

David O. McKay

Quotes

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Let us realize that: the privilege to work is a gift, the power to work is a blessing, the love of work is success!

~David O. McKay

I'm going to tell you the most important secret of human life. The most critical need of the human soul is to be kind.

~David O. McKay

The greatest work we will ever do will be within the walls of our home.

~David O. McKay

There should be no yelling in the home unless there is a fire.

~David O. McKay

Your thoughts are the architects of your destiny.

~David O. McKay

Find a purpose in life so big it will challenge every capacity to be at your best.

~David O. McKay

Being a parent is the greatest trust that has been given to human beings.

~David O. McKay

Happiness and peace will come to earth only as the light of love and human compassion enter the souls of men.

~David O. McKay

True happiness comes only by making others happy.

~David O. McKay

I think it must be apparent to every thinking mind that the noblest of all professions is that of teaching, and that upon the effectiveness of that

teaching hangs the destiny of nations.

~David O. McKay

Children are more influenced by sermons you act than by sermons you preach.

~David O. McKay

Let husband and wife never speak to one another in loud tones, unless the house is on fire.

~David O. McKay

Happiness consists not of having, but of being. It is a warm glow of the heart at peace with itself.

~David O. McKay

When a Father takes the child by the hand, he takes the Mother by the Heart.... The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

~David O. McKay

True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character.

~David O. McKay

The rising sun can dispel the darkness of night, but it cannot banish the blackness of malice, hatred, bigotry, and selfishness from the hearts of humanity.

~David O. McKay

Seek to share joy with others, or to make somebody else happy, and you will find your own soul radiant with the joy you wished for another.

~David O. McKay

There is no success which can compensate for the failure of the family.

~David O. McKay

No greater responsibility can rest upon a man, than to be a teacher of God's children

~David O. McKay

The Gospel of Jesus Christ can make bad men good and good men better, can alter human nature, and can change human lives.

~David O. McKay

Freedom of choice is more to be treasured than any possession earth can give.

~David O. McKay

â€ The most worthy calling in life is that in which man can serve best his fellow man. â€ The noblest aim in life is to strive to live to make other lives better and happier.

~David O. McKay

True education is awakening a love for truth...opening the eyes of the soul to the great purpose and end of life.

~David O. McKay

Anger itself does more harm than the condition which aroused anger.

~David O. McKay

As long as the day lasts, let's give it all we got.

~David O. McKay

The first contributing factor to a happy home is the sublime virtue of loyalty, one of the noblest attributes of the human soul.

~David O. McKay

Character is the aim of true education; and science, history, and literature are but means used to accomplish this desired end.

~David O. McKay

He who harbors hatred and bitterness injures himself far more than the one towards whom he manifests these evil propensities.

~David O. McKay

It is possible to make home a bit of heaven; indeed, I picture heaven to be a continuation of the ideal home

~David O. McKay

To be ignorant of one's own ignorance is to be in an unprogressive, uninspired state of existence.

~David O. McKay

That which a man continually thinks about determines his actions in times of opportunity and stress. I will know what you are if you tell me what you think about when you don't have to think.

~David O. McKay

Music is truly the universal language, and when it is excellently expressed how deeply it moves our souls

~David O. McKay

Do your duty that is best; leave unto the Lord the rest.

~David O. McKay

The best means of preaching the gospel is by personal contact.

~David O. McKay

No other success [in life] can compensate for failure in the home.

~David O. McKay

Wisdom is the right application of knowledge; and true education...is the application of knowledge to the development of a noble and Godlike character.

~David O. McKay

There are seeds of happiness planted in every human soul. Our mental attitude and disposition constitute the environment in which these seeds may germinate.

~David O. McKay

Pleasure is not the purpose of man's existence. Joy is.

~David O. McKay

The greatest comfort in this life is having a close relationship with God.

~David O. McKay

Next to being one in worshipping God there is nothing in this world upon which the Church should be more united that in upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States

~David O. McKay

The kind of life you live, your disposition, your very nature, will be determined by your thoughts, of which your acts are but the outward expression. Thought is the seed of action.

~David O. McKay

It is written that he who governs well, leads the blind; But that he who teaches, gives them eyes.

~David O. McKay

The most powerful thing in the world is an idea.

~David O. McKay

The greatest need in the world today is faith in God and courage to do

His will.

~David O. McKay

As precious as life itself is our heritage of individual freedom, for man's free agency is a God-given gift.

~David O. McKay

Next to the bestowal of life itself, the right to direct that life is God's greatest gift to man.

~David O. McKay

The united, well-ordered American home is one of the greatest contributing factors to the preservation of the Constitution of the United States.

~David O. McKay

The purpose of the church is to make bad men good and good men better.

~David O. McKay

Gossip bespeaks either a vacant mind or one that entertains jealousy or envy.

~David O. McKay

Man's greatest happiness comes from losing himself for the good of others.

