

Bear Bryant Quotes

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It's not the will to win that matters-everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters.

~Bear Bryant

You never know how a horse will pull until you hook him to a heavy load.

~Bear Bryant

Don't give up at half time. Concentrate on winning the second half.

~Bear Bryant

Sure, I'd love to beat Notre Dame, don't get me wrong. But nothing matters more than beating that cow college on the other side of the state!

~Bear Bryant

Never quit. It is the easiest cop-out in the world. Set a goal and don't quit until you attain it. When you do attain it, set another goal, and don't quit until you reach it. Never quit.

~Bear Bryant

There is a big difference in wanting to and willing to.

~Bear Bryant

Never be too proud to get down on your knees and pray.

~Bear Bryant

I make my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game.

~Bear Bryant

There's a lot of blood, sweat, and guts between dreams and success.

~Bear Bryant

Little things make the difference. Everyone is well prepared in the big things, but only the winners perfect the little things.

~Bear Bryant

If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride - and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards.

~Bear Bryant

The first time you quit, it's hard. The second time, it gets easier. The third time, you don't even have to think about it.

~Bear Bryant

If you want to walk the heavenly streets of gold, you gotta know the password, "Roll, Tide, Roll!"

~Bear Bryant

In order to have a winner, the team must have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first ahead of personal glory.

~Bear Bryant

Expect the unexpected.

~Bear Bryant

Baton Rouge happens to be the worst place in the world for a visiting team. It's like being inside a drum.

~Bear Bryant

Losing doesn't make me want to quit. It makes me want to fight that much harder.

~Bear Bryant

In a crisis, don't hide behind anything or anybody. They're going to find you anyway.

~Bear Bryant

Have a plan. Follow the plan, and you'll be surprised how successful you can be. Most people don't have a plan. That's why it's easy to beat most folks.

~Bear Bryant

It really doesn't cost anything to be nice, and the rewards can be unimaginable

~Bear Bryant

I'll never give up on a player regardless of his ability as long as he never gives up on himself. In time he will develop.

~Bear Bryant

Offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships.

~Bear Bryant

Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself.

~Bear Bryant

If anything goes bad, I did it. If anything goes semi-good, we did it. If anything goes real good, then you did it. That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you.

~Bear Bryant

Don't talk too much or too soon.

~Bear Bryant

When you make a mistake, there are only three things you should ever do about it: 1. Admit it. 2. Learn from it, and 3. Don't repeat it.

~Bear Bryant

If they don't have a winning attitude, I don't want them.

~Bear Bryant

Recognize winners. They come in all forms.

~Bear Bryant

I told them my system was based on the "ant plan," that I'd gotten the idea watching a colony of ants in Africa during the war. A whole bunch of ants working toward a common goal.

~Bear Bryant

If wanting to win is a fault, as some of my critics seem to insist, then I plead guilty. I like to win. I know no other way. It's in my blood.

~Bear Bryant

The Lord expects you to do some things for yourself.

~Bear Bryant

There's no substitute for guts.

~Bear Bryant

A champion pays an extra price to be better than anyone else.

~Bear Bryant

No coach has ever won a game by what he knows; it's what his players know that counts.

~Bear Bryant

I've had many a player tell me all through high school and right up until signing day that they were coming to Alabama, then they signed with somebody else.

~Bear Bryant

There is no substitute for guts.

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Set goals - high goals for you and your organization. When your organization has a goal to shoot for, you create teamwork, people working for a common good.

~Bear Bryant

You win games with your strengths, not your weaknesses.

~Bear Bryant

You must learn how to hold a team together. You must lift some men up, calm others down, until finally they've got one heartbeat. Then you've got yourself a team.

~Bear Bryant

Motivating people- the ingredient that separates winners from losers.

~Bear Bryant

There's no use fussing on a boy who doesn't have any ability.

~Bear Bryant

Recruiting is the one thing I hate. I won't do it unless my coaches tell me I've just got to. The whole process is kind of undignified for me and the young man.

~Bear Bryant

Lee Roy was the best college linebacker - bar none. He would have made every tackle on every play if they had stayed in bounds.

~Bear Bryant

Winning isn't imperative, but getting tougher in the fourth quarter is.

~Bear Bryant

You take those little rascals, talk to them good, pat them on the back,

let them think they are good, and they will go out and beat the biguns.

~Bear Bryant

The price of victory is high, but so are the rewards.

~Bear Bryant

Don't tolerate lazy people. They are losers.

~Bear Bryant

Being inside Tiger Stadium is like being on the inside of a drum.

~Bear Bryant

A few minutes ago, I had a hard time getting through the lobby because of all the people. After today, that won't be happening.

~Bear Bryant

A good, quick, small team can beat a big, slow team any time.

~Bear Bryant

I ain't never been nothin but a winner.

~Bear Bryant

It's kind of hard to rally around a math class.

~Bear Bryant

You're still going to win with preparation and dedication and plain old desire. If you don't have genuine desire, you won't be dedicated enough to prepare properly.

~Bear Bryant

Mama wanted me to be a preacher. I told her coachin' and preachin' were a lot alike.

