

# Bill Walton Quotes

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Years, Growing Up, Sleep, Games, Motivational, Book, Funny, Mean,  
Inspirational, Play, Teamwork*

I don't sleep much. I'm on the go. My mind is racing. My wife says my mind is like the rolling dials on a slot machine. So, yeah, I think about everything.

~Bill Walton

Winning is about having the whole team on the same page.

~Bill Walton

Basketball is one of those rare opportunities where you can make a difference, not only for yourself, but for other people as well.

~Bill Walton

Mick Jagger is in better shape than far too many NBA players. It's up in the air whether the same can be said of Keith Richards.

~Bill Walton

I could smell colors, I could feel sounds.

~Bill Walton

Love is the single most powerful and important word and notion in culture and language. Until the power of love supersedes the love of power we have no chance of ever being successful.

~Bill Walton

But you have to understand, my beard is so nasty. I mean, it's the only beard in the history of Western civilization that makes Bob Dylan's beard look good.

~Bill Walton

Never forget - happiness ends when selfishness begins.

~Bill Walton

No matter how good you get, there's always something further out there.

~Bill Walton

I believe in science and evolution. I've been to the Grand Canyon.

~Bill Walton

When I think of Boris Diaw, I think of Beethoven in the age of the romantics

~Bill Walton

John Stockton is one of the true marvels, not just of basketball, or in America, but in the history of Western Civilization!

~Bill Walton

I had the only beard in the Western Hemisphere that made Bob Dylan's look good.

~Bill Walton

Growing up, my parents were very, very strict. And then I went to UCLA with John Wooden, who was just off the charts.

~Bill Walton

The passions I have in my life are my family, music, books, I'm an avid plant collector, and I love to ride my bike.

~Bill Walton

I've had 36 orthopedic operations, have two fused ankles, my knees, hands and wrists don't work, I now have a fused spine, other than that, everything is great.

~Bill Walton

When you find yourself talking about less and less and forgetting the love that you bring, never forget there are things you can replace but others you can not.

~Bill Walton

My bike is my gym, my wheelchair, and my church all in one.

~Bill Walton

I love live music. I love going to the event. And to know them as people and to have seen the Grateful Dead grow up and become who they are is so incredibly special.

~Bill Walton

There are no guarantees in life. The simple twists of fate and the breaks of the game are the two maxims that define so much of the success and failure in life.

~Bill Walton

I'm a lifelong stutterer.

~Bill Walton

I love to play music. I'm terrible at it, but I love learning about it .

~Bill Walton

Where else but the NBA could people like Bill Russell, Spencer Haywood, Ricky Barry, Dennis Rodman, and Allen Iverson come in and be allowed to be who they are?

~Bill Walton

Health is a function of three things. 1. Luck 2. Genetics and 3. Choices in your lifestyle.

~Bill Walton

Bill Russell was my favorite player of all-time.

~Bill Walton

At 49, I can say something I never would have said when I was a player. I am a better person because of my failures and disgraces.

~Bill Walton

Tracy McGrady is doing things we've never seen from anybody - from any planet!

~Bill Walton

I grew up in a classical music household. My dad is a phenomenal musician who can play any and all instruments, can sight read, can play by ear.

~Bill Walton

Kevin Garnett is the prototype for the NBA player of the future. He's already one of the greatest players to have played the game.

~Bill Walton

The offensive presence of Greg Ostertag is quite overwhelming sometimes!

~Bill Walton

I have nothing but respect for the Lakers. So many of their legends shaped who I am as a person and player.

~Bill Walton

When you are in unrelenting, excruciating and debilitating pain that never goes away for years on end, your life is over.

~Bill Walton

When everybody thinks alike, nobody thinks.

~Bill Walton

Music is critical in our lives and culture. It's the inspiration that drives us. It's also the window to our souls. It's a reflection as to who we are, what we stand for and where we're going.

~Bill Walton

No one missed more basketball in the history of NBA than I did. I

played 14 seasons, on the roster for 14 years, and I missed more than nine-and-a-half full seasons.

~Bill Walton

When you intercept the ball with your stomach, that is great defense

~Bill Walton

I learned a long time ago that minor surgery is when they do operation on someone else, not you.

~Bill Walton

A lot of people understand what not saying anything means, so, in effect, not saying anything is really saying a lot.

~Bill Walton

Never rank, rate, or compare coaches, children, concerts, or championships or congratulations. Just enjoy them all.

~Bill Walton

I live by the motto of "chase your dream, make your dream your job, make your job your life."

~Bill Walton

You look at Vladimir Radmanovic, this guy is cut from stone. As if Michelangelo was reading and a lightening bolt flashed before him.

~Bill Walton

Why is Scottie Pippen taking a charge? Taking a charge is for people with no game!

~Bill Walton

Life is easy when you're hot. But what happens when the ball bounces the other way? You just keep getting back up and climbing up.

~Bill Walton

The great thing about being a broadcaster is you have this incredible responsibility to the people that make it all happen, the people that turn on the television set.

