

Calvin Coolidge Quotes

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Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong.

~Calvin Coolidge

The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten.

~Calvin Coolidge

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

~Calvin Coolidge

Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery.

~Calvin Coolidge

No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.

~Calvin Coolidge

We need more of the Office Desk and less of the Show Window in politics. Let men in office substitute the midnight oil for the limelight.

~Calvin Coolidge

It takes a great man to be a good listener.

~Calvin Coolidge

Liberty is not collective, it is personal. All liberty is individual liberty.

~Calvin Coolidge

Nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent.

~Calvin Coolidge

You can't increase prosperity by taxing success.

~Calvin Coolidge

I want the people of America to be able to work less for the government, and more for themselves

~Calvin Coolidge

One of the first lessons a president has to learn is that every word he says weighs a ton.

~Calvin Coolidge

Perhaps one of the most important accomplishments of my administration has been minding my own business.

~Calvin Coolidge

The slogan 'press on' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

~Calvin Coolidge

Doubters do not achieve; skeptics do not contribute; cynics do not create.

~Calvin Coolidge

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

~Calvin Coolidge

Your ability to face setbacks and disappointments without giving up will be the measure of your ability to succeed.

~Calvin Coolidge

There is no dignity quite so impressive, and no one independence quite so important, as living within your means.

~Calvin Coolidge

Four-fifths of all our troubles would disappear, if we would only sit down and keep still.

~Calvin Coolidge

You can't know too much, but you can say too much.

~Calvin Coolidge

We do not need more intellectual power, we need more spiritual power. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen.

~Calvin Coolidge

Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

~Calvin Coolidge

Money will not purchase character or good government.

~Calvin Coolidge

The best help that benevolence and philanthropy can give is that which induces everybody to help himself.

~Calvin Coolidge

Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.

~Calvin Coolidge

The only way I know to drive out evil from the country is by the constructive method of filling it with good.

~Calvin Coolidge

Human nature provides sufficient distrust of all that is alien, so that there is no need of any artificial supply.

~Calvin Coolidge

Wherever despotism abounds, the sources of public information are the first to be brought under its control.

~Calvin Coolidge

The Constitution is the sole source and guaranty of national freedom.

~Calvin Coolidge

It is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones.

~Calvin Coolidge

Nothing is easier than spending public money. It does not appear to belong to anybody. The temptation is overwhelming to bestow it on somebody.

~Calvin Coolidge

The right thing to do never requires any subterfuge, it is always simple and direct.

~Calvin Coolidge

To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race.

~Calvin Coolidge

What men owe to the love and help of good women can never be told.

~Calvin Coolidge

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

~Calvin Coolidge

When people are bewildered they tend to become credulous.

~Calvin Coolidge

They criticize me for harping on the obvious; if all the folks in the United States would do the few simple things they know they ought to do, most of our big problems would take care of themselves.

~Calvin Coolidge

Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be

worshipped.

~Calvin Coolidge

Any reward that is worth having only comes to the industrious. The success which is made in any walk of life is measured almost exactly by the amount of hard work that is put into it.

~Calvin Coolidge

Don't hesitate to be as revolutionary as science. Don't hesitate to be as reactionary as the multiplication table.

~Calvin Coolidge

It is difficult for men in high office to avoid the malady of self-delusion. They are always surrounded by worshipers. They are constantly, and for the most part sincerely, assured of their greatness.

~Calvin Coolidge

All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work.

~Calvin Coolidge

Heroism is not only in the man, but in the occasion.

~Calvin Coolidge

If American democracy is to remain the greatest hope of humanity, it must continue abundantly in the faith of the Bible

~Calvin Coolidge

In life there is nothing more common than talent and intelligence. What is missing is passion, persistence, commitment, and dedication.

~Calvin Coolidge

When more and more people are thrown out of work, unemployment results.

~Calvin Coolidge

Duty is not collective; it is personal.

~Calvin Coolidge

We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once.

~Calvin Coolidge

There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time.

~Calvin Coolidge

Governments do not make ideals, but ideals make governments.

~Calvin Coolidge

In a republic the first rule for the guidance of the citizen is obedience of the law.

~Calvin Coolidge

The words of the President have an enormous weight and ought not to be used indiscriminately.