~David O. McKay

We must not close our eyes to the fact that there are conspiring men who would pollute young boys, and girls of corresponding age, for sake of increasing profits.

~David O. McKay

A man who cannot control his temper is not very likely to control his

passions, and no matter what his pretensions in religion, he moves in daily life very close to the animal plane.

~David O. McKay

If you would be happy, render a kind service, make somebody else happy.

~David O. McKay

True motherhood is the noblest call of the world, and we look with sorrow upon the practice here in our own United States of limiting families, a tendency creeping into our own Church.

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The first condition of happiness is a clear conscience.

~David O. McKay

Every member ... a missionary!

~David O. McKay

There is no development of character without resistance, there is no growth of spirituality without overcoming.

~David O. McKay

True Christianity is love in action. There is no better way to manifest love for God than to show an unselfish love for your fellow men. This is the spirit of missionary work

~David O. McKay

There is a crying need today to have this truth heralded throughout the land that youth especially may appreciate and hold the freedom of the

individual as sacred as did our revolutionary fathers.

~David O. McKay

Into the soul of every student I would have instilled the patriotic fervor of Patrick Henry.

~David O. McKay

In the well-ordered home we may experience a taste of heaven.

~David O. McKay

The basis of all sin is selfishness.

~David O. McKay

The latest I like to be to meeting is 15 minutes early

~David O. McKay

When the husband and wife are healthy, and free from inherited weaknesses and diseases that might be transmitted with injury to their offspring the use of contraceptives is to be condemned.

~David O. McKay

Slander is poison to the soul.

~David O. McKay

Trust is greater than love.

~David O. McKay

I wish to emphasize the fact that our homes should be more attractive and that more of our amusements should be in the home instead of the streets.

~David O. McKay

Thoughts that most frequently occupy the mind determine a man's course of action.

~David O. McKay

If we would change the world, we must first change people's thoughts.

~David O. McKay

Always remember that a soldier's pack is lighter than a slave's chains.

~David O. McKay

"We don't take sufficient time to meditate." I get up early in the morning...five o'clock, when my mind and spirit are clear and rested. Then I meditate.

~David O. McKay

[One] principle that actuated the lives of the fathers who founded our Constitution was faith in God.

~David O. McKay

The seeds of a happy marriage are sown in youth. Happiness does not begin at the altar; it begins during the period of youth and courtship.

~David O. McKay

To be carnally minded is to be spiritually dead

~David O. McKay

Man is responsible not only for every deed, but also for every idle word and thought.

~David O. McKay

That home is most beautiful in which you find each person striving to serve the other.

~David O. McKay

In choosing a companion, it is necessary to study the disposition, the inheritance, and training of the one with whom you are contemplating

making life's journey.

~David O. McKay

What you think about when you don't think, shows who you really are.

~David O. McKay

When harmony, mutual consideration and trust pass out of the home, hell enters in.

~David O. McKay

The home is the basis of a righteous life and no other instrumentality can take its place nor fulfill its essential functions.

~David O. McKay

Today, as never before, the issue is clearly defined-liberty and freedom of choice, or oppression and subjugation for the individual and for nations.

~David O. McKay

Adversity itself may lead toward and not away from God and spiritual enlightenment; and privation may prove a source of strength if we can but keep a sweetness of mind and spirit.

~David O. McKay

Men may yearn for peace, cry for peace, and work for peace, but there will be no peace until they follow the path pointed out by the Living Christ. He is the true light of men's lives.

~David O. McKay

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Peace springs from righteousness in the soul, from upright living.

~David O. McKay

The world is hungry to hear the truth. ... We have it. Are we equal to the task-to the responsibility God has placed upon us?

~David O. McKay

Everyone is possessed with an irresistible desire to know his relationship to the Infinite.

~David O. McKay

An unsatisfied appetite for knowledge means progress and is the state of a normal mind.

~David O. McKay

This age is fraught with limitless perils, as well as untold possibilities.

~David O. McKay

I never think of death: I am too busy thinking of life.

~David O. McKay

I believe that only through a truly educated citizenry can the ideals that inspired the Founding Fathers of our nation be preserved and perpetuated.

~David O. McKay

Sincere prayer implies that when we ask for any virtue or blessing, we should work for the blessing and cultivate the virtue.

~David O. McKay

The greatest spiritual blessing comes from helping another.

~David O. McKay

What-e're thou art, Act well thy part.

~David O. McKay

The true purpose of life is the perfection of humanity through individual

effort, under the guidance of God's inspiration.

~David O. McKay

If our young people could but glimpse it, it would be the most powerful spiritual motivation of their lives!

~David O. McKay

All men who have moved the world have been men who would stand true to their conscience.

~David O. McKay

[Liberty] is freedom of choice, a divine gift, an essential virtue in a peaceful society.

~David O. McKay

Out of the homes of America will come the future citizens of America, and only as those homes are what they should be will this nation be what it should be.

~David O. McKay

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