

Bernie Mac Quotes

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When I get a chance to play golf or go on a boat with good people, take the boat out and put some lobsters on the grill, get the ice-cold beer and the cigars - that's heaven here on earth.

~Bernie Mac

Whatever you hear at the barber shop, stays at the barber shop.

~Bernie Mac

Whatever success I've had, I always like to top it.

~Bernie Mac

You can't change what happened. Just like you can't change the future by worrying about it. You just have to keep moving.

~Bernie Mac

When it comes to raising children, I believe in give and take. I give orders and they take 'em.

~Bernie Mac

I'm not afraid to fail. Sometimes when you lose, you win. Sometimes when you win, you lose.

~Bernie Mac

I can't build myself by beating somebody down.

~Bernie Mac

Suffering is a good teacher. It keeps you in its grip until you've learned your lesson.

~Bernie Mac

If you mess something up, remember who got you there. Don't be pointing fingers, even if finger-pointing is called for. Only one you got to blame is your own self.

~Bernie Mac

You know you poor when you eatin' breakfast food late. You fryin' toast? At nine o'clock at night? With bacon? You're broke.

~Bernie Mac

Sometimes when you lose you win, son. Failure is just life's way of preparing you for success.

~Bernie Mac

Only way you can you get upset is when you expecting something.

~Bernie Mac

Fear is not one of my attributes.

~Bernie Mac

I want to speak directly to the audience, to say, 'I'm like you - I'm frustrated, I'm not an expert, I don't have a manual on parenting, I make mistakes, I'm selfish too.'

~Bernie Mac

I love who I am. I love what I've become.

~Bernie Mac

Hugs aren't like pieces of pie. Plenty of hugs to go around.

~Bernie Mac

My comedy comes from pain. I can't stand to see someone hurting.

~Bernie Mac

People like rumors. They're going to say things like, 'You was at the club with Lil' Kim, and you and Kanye West got into a fist fight.' You can't get upset. You've got to keep hope alive.

~Bernie Mac

I'm so black, I leave fingerprints on coal.

~Bernie Mac

America...Do not touch my TV, my DVD, my stereo, my dual-deck VCR. Do not touch my old school, my new school, my slow jams, my party jams, my happy rap, and you better not touch...My James Brown.

~Bernie Mac

Black audiences are hard. They always think they're better than you. So you got to come with a little extra to satisfy them.

~Bernie Mac

I love my daughter, but there's a certain feeling, a certain emotion when you got a granddaughter, you know?

~Bernie Mac

The Bernie Mac Show' is my life. It's the truth, and I'm not ashamed of a minute, an hour, or a second of my life.

~Bernie Mac

When I go onstage, I want to relieve your mind, your pressures.

~Bernie Mac

When you're offstage, that's the footprint. That's the man God's gonna judge.

~Bernie Mac

Jerry Weintraub, the producer, might be a pain in the ass, but he really knows how to treat his actors.

~Bernie Mac

Why do people love Richard Pryor so much? 'Cause he had problems.

~Bernie Mac

I want to play a villain - I can't wait to play a villain.

~Bernie Mac

I'm funny. I'm a comedian. I'm not a clown.

~Bernie Mac

Making people laugh is what I've been doing since I was like four or five years old. I still have a lust, I still have a passion. I don't care about how I look, I'm dedicated to the laughs.

~Bernie Mac

It took me a long time to get to where I'm at, in my career and as a man. I was going through my trials and tribulations in life, and it gave me the strength to tackle things that have come my way.

~Bernie Mac

I'm an ordinary guy with an extraordinary job.

~Bernie Mac

I hate to let people down. I was like that in sports and I was like that in comedy. I was like that at work. When I worked General Motors and stuff like that, when I say something, I mean it.

~Bernie Mac

I hate to compare anything, especially while I'm promoting. I feel that's another disrespect, but 'Ocean's 13' is the best movie I've ever done in my life. No question.

~Bernie Mac

As I got older, I got into all kinds of things in the streets - but for some reason, I never got caught up with the gangs growing up. Everybody dug me, man. I never had problems.

~Bernie Mac

It's a pleasure to work with someone who is just as strong as you are.

~Bernie Mac

Shut up before I drop yo ass off at Koreatown. Now hold on, America, don't start writing no letters. I'm just kidding. But am I lying?

~Bernie Mac

I came up in the community center. I used to be physical director of the South Central Community Center in Chicago on 83rd. It's still there. It used to be around there when I was a kid.

~Bernie Mac

That's the whole key to anything: Don't be afraid to fail. And is not afraid to fail.

~Bernie Mac

Okay, first rule of this carpool. No breaking wind in my car. The only gas that Bernie Mac want to be smelling is unleaded.

