

# Ben Stein Quotes

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The indispensable first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: decide what you want.

~Ben Stein

If you can't stand the heat, don't go to Cancun in the summer.

~Ben Stein

It's amazing what ordinary people can do if they set out without preconceived notions.

~Ben Stein

Every soul deserves a shot at a Cadillac, but not everyone should be guaranteed a Cadillac.

~Ben Stein

Personal relationships are the fertile soil from which all advancement, all success, all achievement in real life grows.

~Ben Stein

Fathom the hypocrisy of a government that requires every citizen to prove they are insured... But not everyone must prove they are a citizen.

~Ben Stein

And now, any of those who refuse, or are unable, to prove they are citizens will receive free insurance paid for by those who are forced to buy insurance because they are citizens.

~Ben Stein

Faith is not believing that God can. It is knowing that God will.

~Ben Stein

Jump into the middle of things, get your hands dirty, fall flat on your face, and then reach for the stars.

~Ben Stein

What's a good investment? Go home from work early and spend the afternoon throwing a ball around with your son.

~Ben Stein

The human spirit needs to accomplish, to achieve, to triumph to be happy.

~Ben Stein

As Beverly Hills becomes more Iranian-Jewish, it is becoming politically conservative.

~Ben Stein

Science leads you to killing people.

~Ben Stein

It isn't the rich people's fault that poor people are poor. Poor people who get an education and work hard in this country will stop being poor. That should be the goal for all poor people everywhere.

~Ben Stein

You must take the first step. The first steps will take some effort, maybe pain. But after that, everything that has to be done is real-life movement.

~Ben Stein

Nothing happens by itself... it all will come your way, once you understand that you have to make it come your way, by your own exertions.

~Ben Stein

You can do what you think you can do and you cannot do what you think you cannot

~Ben Stein

It is inevitable that some defeat will enter even the most victorious life. The human spirit is never finished when it is defeated... it is finished when it surrenders.

~Ben Stein

I have always been very concerned that Darwinism gave the basic okay to terrible racism and to the idea of murder based upon race.

~Ben Stein

A corporation's responsibility is to the shareholders, not its retirees and employees. Companies are doing everything they can to get rid of pension plans and they will succeed.

~Ben Stein

Somewhere there is a map of how it can be done.

~Ben Stein

It's a lot better to hope than not to.

~Ben Stein

The scientific community says that if you even mention God as causes of anything scientific, you're gone.

~Ben Stein

I don't believe the most successful people are the ones who got the best grades, got into the best schools, or made the most money.

~Ben Stein

We are not supposed to be all equal. Let's just forget that. We are supposed to have equal rights under law. If we do that, we have done enough.

~Ben Stein

Neo-Darwinists ask us to believe in things not seen. We're not supposed to have an established religion in America, but we do, and it's called Darwinism .

~Ben Stein

Men and women succeed because they find a field of endeavor that matches their interests and abilities.

~Ben Stein

Sleep more at night. If it's allowed at work or home, take a nap in the afternoon. You'll be amazed at how much better you'll feel.

~Ben Stein

The America that we knew as the smartest place on the planet is gone with the wind.

~Ben Stein

My 'thing' is that I just lie in my immense bed and look out the window at the skyline over Virginia and the sky and the airplanes coming into Reagan. I really love doing that.

~Ben Stein

Academic freedom is being lost by a great many people who dare to challenge Darwinism. That's a terrifying situation. That's contrary to the principles of science.

~Ben Stein

There is no sudden leap into the stratosphere... There is only advancing step by step, slowly and tortuously, up the pyramid toward your goals.

~Ben Stein

The successful people of this world take life as it comes. They just go out and deal with the world as it is.

~Ben Stein

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

~Ben Stein

I am about to vote. I am about to do something that human beings are rarely allowed to do. I am doing something that did not exist until America.

~Ben Stein

You cannot win if you're not at the table. You have to be where the action is.

~Ben Stein

I have to tell you I never in my life anticipated getting this old, this fast. It seems as if I were 25 just a few days ago.

~Ben Stein

Life lived to help others is the only life that matters.

~Ben Stein

I came to realize that life lived to help others is the only one that matters and that it is my duty ... This is my highest and best use as a human.

~Ben Stein

Politics is a thankless occupation; I have no interest in it at all.

~Ben Stein

If there are finer beings than German short hairs, I don't know what they are. In their eyes is peace.

~Ben Stein

If there is no God, why bother to tell the truth? Why not steal?

~Ben Stein

The first step in getting what you want from life-decide what you want.

~Ben Stein

The education system should teach us about money; it's an incredibly big subject. I run into people all the time that don't have the first clue of what they should do about money.

~Ben Stein

I agree that there are some bad apples on Wall Street. I spent about ten years exposing corporate and financial fraud for 'Barron's' magazine and I found a lot to write about.

~Ben Stein

We in the media are just people with all of people's faults.

~Ben Stein

So, who in the media is without sin among us? I am in the media and I am a major league sinner. I don't know anyone except my wife who isn't a big time sinner.

~Ben Stein

It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, 'Merry Christmas' to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it.

~Ben Stein

Emperor Sid Caesar is gone to eternity himself now. He takes with him the gratitude of every one of us who first learned the relief of laughter from this genuinely great performer.

~Ben Stein

I am scared of running out of money.