~Calvin Coolidge

Surprisingly few men are lacking in capacity, but they fail because... they are too indolent to apply themselves with the seriousness and the attention that is necessary to solve important problems.

~Calvin Coolidge

Industry, thrift and self-control are not sought because they create wealth, but because they create character.

~Calvin Coolidge

Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil. Our great hope lies in developing what is good.

~Calvin Coolidge

We demand entire freedom of action and then expect the government in some miraculous way to save us from the consequences of our own acts.... Self-government means self-reliance.

~Calvin Coolidge

After all, the chief business of the American people is business. They are profoundly concerned with producing, buying, selling, investing and prospering in the world.

~Calvin Coolidge

We want wealth, but there are many other things we want very much more. Among them are peace, honor, charity, and idealism.

~Calvin Coolidge

Life is one darn thing after another.

~Calvin Coolidge

This country would not be a land of opportunity, America could not be America, if the people were shackled with government monopolies.

~Calvin Coolidge

Changing a college curriculum is like moving a graveyard-you never know how many friends the dead have until you try to move them!

~Calvin Coolidge

I have never been hurt by what I have not said.

~Calvin Coolidge

Never go out to meet trouble. If you just sit still, nine cases out of ten, someone will intercept it before it reaches you.

~Calvin Coolidge

There is no surer road to destruction than prosperity without character.

~Calvin Coolidge

If we expect others to rely on our fairness and justice we must show that we rely on their fairness and justice.

~Calvin Coolidge

Freedom is not only bought with a great price; it is maintained by unremitting effort.

~Calvin Coolidge

Silence can never be misquoted.

~Calvin Coolidge

I sometimes wish that people would put a little more emphasis upon the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement.

~Calvin Coolidge

Inflation is repudiation.

~Calvin Coolidge

What we need is not more Federal government, but better local government.

~Calvin Coolidge

The world is full of educated derelicts.

~Calvin Coolidge

A display of reason rather than a threat of force should be the determining factor in the intercourse among nations.

~Calvin Coolidge

If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it.

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Anytime you don't want anything you get it.

~Calvin Coolidge

The Jews themselves, of whom a considerable number were already scattered throughout the colonies, were true to the teachings of their prophets. The Jewish faith is predominantly the faith of liberty.

~Calvin Coolidge

No nation ever had an army large enough to guarantee it against attack in time of peace, or ensure it of victory in time of war.

~Calvin Coolidge

Ultimately property rights and personal rights are the same thing.

~Calvin Coolidge

All growth depends upon activity.

~Calvin Coolidge

It is hard to see how a great man can be an atheist. . . . We need to feel that behind us is intelligence and love.

~Calvin Coolidge

Advertising is the life of trade.

~Calvin Coolidge

There is no force so democratic as the force of an ideal.

~Calvin Coolidge

Economy is the method by which we prepare today to afford the improvements of tomorrow.

~Calvin Coolidge

I have noticed that nothing I never said ever did me any harm.

~Calvin Coolidge

You don't have to explain something you never said.

~Calvin Coolidge

I favor the policy of economy, not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people.

~Calvin Coolidge

I do not want to see any of the people cringing supplicants for the favor of the Government, when they should all be independent masters of their own destiny.

~Calvin Coolidge

I did not see the sense in chasing a little white ball around a field.

~Calvin Coolidge

It is not the enactment, but the observance of laws, that creates the character of a nation.

~Calvin Coolidge

I want taxes to be less, that the people may have more.

~Calvin Coolidge

Character is the only secure foundation of the state.

~Calvin Coolidge

There is no justification for public interference with purely private concerns.

~Calvin Coolidge

After order and liberty, economy is one of the highest essentials of a free government.

~Calvin Coolidge

It is only when men begin to worship that they begin to grow.

~Calvin Coolidge

There is no substitute for a militant freedom.

~Calvin Coolidge

Men do not make laws. They do but discover them.

~Calvin Coolidge

The most common commodity in this country is unrealized potential.

~Calvin Coolidge

The danger to America is not in the direction of the failure to maintain its economic position, but in the direction of the failure to maintain its ideals.

~Calvin Coolidge

What we need in appointive positions is men of knowledge and experience who have sufficient character to resist temptations.

~Calvin Coolidge

One of the greatest perils to an extensive republic is the disregard of individual rights.

~Calvin Coolidge

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