

# Charles Churchill

## Quotes

*Men, Lying, Pain, Giving, Genius, Fame, Country, Envy, Faults, Way, Hands,  
Criticism, Mean, Reputation, Art, Evil, Pride, Truth, Eye, Dunces*

Who often, but without success, have prayed for apt Alliteration's artful aid.

~Charles Churchill

England a fortune-telling host, As num'rous as the stars, could boast;  
Matrons, who toss the cup, and see The grounds of Fate in grounds of tea.

~Charles Churchill

Genius is of no country.

~Charles Churchill

Nature listening stood, whilst Shakespeare play'd And wonder'd at the work herself had made.

~Charles Churchill

When satire flies abroad on falsehood's wing, Short is her life, and impotent her sting;  
But when to truth allied, the wound she gives Sinks deep, and to remotest ages lives.

~Charles Churchill

The surest way to health, say what they will, Is never to suppose we shall be ill;  
Most of the ills which we poor mortals know From doctors and imagination flow.

~Charles Churchill

Weak is that throne, and in itself unsound, Which takes not solid virtue for its ground.

~Charles Churchill

A joke's a very serious thing.

~Charles Churchill

No tribute is laid on castles in the air.

~Charles Churchill

The rigid saint, by whom no mercy's shown To saints whose lives are better than his own.

~Charles Churchill

With that malignant envy which turns pale, And sickens, even if a friend prevail.

~Charles Churchill

Those who raise envy will easily incur censure.

~Charles Churchill

On the four aces doom'd to roll.

~Charles Churchill

Who to patch up his fame, or fill his purse, Still pilfers wretched plans, and makes them worse; Like gypsies, lest the stolen brat be known, Defacing first, then claiming for his own.

~Charles Churchill

Quick-circulating slanders mirth afford; and reputation bleeds in every word.

~Charles Churchill

Even in a hero's heart Discretion is the better part.

~Charles Churchill

He hurts me most who lavishly commends.

~Charles Churchill

The Scots are poor, cries surly English pride; True is the charge, nor by themselves denied. Are they not then in strictest reason clear, Who wisely come to mend their fortunes here?

~Charles Churchill

Fashion--a word which knaves and fools may use,  
Their knavery and folly to excuse.

~Charles Churchill

Old Age, a second child, by nature curst  
With more and greater evils than the first,  
Weak, sickly, full of pains: in ev'ry breath  
Railing at life, and yet afraid of death.

~Charles Churchill

If you mean to profit, learn to praise.

~Charles Churchill

The best things carried to excess are wrong.

~Charles Churchill

Patience is sorrow's salve.

~Charles Churchill

The danger chiefly lies in acting well;  
no crime's so great as daring to excel.

~Charles Churchill

He mouths a sentence as curs mouth a bone.

~Charles Churchill

Knives starve not in the land of fools.

~Charles Churchill

Keep up appearances; there lies the test.  
The world will give thee credit for the rest.

~Charles Churchill

Fame is nothing but an empty name.

~Charles Churchill

With curious art the brain, too finely wrought, Preys on herself, and is destroyed by thought.

~Charles Churchill

The proud will sooner lose than ask their way.

~Charles Churchill

Most of those evils we poor mortals know From doctors and imagination flow.

~Charles Churchill

There's a strange something, which without a brain Fools feel, and which e'en wise men can't explain, Planted in man, to bind him to that earth, In dearest ties, from whence he drew his birth.

~Charles Churchill

By different methods different men excel, but where is he who can do all things well?

~Charles Churchill

Childhood, who like an April morn appears, Sunshine and rain, hopes clouded o'er with fears.

~Charles Churchill

Constant attention wears the active mind, Blots out our pow'rs, and leaves a blank behind.

~Charles Churchill

Be England what she will, With all her faults she is my country still.

~Charles Churchill

To copy beauty forfeits all pretense to fame; to copy faults is want of sense

~Charles Churchill

Greatly his foes he dreads, but more his friends; He hurts me most who lavishly commends.