~Ben Stein

Running a real business is exacting, daunting, repetitive work. Even in Silicon Valley.

~Ben Stein

After all the black man has been through in this world, he can still often reach levels of spirituality the most pampered white man cannot touch. Maybe what he's been through is the reason why.

~Ben Stein

I'm not a Mensa member. I have no idea where that rumor came from. I never have been, and I doubt if I ever will be.

~Ben Stein

When Hollywood sees a good story about a man who sells confidence, they see themselves and they like it.

~Ben Stein

I think a snob would be a person who thinks he is entitled; he has good things in his life and is entitled to them.

~Ben Stein

I think, there are many people who are much smarter than I am, and many, many, many who are much harder-working than I am, but in terms of the range of my activities, they're unique.

~Ben Stein

I'm out and about meeting people all day long. And I'm very friendly; I talk to just about everybody I meet.

~Ben Stein

I feel as if I'm in on a pass and am damn lucky to have whatever I have.



It could all be taken away in a second.

~Ben Stein

Hollywood is largely about scammers and con men. It was my main livelihood for about 25 years, and the scams were beautiful and ugly, cheap and expensive, but, wow, were there a lot of scammers.

~Ben Stein

I don't really consider myself to be a personal finance expert compared with some others. There are quite a few that know a lot more than I do.

~Ben Stein

Israel is our strongest, most reliable ally in the Middle East. Of course, we're their most reliable ally, too.

~Ben Stein

The banks are not lending, at least from what I see. They were so wild and reckless back in the good times that they got burned terribly.

~Ben Stein

I don't like the sound of all the lists he's making.

~Ben Stein

The poor black people in it make the black people in *Gone With the Wind* look like Malcolm X.

~Ben Stein

And there hasn't been much progress in Darwinism since [the life of Darwin].

~Ben Stein

Love of God and compassion and empathy leads you to a very glorious place. Science leads you to killing people.

~Ben Stein

Prime-time network television has become an island without religion in an ever-more-religious America.

~Ben Stein

Trying to pick individual stocks is a trap. I can't do it. Warren Buffett can, but hardly anyone else can beat the indexes over a long period of time.

~Ben Stein

No one will do it for you.

~Ben Stein

I think Darwinism as a theory explaining evolution within species is incredibly brilliant - just unbelievably, incredibly brilliant.

~Ben Stein

The sad fact is that spending rises every year, no matter what people want or say they want.

~Ben Stein

My pals, such as they are, in Hollywood, ask me why I love to travel to D.C. so much, why it's a vacation destination for me. I say, 'Because I sometimes have perfect days there.'

~Ben Stein

Israel being condemned by the EU, which 66 years ago watched with glee as its Jews were being mass murdered. That is pretty rich.

~Ben Stein

Yes, Americans can still get credit for cars and trucks and refrigerators, and those businesses are doing well. But just try to get a home loan now.

~Ben Stein

I'm an economist by training. I don't really work as an economist. I only worked briefly as an economist.

~Ben Stein

I have talent at playing myself. I don't have a very broad range, but at playing myself I am a wizard. It's more than fun; it's the best job on Earth.

~Ben Stein

People getting rich in a free society in general - with some scammy exceptions, which are rare - makes everyone else richer, too.

~Ben Stein

I hope it won't come as a surprise to anyone that a big part of male homosexual behavior is interest in young boys.

~Ben Stein

It means zero to be against greed.

~Ben Stein

I love sleeping in a moving car more than sleeping in bed.

~Ben Stein

I spend so much time in fear of going broke, and I never have been even remotely close to going broke.

~Ben Stein

When are American Jews going to realize that the Republican Party is far better for Israel than the Democrats?

~Ben Stein

I always assumed scientists were free to ask any question, pursue any line of inquiry without fear or reprisal.

~Ben Stein

I am so in love with just lying in bed listening to Mozart.

~Ben Stein

If there is no God, then man sometimes thinks he is god, and sometimes tries to live like a god.

~Ben Stein

I have no idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution, and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

~Ben Stein

Science should always be in the business of attempting to disprove itself.

~Ben Stein

It is so great to sleep in safe, glorious, beautiful America. I just cannot get over it.

~Ben Stein

Greed is a basic part of animal nature. Being against it is like being against breathing or eating. It means nothing.

~Ben Stein

I am scared of getting old. I am scared of being ill.

~Ben Stein

Humans are alive, therefore life must be complex.

~Ben Stein

For me, I've always believed that there was a God. I've always believed that God created the heavens and earth - so, for me it's not a huge leap from there to intelligent design.

~Ben Stein

Could Congress really do its work if it held its sessions by teleconferencing? Could the Supreme Court? Nothing can replace the spark of intelligence that travels from person to person at meetings.

~Ben Stein

I am so used to having a comfortable life. What will it be like when I am no longer able to just buy anything I want?

~Ben Stein

If there's a recession, I'd buy stocks. That's when you make money: when markets are spooked.

~Ben Stein

I thought that all of the sacrifices and blessings of the whole history of mankind have devolved upon me. Thank you, God.

~Ben Stein

As to a media personality, well that just happened in large measure because people found me amusing, and I did lots and lots of T.V. news interview shows.

~Ben Stein

I mean it used to be, there was a time when lynchings of African Americans were not that incredibly rare. Now the lynchings are the police and it's just an outrage.

~Ben Stein

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