

Edwin Percy Whipple

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Felicity, not fluency of language, is a merit.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Of the three prerequisites of genius; the first is soul; the second is soul; and the third is soul.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Cheerfulness in most cheerful people is the rich and satisfying result of strenuous discipline.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

An epigram often flashes light into regions where reason shines but dimly.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Books are lighthouses erected in the great sea of time.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Irony is an insult conveyed in the form of a compliment.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Grit is the grain of character. It may generally be described as heroism materialized,--spirit and will thrust into heart, brain, and backbone, so as to form part of the physical substance of the man.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

A thought embodied and embrained in fit words walks the earth a living being.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

God is glorified, not by our groans, but by our thanksgivings.

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God is glorified, not by our groans, but our thanksgivings; and all good

thought and good action claim a natural alliance with good cheer.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Dignity is often a veil between us and the real truth of things.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Sin, every day, takes out a patent for some new invention.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

The inborn geniality of some people amounts to genius.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

The greatness of action includes immoral as well as moral greatness--Cortes and Napoleon, as well as Luther and Washington.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Every style formed elaborately on any model must be affected and straight-laced.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

We like the fine extravagance of that philosopher who declared that no man was as rich as all men ought to be.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Genius may be almost defined as the faculty of acquiring poverty.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

From Lucifer to Jerry Sneak there is not an aspect of evil, imperfection, and littleness which can elude the lights of humor or the lightning of wit.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Character is the spiritual body of the person, and represents the individualization of vital experience, the conversion of unconscious

things into self-conscious men.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Talent is full of thoughts, Genius is thought. Talent is a cistern, Genius a fountain.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

A man of letters is often a man with two natures,--one a book nature, the other a human nature. These often clash sadly.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

The saddest failures in life are those that come from not putting forth the power and will to succeed.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Talent jogs to conclusions to which Genius takes giant leaps.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Wit is an unexpected explosion of thought.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

The bitterest satires and noblest eulogies on married life have come from poets.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

There is a serious and resolute egotism that makes a man interesting to his friends and formidable to his opponents.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Whenever you find humour, you find pathos close by its side.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Humor, warm and all-embracing as the sunshine, bathes its objects in a genial and abiding light.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Even in social life, it is persistency which attracts confidence, more than talents and accomplishments.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

A writer who attempts to live on the manufacture of his imagination is continually coquetting with starvation.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

A politician weakly and amiably in the right, is no match for a politician tenaciously and pugnaciously in the wrong.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Knowledge, like religion, must be experienced in order to be known.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

No education deserves the name unless it develops thought, unless it pierces down to the mysterious spiritual principle of mind, and starts that into activity and growth.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

A nation may be in a tumult to-day for a thought which the timid Erasmus placidly penned in his study more than two centuries ago.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

In activity we must find our joy as well as glory; and labor, like everything else that is good, is its own reward.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

The familiar writer is apt to be his own satirist. Out of his own mouth is he judged.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

The minister's brain is often the "poor-box" of the church.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

The purity of the critical ermine, like that of the judicial, is often soiled by contact with politics.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

A true teacher should penetrate to whatever is vital in his pupil, and develop that by the light and heat of his own intelligence.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

There is a natural disposition with us to judge an author's personal character by the character of his works. We find it difficult to understand the common antithesis of a good writer and a bad man.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Pretension is nothing; power is everything.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Cervantes shrewdly advises to lay a bridge of silver for a flying enemy.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

The universal line of distinction between the strong and the weak is that one persists; the other hesitates, falters, trifles, and at last collapses or "caves in."

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Nothing is rarer than the use of a word in its exact meaning.

~Edwin Percy Whipple

Mirth is a Proteus, changing its shape and manner with the thousand diversities of individual character, from the most superfluous gayety to the deepest, moat earnest humor.

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