

Barbara Bush

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Your success as a family... our success as a nation... depends not on what happens inside the White House, but on what happens inside your house.

~Barbara Bush

Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people - your family, friends, and coworkers, and even strangers you meet along the way.

~Barbara Bush

Future of his nation does not depend on what happens at the White House, but what happens at your house

~Barbara Bush

I think togetherness is a very important ingredient to family life.

~Barbara Bush

I married the first man I ever kissed. When I tell this to my children, they just about throw up.

~Barbara Bush

Cherish your human connections: your relationships with friends and family.

~Barbara Bush

The home is the child's first school, the parent is the child's first teacher, and reading is the child's first subject.

~Barbara Bush

To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there.

~Barbara Bush

The Titanic was built by professionals. The Ark was built by volunteers.

~Barbara Bush

And who knows? Somewhere out in this audience may even be someone who will one day follow in my footsteps, and preside over the White House as the President's spouse. I wish him well!

~Barbara Bush

You have to love your children unselfishly. That's hard. But it's the only way.

~Barbara Bush

Nancy Reagan was a perfectionist, and I am not.

~Barbara Bush

The darn trouble with cleaning the house is it gets dirty the next day anyway, so skip a week if you have to. The children are the most important thing.

~Barbara Bush

Bias has to be taught. If you hear your parents downgrading women or people of different backgrounds, why, you are going to do that.

~Barbara Bush

Why be afraid of what people will say? Those who care about you will say, Good luck! and those who care only about themselves will never say anything worth listening to anyway.

~Barbara Bush

I love talking to people, but what I really love is to feel you're doing something instead of sitting home and twiddling your thumbs.

~Barbara Bush

Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood . . . but everyone has

something to give.

~Barbara Bush

Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.

~Barbara Bush

Nobody likes a child to die or losing an election.

~Barbara Bush

I don't think that's healthy for the country when anyone thinks their morals are better than anyone else's.

~Barbara Bush

I think the country has had enough Bushes.

~Barbara Bush

If more people could read, write, and comprehend, we could be much closer to solving so many of the other problems our country faces today.

~Barbara Bush

You may think the president is all-powerful, but he is not. He needs a lot of guidance from the Lord.

~Barbara Bush

Raising five boys is a handful, trust me.

~Barbara Bush

I hate abortions, but just could not make that choice for someone else.

~Barbara Bush

Believe in something larger than yourself ... to get involved in some of the big ideas of our time.

~Barbara Bush

One thing I can say about George... he may not be able to keep a job, but he's not boring.

~Barbara Bush

Whatever the era...one thing will never change: Fathers and mothers, if you have children, they must come first.

~Barbara Bush

People who worry about their hair all the time, frankly, are boring.

~Barbara Bush

Whether you are talking about education, career, or service, you are talking about life. And life must really have joy. It's supposed to be fun.

~Barbara Bush

Family and friends and faith are the most important things in your life and you should be building friendships.

~Barbara Bush

It was the dumbest thing I had ever seen, but it's a family thing, and I guess it's clean.

~Barbara Bush

I'm not saying to be happy you must be married. Nor am I saying that to be happy you need children. I'm saying that if you opt for children - be you man or woman - you have to take care of them.

~Barbara Bush

Show me a wife who doesn't offer advice and I'll show you one who doesn't care very much.

~Barbara Bush

You get nothing done if you don't listen to each other.

~Barbara Bush

I hate the fact that people think compromise is a dirty word.

~Barbara Bush

I'm worried about parents who aren't parenting.

~Barbara Bush

You know sit with your arm around a little kid and read. It not only teaches them to read but it keeps the family strong.

~Barbara Bush

I'm not a competitive person, and I think women like me because they don't think I'm competitive, just nice.

~Barbara Bush

I mean you can learn how to build a bullet or build a gun or build a bomb on the Internet.

~Barbara Bush

I don't like attacking.

~Barbara Bush

The First Lady is going to be criticized no matter what she does.

~Barbara Bush

The personal things should be left out of platforms at conventions. You can argue yourself blue in the face, and you're not going to change each other's minds. It's a waste of your time and my time.

~Barbara Bush

There are a lot of ways to serve, and being president is not the only one, and I would hope that someone else would run.

~Barbara Bush

And so many of the people in the arena here, you know, were underprivileged anyway, so this is working very well for them.

~Barbara Bush

As if we don't have enough violence on television. After her husband accidentally hit two spectators with golf balls during a celebrity golf tournament.

~Barbara Bush

I decided I ought to pick a project that would not be controversial, that would not really cost the government a lot of money.

~Barbara Bush

Everything I worry about would be better if more people could read, write and comprehend.

~Barbara Bush

My worst expectations never happened.

~Barbara Bush

The winner of the hoop race will be the first to realize her dream, not society's dream, her own personal dream.

~Barbara Bush

Value your friendship. Value your relationships.

~Barbara Bush

George is the best little dishwasher in Texas.

~Barbara Bush

I'm taking a vow not to advise.

~Barbara Bush

To this day George Sr. is the soft touch and I'm the enforcer. I'm the one who writes them a letter and says 'Shape up!' He writes, 'You're marvelous.'

~Barbara Bush

I do have the most marvelous husband, children, and grandchildren.

~Barbara Bush

It seems to me I spent my life in car pools, but you know, that's how I kept track of what was going on.

~Barbara Bush

Nobody likes, you know, the ugly parts of politics.

~Barbara Bush

The personal things should be left out of, in my opinion, out of platforms and conventions.

~Barbara Bush

Raising George Walker was not easy.

~Barbara Bush

You know, for one glorious half hour, I was the mother of the president-elect.

~Barbara Bush

My son, George, has been a bad, bad boy! Right, George?

~Barbara Bush

I'm tired now of the elections.

~Barbara Bush

I'm a little old-fashioned.

~Barbara Bush

If you are the wife of a governor or the wife of a vice president, I think you can be prepared for it.

~Barbara Bush

You can't tell a 6-year-old your sister is going to die.

~Barbara Bush

I want to still be able to garden while I can bend over.

~Barbara Bush

I may be the only mother in America who knows exactly what their child is up to all the time.

~Barbara Bush

I really loved living in the White House, but I don't miss it at all.

~Barbara Bush

Suddenly women's lib had made me feel my life had been wasted.

~Barbara Bush

You try to do something every single day that will help an American or maybe someone overseas.

~Barbara Bush

I'm not going to jump out of airplanes or anything like someone else I know.

~Barbara Bush

The state dinner is almost a formula, but you try to make it interesting. You try not to overload it with too many political types. You try to get a cross section.

~Barbara Bush

Life has changed enormously, and I hope - I hope more people read

good things.

~Barbara Bush

I mean Afghanistan is a very rugged, complicated country.

~Barbara Bush

I really feel very strongly that the person who runs for office is the courageous one, and the one who everybody has to know.

~Barbara Bush

I'm not being outspoken or pro or con abortion.

~Barbara Bush

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