

Chet Atkins

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When I was a little boy, I told my dad, 'When I grow up, I want to be a musician.' My dad said: 'You can't do both, Son'.

~Chet Atkins

A long apprenticeship is the most logical way to success. The only alternative is overnight stardom, but I can't give you a formula for that.

~Chet Atkins

Years from now, after I'm gone, someone will listen to what I've done and know I was here. They may not know or care who I was, but they'll hear my guitars speaking for me.

~Chet Atkins

Everything I've ever done was out of fear of being mediocre.

~Chet Atkins

Copying one person is stealing. Copying ten is research.

~Chet Atkins

It takes a lot of devotion and work, or maybe I should say play, because if you love it, that's what it amounts to I haven't found any shortcuts, and I've been looking for a long time.

~Chet Atkins

Once you become predictable, no one's interested anymore.

~Chet Atkins

You shape your own destiny.

~Chet Atkins

If you hear something you like, and you're halfway like the public, chances are they'll like it too.

~Chet Atkins

It took me 20 years to learn I couldn't tune too well. And by that time I was too rich to care.

~Chet Atkins

Elvis changed the country music scene quite a bit; he almost put country music out of business.

~Chet Atkins

You want a little talent on that?

~Chet Atkins

Ray Cummins is my good friend and one of the best finger pickers around.

~Chet Atkins

I'll always be poor in my mind.

~Chet Atkins

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