds herald greater.

~Baltasar Gracian

He who finds Fortune on his side should go briskly ahead, for she is wont to favor the bold.

~Baltasar Gracian

Don't lie, but don't tell the whole truth.

~Baltasar Gracian

All men are idolators, some of fame, others of self-interest, most of pleasure.

~Baltasar Gracian

Put yourself on view. This brings your talents to light.

~Baltasar Gracian

It requires as much to tell the truth as to conceal it.

~Baltasar Gracian

Exaggeration is a prodigality of the judgment which shows the narrowness of one's knowledge or one's taste.

~Baltasar Gracian

Fortune soon tires of carrying anyone long on her shoulders.

~Baltasar Gracian

The liar suffers twice: he neither believes nor is believed.

~Baltasar Gracian

The best skill at cards is knowing when to discard.

~Baltasar Gracian

Maturity of mind is best shown in slow belief.

~Baltasar Gracian

Evil report carries further than any applause.

~Baltasar Gracian

One deceit needs many others, and so the whole house is built in the air and must soon come to the ground

~Baltasar Gracian

To be at ease is better than to be at business. Nothing really belongs to us but time, which you have even if you have nothing else.

~Baltasar Gracian

Little said is soon amended. There is always time to add a word, never to withdraw one.

~Baltasar Gracian

Self knowledge is the beginning of self improvement.

~Baltasar Gracian

The truth is generally seen, rarely heard.

~Baltasar Gracian

There is no wilderness like a life without friends; friendship multiplies blessings and minimizes misfortunes; it is a unique remedy against adversity, and it soothes the soul.

~Baltasar Gracian

Maturity is the slowness in which a man believes.

~Baltasar Gracian

Beauty and folly are generally companions.

~Baltasar Gracian

Hope has a good memory, gratitude a bad one.

~Baltasar Gracian

Sometimes it proves the highest understanding not to understand.

~Baltasar Gracian

A wise prince must never take things easy in times of peace.

~Baltasar Gracian

You can cultivate taste, as you can the intellect. Full understanding whets the appetite and desire, and, later, sharpens the enjoyment of possession.

~Baltasar Gracian

There is none who cannot teach somebody something, and there is none so excellent but he is excelled.

~Baltasar Gracian

Make your friends your teachers and mingle the pleasures of conversation with the advantages of instruction.

~Baltasar Gracian

We live by information, not by sight.

~Baltasar Gracian

When desire dies, fear is born.

~Baltasar Gracian

An ounce of prudence is worth a pound of cleverness.

~Baltasar Gracian

Aspire rather to be a hero than merely appear one.

~Baltasar Gracian

Knowledge and courage take turns at greatness.

~Baltasar Gracian

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