~Bernie Mac

You have to meet all of the challenges, big and small. Because how you start is how you finish.

~Bernie Mac

I've introduced myself with comedy, and once you've introduced yourself as something, that's where people keep you. That's where people like to hold you.

~Bernie Mac

I was good at keeping my mother from crying.

~Bernie Mac

I don't ever watch myself. By watching, you try to perfect yourself, become a robot.

~Bernie Mac

I don't have no story. Everybody wants this Hollywood story, but the world don't owe you nothing, man. It's what you owe the world.

~Bernie Mac

You're never going to see me playing a buffoon.

~Bernie Mac

I'm not a star, and I don't want to be a star. Stars fall. I'm an ordinary guy with an extraordinary job.

~Bernie Mac

You can't be a doctor if you don't know the entire parts of the body.

~Bernie Mac

Why I was so intrigued with Red Skelton was because he was able to make you cry and laugh and the same time. That was power.

~Bernie Mac

My family are police officers, detectives. My brother Mitch is FBI. Mitch is like that - a stern enforcer.

~Bernie Mac

I've never been no superficial cat.

~Bernie Mac

I want to have fun. Life ain't no dress rehearsal. I want to have fun. I'm a comedian; I ain't no politician. So everything I do is with humor, with love.

~Bernie Mac

I'm not a star, I hate that word, and I'm an entertainer. Stars fall, you know, I'm an entertainer. I want to be known as an entertainer.

~Bernie Mac

I came from a place where there wasn't a lot of joy.

~Bernie Mac

My daughter was a beautiful child.

~Bernie Mac

My grandmother always told me how you start is how you finish.

~Bernie Mac

I want to do something that people can really say, 'Hey, man, that was good, I'm proud of you, I'm proud of that.' 'Pride' and 'Transformers' and things like that.

~Bernie Mac

I ain't running for office. I ain't running for nothing.

~Bernie Mac

I always wanted to scuba dive. I used to scuba dive undercover like black Aquaman.

~Bernie Mac

I have so much respect for what's funny.

~Bernie Mac

I think a lot of TV insults the audience.

~Bernie Mac

I'm not ashamed to tell the truth about what happened in my family. I think that's what makes my comedy different.

~Bernie Mac

I've been in training for stardom.

~Bernie Mac

Comedy has been so good to me.

~Bernie Mac

I was a street performer for two years.

~Bernie Mac

I can act. I've been acting for a long time, but like anything else, don't nobody owe you nothing. You've got to pay your dues. You go from A to Z; you don't go from M to Z.

~Bernie Mac

I wasn't disciplined at all. As good of an athlete as I was, I was not disciplined. Had I had the drive that I have in comedy, and acting, and writing, that's why I knew it just wasn't right for me.

~Bernie Mac

When I started in the clubs, I had to work places where didn't nobody else want to work. I had to do clubs where street gangs were, had to do motorcycle gangs, gay balls and things of that nature.

~Bernie Mac

My girlfriend Rhonda, who's now my wife, I graduated from high school, she got pregnant. My grandfather said, 'You've got to do the right thing.'

~Bernie Mac

If I can tell someone a story that makes them bend over and laugh, that's bigger than anything else.

~Bernie Mac

I don't need to pat myself on the back until my arm breaks. I don't need any of that.

~Bernie Mac

I know doing movies is where I need to be. That's where my audience wants to see me.

~Bernie Mac

The two sides of Bernie - that's a quiet weapon that I have.

~Bernie Mac

Bernie Mac don't sugarcoat.

~Bernie Mac

Bernie Mac just says what you think but are afraid to say.

~Bernie Mac

Stand-up is what I am; stand-up is what made me.

~Bernie Mac

I'm not a politician, I'm a comedian. I know my limitations.

~Bernie Mac

My humor had changed from foolishness to making sense.

~Bernie Mac

The success of my comedy has been not being afraid to touch on subject matters or issues that everyone else is politically scared of.

~Bernie Mac

You know, every time it comes, every time that light comes on or every time that camera comes on, every time that microphone comes on, the Mac Man seek and destroy.

~Bernie Mac

The one thing about comedy, making it become a part of you, the audience loves it, because you become part of them.

~Bernie Mac

I'm very much disciplined because I'm more mature. When I was young I just wanted to live, I could jump, I could run, I was quick and I was relentless.

~Bernie Mac

They say if you don't have your health you ain't got nothing, but the truth is you ain't got nothing if you don't have no one to worry about your health.

~Bernie Mac

I'm an entertainer and I really enjoy entertaining. I think if you're going to really be what you say you are, you have to really live it, work it, practice it, and think it.

~Bernie Mac

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