~Bear Bryant

In life, you'll have your back up against the wall many times. You might as well get used to it.

~Bear Bryant

Most coaches study the films when they lose. I study them when we win -to see if I can figure out what I did right

~Bear Bryant

If it is worth playing, it is worth paying the price to win.

~Bear Bryant

If there is one thing that has helped me as a coach, it's my ability to recognize winners, or good people who can become winners by paying the price.

~Bear Bryant

I don't hire anybody not brighter than I am. If they're not brighter than I am, I don't need them.

~Bear Bryant

I know what it takes to win. If I can sell them on what it takes to win, then we are not going to lose too many football games.

~Bear Bryant

Don't worry about making friends; don't worry about making enemies. Worry about winning, because if you win, your enemies can't hurt you, and if you lose, your friends can't stand you.

~Bear Bryant

At Alabama, our players don't win Heisman Trophies. Our teams win National Championships.

~Bear Bryant

If we'd beaten 'em, I wouldn't be going out.

~Bear Bryant

I've made so many mistakes that if I don't make the same mistakes over, we're going to come pretty close to winning.

~Bear Bryant

I left Texas A&M because my school called me. Mama called, and when Mama calls, then you just have to come running.

~Bear Bryant

That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you.

~Bear Bryant

Hell, no! A tie is like kissing your sister!

~Bear Bryant

We can't have two standards, one set for the dedicated young men who want to do something ambitious and one set for those who don't.

~Bear Bryant

Three rules for coaching: 1.) Surround yourself with people who can't live without football. 2.) Recognize winners. They come in all forms. 3.) Have a plan for everything.

~Bear Bryant

In my lifetime, I may have put too much emphasis on winning, because here I am an old man and the only fun I've had is winning, and that's ridiculous.

~Bear Bryant

When I was a young coach I used to say, "Treat everybody alike." That's bull. Treat everybody fairly.

~Bear Bryant

I tell young players who want to be coaches, who think they can put up with all the headaches and heartaches, can you live without it? If you can live without it, don't get in it.

~Bear Bryant

I'm no innovator. If anything I'm a stealer, or borrower. I've stolen or borrowed from more people than you can shake a stick at.

~Bear Bryant

I can reach a kid who doesn't have any ability as long as he doesn't know it.

~Bear Bryant

All I know is, I don't want to stop coaching, and I don't want to stop winning, so we're gonna break the record unless I die.

~Bear Bryant

The fun never goes out, but it changes with the years, with winning and losing.

~Bear Bryant

I'll put you through hell, but at the end of it all we'll be champions.

~Bear Bryant

Sacrifice. Work. Self-discipline. I teach these things, and my boys don't forget them when they leave.

~Bear Bryant

Be aware of "yes" men. Generally, they are losers. Surround yourself with winners. Never forget - people win.

~Bear Bryant

I think I'm telling the truth. I sat by Ray Perkins at the Hall of Fame dinner in New York, and at that time he didn't know he was our coach

and I didn't either.

~Bear Bryant

I'm no genius, but I'm a damn good football coach.

~Bear Bryant

There is no sin in not liking to play; it's a mistake for a boy to be there if he doesn't want to.

~Bear Bryant

The idea of molding men means a lot to me.

~Bear Bryant

If you are going to be a successful duck hunter, you must go where the ducks are.

~Bear Bryant

If you don't have discipline, you can't have a successful program.

~Bear Bryant

You try to make your team do something they're not capable of and you get murdered.

~Bear Bryant

I always want my players to show class, knock'em down, pat on the back, and run back to the huddle.

~Bear Bryant

Don't give up. Reach down inside of you and you'll find something left.

~Bear Bryant

The faint old man shall lean his silver head
To feel thee; thou shalt kiss
the child asleep, And dry the moistened curls that overspread
His temples, while his breathing grows more deep.

~Bear Bryant

I don't have any ideas; my coaches have them. I just pass the ideas on and referee the arguments.

~Bear Bryant

If I miss coaching that much, I could go to some little school where they didn't recruit, where all the kids wanted to go. I believe I could find somewhere to coach.

~Bear Bryant

Don't overwork your squad. If you're going to make a mistake, under-work them.

~Bear Bryant

I'm happy with the coach we have. I think any one of the ones I asked them to consider would've been good.

~Bear Bryant

Georgia Tech beat us and Mississippi Southern tied us last year, and Texas beat us after we had the game won. We only played about five games the way we were capable of playing and lost one of those.

~Bear Bryant

The summer day is closed, the sun is set: Well they have done their office, those bright hours, The latest of whose train goes softly out In the red west.

~Bear Bryant

Every time a player goes out there, at least 20 people have some amount of influence on him. His mother has more influence than anyone. I know because I played, and I loved my mama.

~Bear Bryant

Everybody's got pretty good players now, more players than there've ever been. If you play poorly, you're going to get beat.

~Bear Bryant

It's been years since I've had a real input in the game anyway. For this game, I've just tried to keep all the other stuff away from the players and coaches.

~Bear Bryant

Nearly every coach I've talked with tells me that the attention you get from media and other people is the thing you miss most. I don't know if that's right.

~Bear Bryant

Get the winners into the game.

~Bear Bryant

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