~Charles Churchill

To copy faults is want of sense.

~Charles Churchill

Though by whim, envy, or resentment led, they damn those authors whom they never read.

~Charles Churchill

Men the most infamous are fond of fame, And those who fear not guilt yet start at shame.

~Charles Churchill

Genius is independent of situation.

~Charles Churchill

With various readings stored his empty skull, Learn'd without sense, and venerably dull.

~Charles Churchill

Though folly, robed in purple, shines, Though vice exhausts Peruvian mines, Yet shall they tremble and turn pale When satire wields her mighty flail.

~Charles Churchill

Amongst the sons of men how few are known Who dare be just to merit not their own.

~Charles Churchill

The more haste, ever the worst speed.

~Charles Churchill

Fool beckons fool, and dunce awakens dunce.

~Charles Churchill

A servile race Who, in mere want of fault, all merit place; Who blind obedience pay to ancient schools, Bigots to Greece, and slaves to musty rules.

~Charles Churchill

Enough of self, that darling luscious theme, O'er which philosophers in raptures dream; Of which with seeming disregard they write Then prizing most when most they seem to slight.

~Charles Churchill

Nature, through all her works, in great degree, Borrows a blessing from variety. Music itself her needful aid requires To rouse the soul, and wake our dying fires.

~Charles Churchill

Who shall dispute what the Reviewers say? Their word's sufficient; and to ask a reason, In such a state as theirs, is downright treason.

~Charles Churchill

And reputation bleeds in ev'ry word.

~Charles Churchill

Genius is nothing more than inflamed enthusiasm.

~Charles Churchill

Nor waste their sweetness in the desert air.

~Charles Churchill

Those who would make us feel must feel themselves.

~Charles Churchill

When fiction rises pleasing to the eye, men will believe, because they love the lie; but truth herself, if clouded with a frown, must have some solemn proof to pass her down.

~Charles Churchill

This a sacred rule we find Among the nicest of mankind, (Which never might exception brook From Hobbes even down to Bolingbroke,) To doubt of facts, however true, Unless they know the causes too.

~Charles Churchill

Little do such men know the toil, the pains, the daily, nightly racking of the brains, to range the thoughts, the matter to digest, to cull fit phrases, and reject the rest.

~Charles Churchill

Wherever waves can roll, and winds can blow.

~Charles Churchill

The oak, when living, monarch of the wood; The English oak, which, dead, commands the flood.

~Charles Churchill

Drawn by conceit from reason's plan How vain is that poor creature man; How pleas'd in ev'ry paltry elf To grate about that thing himself.

~Charles Churchill

Ourselves are to ourselves the cause of ill.

~Charles Churchill

Whom drink made wits, though nature made them fools.

~Charles Churchill



If honor calls, where'er she points the way  
The sons of honor follow,  
and obey.

~Charles Churchill

Within the brain's most secret cells,  
A certain lord chief justice dwells,  
Of sov'reign power, whom one and all,  
With common voice we reason  
call.

~Charles Churchill

It can't be Nature, for it is not sense.

~Charles Churchill

Genius is of no country; her pure ray  
Spreads all abroad, as general as  
the day.

~Charles Churchill

Man and wife, Coupled together for the sake of strife.

~Charles Churchill

Who all in raptures their own works rehearse,  
And drawl out measur'd  
prose, which they call verse.

~Charles Churchill

Wit, who never once Forgave a brother, shall forgive a dunce.

~Charles Churchill

All hunt for fame, but most mistake the way.

~Charles Churchill

England, a happy land we know,  
Where follies naturally grow,  
Where without culture they arise,  
And tow'r above the common size.

~Charles Churchill

Who, with tame cowardice familiar grown,  
would hear my thoughts, but

fear to speak their own.

~Charles Churchill

The laws I love; the lawyers I suspect.

~Charles Churchill

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