~Bill Walton

I was a skinny, scrawny guy. I stuttered horrendously, couldn't speak at all. I was a very shy, reserved player and a very shy, reserved person. I found a safe place in life in basketball.

~Bill Walton

Being a broadcaster encompasses the business of sport, which is my life today, and it encompasses the skills of being a history student, and the ability of being a performer.

~Bill Walton

If Anthony Johnson ever gets a jumper, who's going to stop him?

~Bill Walton

You don't win championships by just being normal, by just being average.

~Bill Walton

I'm mainstream. Always have been.

~Bill Walton

Doug Christie, what skill, what strength, what power, what quickness. The vision of Magic Johnson, the athleticism of Michael Jordan, the toughness of Larry Bird. Doug Christie has it all

~Bill Walton

I might be the most injured athlete in the history of sports. I've had 31 operations. An endless string of stress fractures.

~Bill Walton

I grew up in an non-athletic family, where my parents were interested in music, in literature, in education and art.

~Bill Walton

Right now, you know, it's not about the refs or anything else, it's about hitting first, getting on the run and never looking back.

~Bill Walton

Without question, no hesitation, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was the best player I ever played against.

~Bill Walton

It's the most pleasurable experience in the world! When you're on a great team and you get hot, your teammates milk you dry - they wear you out and there's nothing like being on a great team.

~Bill Walton

I couldn't imagine not playing basketball. To me, basketball is what life is all about.

~Bill Walton

Tim Duncan's foot issue, I think, is a major factor in this year's playoffs. That's not the kind of injury that gets better over time playing NBA basketball.

~Bill Walton

I started going [Grateful Dead] when I was in high school. I was 15. It was the Summer Of Love.

~Bill Walton

Chick Hearn was my favorite broadcaster ever - he's the one who taught me to think basketball, how to love basketball.

~Bill Walton

I learned early on the value and the power of music to inspire and to drive me.

~Bill Walton

My bike is my gym, my wheelchair and my church all in one. I'd like to ride my bike all day long but I've got this thing called a job that keeps getting in the way.

~Bill Walton

Music is my life. It's inseparable from anything else that I do.

~Bill Walton

I'm a fan and a friend, I met them in 1974 when I first joined the NBA and my life has never been the same since. I became the basketball player I was because of the Grateful Dead.

~Bill Walton

We grew up without a television, so we constantly had music playing in our house.

~Bill Walton

Kenyon Martin is the 2nd best player in the Eastern Conference.

~Bill Walton

When I'm at a show, I'm yelling and cheering. I'm with those guys [the Grateful Dead].

~Bill Walton

Patrick Ewing used to be much better in every aspect of the game.

~Bill Walton

During the course of my life, Grateful Dead played all the time. There were constantly concerts you could go to.

~Bill Walton

I mean, I'm 6-foot-11, I've got red hair, freckles, I'm a goofy, nerdy-looking guy, I've got a speech impediment-I stutter and stammer all the time-and I'm a Deadhead.

~Bill Walton

I like a lot of other music and listen to a lot of other music, but one of the greatest things about the Grateful Dead is they played all the time.

~Bill Walton

Steve Nash is the most unathletic player in the league.

~Bill Walton

[Music is] so inspirational in terms of making me want to become better.

~Bill Walton

Greg Ostertag is one of the top centers on this planet!

~Bill Walton

Yao Ming is the best thing to happen to the NBA in a long time. He is just a beautiful person inside and out. The vision, the creativity, the gentleness of spirit â€” he has it all.

~Bill Walton

Health is the most critical thing in our life. With your health anything is possible, without it you can't do anything.

~Bill Walton

There is absolutely no way the best team in the NCAA could even dream of beating the worst team in the NBA? You're talking about men vs. boys.

~Bill Walton

Kazemi has to understand that nobody is going to tell him he has to go

back to Iran if he misses a shot.

~Bill Walton

A huge Chinese population here in... Houston.

~Bill Walton

Anytime you bring Michael Olowokandi on to your team, disaster is soon to follow.

~Bill Walton

The only man who can stop Cliff Robinson is Cliff Robinson. The man is unstoppable even at 38.

~Bill Walton

Life is about growth. People are not perfect when they're 21 years old.

~Bill Walton

I'm a different person today than I was yesterday. I live for the moment and everything that happens in my life changes me.

~Bill Walton

What a pathetic play from a pathetic human being.

~Bill Walton

If you're living for today, if you're only dreaming about yesterday, it doesn't work. You got to know that tomorrow is going to be better. Then you're on your way.

~Bill Walton

In basketball, you can be the greatest individual player in the world and still lose every game, because a team will always beat an individual.

~Bill Walton

I can think. I can sleep. I can move. I can ride my bike. I can dream.

~Bill Walton

Success at the highest level comes down to one question: Can you decide that your happiness can come from someone else's success?

~Bill Walton

My relationship, my friendships with Grateful Dead, has shaped me. Our house is a shrine to all our musical heroes.

~Bill Walton

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