

Christian Nestell Bovee

Quotes

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False friends are like our shadow, keeping close to us while we walk in the sunshine, but leaving us the instant we cross into the shade.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Doubt whom you will, but never yourself.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Our first and last love is self-love.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The scope of an intellect is not to be measured with a tape-string, or a character deciphered from the shape or length of a nose.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

It is the passion that is in a kiss that gives to it its sweetness; it is the affection in a kiss that sanctifies it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

We fear things in proportion to our ignorance of them.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

When all else is lost, the future still remains.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The opinions of the misanthropical rest upon this very partial basis, that they adopt the bad faith of a few as evidence of the worthlessness of all.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The lively and mercurial are as open books, with the leaves turned down at the notable passages. Their souls sit at the windows of their eyes, seeing and to be seen.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The passions are like fire, useful in a thousand ways and dangerous only in one, through their excess.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Tears are nature's lotion for the eyes. The eyes see better for being washed by them.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

No man is happy without a delusion of some kind. Delusions are as necessary to our happiness as realities.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

A mother is the best friend God ever gave.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Dishonest people conceal their faults from themselves as well as others, honest people know and confess them.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Heaven lent you a soul, Earth will lend a grave.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Excessive sensibility is only another name for morbid self-consciousness.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Four sweet lips, two pure souls, and one undying affection, - these are love's pretty ingredients for a kiss.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Music is the fourth great material want, first food, then clothes, then shelter, then music.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

There are some weaknesses that are peculiar and distinctive to generous characters, as freckles are to a fair skin.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The great artist is a slave to his ideals.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

There is probably no hell for authors in the next world - they suffer so much from critics and publishers in this.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Example has more followers than reason. We unconsciously imitate what pleases us, and approximate to the characters we most admire.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Courage enlarges, cowardice diminishes resources.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Honesty is not only "the first step toward greatness," - it is greatness itself.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Tearless grief bleeds inwardly.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Weakness ineffectually seeks to disguise itself,--like a drunken man trying to show how sober he is.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Few minds wear out; more rust out.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Motives are better than actions. Men drift into crime. Of evil they do more than they contemplate, and of good they contemplate more than they do.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Courage enlarges, cowardice diminishes resources. In desperate straits the fears of the timid aggravate the dangers that imperil the brave.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Panic is a sudden desertion of us, and a going over to the enemy of our imagination.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Earth took her shining station as a star, In Heaven's dark hall, high up the crowd of worlds.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Melancholy sees the worst of things, things as they may be, and not as they are. It looks upon a beautiful face, and sees but a grinning skull.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

There is great beauty in going through life without anxiety or fear. Half our fears are baseless, and the other half discreditable.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The method of the enterprising is to plan with audacity and execute with vigor.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Galileo called doubt the father of invention; it is certainly the pioneer.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The nearest approximation to an understanding of life is to feel it--to realize it to the full--to be a profound and inscrutable mystery.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The loveliest faces are to be seen by moonlight, when one sees half with the eye and half with the fancy.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The worth of a book is a matter of expressed juices.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

To vindicate the sanctity of human life by taking it is an outrage upon reason. The spectacle of a human being dangling at the end of a gallows-rope is a degradation of humanity.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Fame - a few words upon a tombstone, and the truth of those not to be depended on.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Enthusiasm is the inspiration of everything great.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Silence, when nothing need be said, is the eloquence of discretion.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Words of praise, indeed, are almost as necessary to warm a child into a genial life as acts of kindness and affection. Judicious praise is to children what the sun is to flowers.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

It is ever the invisible that is the object of our profoundest worship. With the lover it is not the seen but the unseen that he muses upon.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

We make way for the man who boldly pushes past us.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Too much society makes a man frivolous; too little, a savage.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The grandest of all laws is the law of progressive development. Under it, in the wide sweep of things, men grow wiser as they grow older, and societies better.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Great warriors, like great earthquakes, are principally remembered for the mischief they have done.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Words, like cannon balls, should go direct to their mark.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The body of a sensualist is the coffin of a dead soul.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

In the assurance of strength there is strength; and they are the weakest, however strong, who have no faith in themselves or their powers.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The cure for tender sensibilities is to make more of our objects and less of our selves.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Successful minds work like a gimlet--to a single point.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The great obstacle to progress is prejudice

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The worst deluded are the self-deluded.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The very cunning conceal their cunning; the indifferently shrewd boast of it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

A sound discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake as by never repeating it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Partial culture runs to the ornate, extreme culture to simplicity.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Troubles forer reckoned are doubly suffered.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Pride is like the beautiful acacia, that lifts its head proudly above its neighbor plants-forgetting that it too, like them, has its roots in the dirt.

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Something of a person's character may be observed by how they smile. Some never smile they only grin.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Every war involves a greater or less relapse into barbarism. War, indeed, in its details, is the essence of inhumanity. It dehumanizes. It may save the state, but it destroys the citizen.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Complaint is. more contemptible than pitiful.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Winter is the night of vegetation.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

It is our relation to circumstances that determines their influence upon us.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The cheerful live longest in years, and afterwards in our regards. Cheerfulness is the off-shoot of goodness.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Men, like musical instruments, seem made to be played upon.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

We trifle when we assign limits to our desires, since nature hath set none.

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Judicious praise is to children what the sun is to flowers.

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Genius makes its observations in short-hand; talent writes them out at length.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

We give our best affections to the beautiful, only our second best to the useful.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Discretion is the salt, and fancy the sugar of life; the one preserves, the other sweetens it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

There is no tyrant like custom, and no freedom where its edicts are not

resisted.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

There is a German proverb which says that Take-it-Easy and Live-Long are brothers.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

It is our relation to circumstances that determine their influence over us. The same wind that blows one ship into port may blow another off shore.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Marriage, by making us more contented, causes us often to be less enterprising.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The small courtesies sweeten life; the greater ennoble it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

How like a railway tunnel is the poor man's life, with the light of childhood at one end, the intermediate gloom, and only the glimmer of a future life at the other extremity!

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Pure motives do not insure perfect results.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

The heart contracts as the pocket expands.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Dignity of position adds to dignity of character, as well as to dignity of carriage. Give us a proud position, and we are impelled to act up to it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

All men are alike in their lower natures; it is in their higher characters that they differ.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Cheerfulness is an offshoot of goodness and of wisdom.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

What we call conscience in many instances, is only a wholesome fear of the law.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Economy is for the poor; the rich may dispense with it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Give me the character and I will forecast the event.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Good men have the fewest fears. He has but one great fear who fears to do wrong; he has a thousand who has overcome it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Genuine religion is matter of feeling rather than matter of opinion.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Affliction, like the iron-smith, shapes as it smites.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

If one is not virtuous he becomes vicious.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Living with a saint is more grueling than being one.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Enthusiasm is the inspiration of everything great. Without it no man is to

be feared, and with it none despised.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Tranquil pleasures last the longest; we are not fitted to bear the burden of great joys.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

A genuine passion is like a mountain stream; it admits of no impediment; it cannot go backward; it must go forward.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Mortal beauty stings while it delights.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

In ambition, as in love, the successful can afford to be indulgent toward their rivals. The prize our own, it is graceful to recognize the merit that vainly aspired to it.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

All good writing leaves something unexpressed.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Beauty can afford to laugh at distinctions: it is itself the greatest distinction.

~Christian Nestell Bovee

Merit is never so conspicuous as when coupled with an obscure origin, just as the moon never appears so lustrous as when it emerges from a cloud.

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