

Elizabeth I

Quotes

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Grief never ends, but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness nor a lack of faith: it is the price of love.

~Elizabeth I

Do not tell secrets to those whose faith and silence you have not already tested.

~Elizabeth I

Men fight wars. Women win them.

~Elizabeth I

Though the sex to which I belong is considered weak you will nevertheless find me a rock that bends to no wind.

~Elizabeth I

I have already joined myself in marriage to a husband, namely the kingdom of England.

~Elizabeth I

To be a king and wear a crown is a thing more glorious to them that see it than it is pleasant to them that bear it.

~Elizabeth I

I would rather be a beggar and single than a queen and married.

~Elizabeth I

God has given such brave soldiers to this Crown that, if they do not frighten our neighbours, at least they prevent us from being frightened by them.

~Elizabeth I

Monarchs ought to put to death the authors and instigators of war, as their sworn enemies and as dangers to their states.

~Elizabeth I

A clear and innocent conscience fears nothing.

~Elizabeth I

Life is for living and working at. If you find anything or anybody a bore, the fault is in yourself.

~Elizabeth I

There is no marvel in a woman learning to speak, but there would be in teaching her to hold her tongue

~Elizabeth I

There is only one Christ, Jesus, one faith. All else is a dispute over trifles.

~Elizabeth I

I do not want a husband who honors me as a queen if he does not love me as a woman.

~Elizabeth I

Though I am not imperial, and though Elizabeth may not deserve it, the Queen of England will easily deserve to have an emperor's son to marry.

~Elizabeth I

It is monstrous that the feet should direct the head.

~Elizabeth I

Chastity is the ermine of woman's soul.

~Elizabeth I

[To Parliament, when it urged her to marry and settle the succession:]
You attend to your own duties and I'll perform mine.

~Elizabeth I

There is nothing in the world I hold in greater horror than to see a body moving against its head: and I shall be very careful not to ally myself with such a monster.

~Elizabeth I

This is the Lord's doing. And it is marvelous in our eyes.

~Elizabeth I

There is an Italian proverb which saith, From my enemy let me defend myself; but from a pretended friend Lord deliver me

~Elizabeth I

When we hang on to resentments, we poison ourselves. As compulsive overeaters, we cannot afford resentment, since it exacerbates our disease.

~Elizabeth I

I have the heart of a man, not a woman, and I am not afraid of anything.

~Elizabeth I

I know I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a king, and of a king of England too.

~Elizabeth I

[To Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, on his return from self-imposed exile, occasioned by the embarrassing flatulence he had experienced in the presence of the Queen:] My Lord, I had forgot the fart.

~Elizabeth I

The past cannot be cured.

~Elizabeth I

Words are leaves, the substance consists of deeds, which are the true

fruits of a good tree.

~Elizabeth I

I observe and remain silent.

~Elizabeth I

I have seen many a man turn his gold into smoke, but you are the first who has turned smoke into gold.

~Elizabeth I

The stone often recoils on the head of the thrower.

~Elizabeth I

All my possessions for a moment of time.

~Elizabeth I

The use of sea and air is common to all; neither can a title to the ocean belong to any people or private persons, forasmuch as neither nature nor public use and custom permit any possession therof.

~Elizabeth I

I will have here but one mistress and no master.

~Elizabeth I

I don't keep a dog and bark myself.

~Elizabeth I

Princes have big ears which hear far and near.

~Elizabeth I

Those who appear the most sanctified are the worst

~Elizabeth I

Prosperity provideth, but adversity proveth friends.

~Elizabeth I

My seat has been the seat of kings, and I will have no rascal to succeed me.

~Elizabeth I

I may not be a lion, but I am lion's cub and I have lion's heart

~Elizabeth I

I would rather go to any extreme than suffer anything that is unworthy of my reputation, or of that of my crown.

~Elizabeth I

Let tyrants fear, I have always so behaved myself that, under God, I have placed my chiefest strength and safeguard in the loyal hearts and good-will of my subjects.

~Elizabeth I

Affection! Affection is false.

~Elizabeth I

[When opposed by leaders of her Council:] I will make you shorter by the head!

~Elizabeth I

The true sin against the Holy Ghost is ingratitude.

~Elizabeth I

I cannot find it in me to fear a man who took ten years a learning of his alphabet.

~Elizabeth I

I would not open windows into men's souls.

~Elizabeth I

My care is like my shadow in the sun, Follows me flying, flies when I pursue it, Stands and lies by me, doth what I have done.

~Elizabeth I

Where minds differ and opinions swerve there is scant a friend in that company.

~Elizabeth I

The daughter of debate That still discord doth sow.

~Elizabeth I

They best pass over the world who trip over it quickly; for it is but a bog. If we stop, we sink.

~Elizabeth I

Fear not, we are of the nature of the lion, and cannot descend to the destruction of mice and such small beasts.

~Elizabeth I

Be always faithful to me, as I always desire to keep you in peace; and if there have been wiser kings, none has ever loved you more than I have.

~Elizabeth I

I do not so much rejoice that God hath made me to be a Queen, as to be a Queen over so thankful a people.

~Elizabeth I

Let the good service of well-deservers be never rewarded with loss. Let their thanks be such as may encourage more strivers for the like.

~Elizabeth I

A good face is the best letter of recommendation.

~Elizabeth I

I am more afraid of making a fault in my Latin than of the Kings of Spain, France, Scotland, the whole House of Guise, and all of their confederates.

~Elizabeth I

Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor.

~Elizabeth I

A meal of bread, cheese and beer constitutes the perfect food.

~Elizabeth I

I do not choose that my grave should be dug while I am still alive.

~Elizabeth I

Ye may have a greater prince, but ye shall never have a more loving prince.

~Elizabeth I

There is one thing higher than Royalty: and that is religion, which causes us to leave the world, and seek God.

~Elizabeth I

Eyes of youth have sharp sight but commonly not so deep as those of elder age.

~Elizabeth I

He who placed me in this seat will keep me here.

~Elizabeth I

[I]n the end this shall be for me sufficient, that a marble stone shall declare that a Queen, having reigned such a time, lived and died a virgin.

~Elizabeth I

Answer on being asked her opinion of Christ's presence in the Sacrament. 'Twas God the word that spake it, He took the Bread and brake it; And what the word did make it That I believe, and take it.

~Elizabeth I

I thank God I am endued with such qualities that if I were turned out of the Realm in my petticoat I were able to live in any place in Christendom.

~Elizabeth I

If I follow the inclination of my nature, it is this: beggar-woman and single, far rather than queen and married.

~Elizabeth I

I am already bound unto an husband, which is the kingdom of England.

~Elizabeth I

It is hard to find beauty in the art of self expression.

~Elizabeth I

One man with a head on his shoulders is worth a dozen without.

~Elizabeth I

If we still advise we shall never do.

~Elizabeth I

Although my royal rank causes me to doubt whether my kingdom is not more sought after than myself, yet I understand that you have found other graces in me.

~Elizabeth I

Of myself I must say this, I never was any greedy, scraping grasper, nor a strait fast-holding prince, nor yet a master; my heart was never set on worldly goods, but only for my subjects' good.

~Elizabeth I

Much suspected by me, Nothing proved can be

~Elizabeth I

It is good to jest, but not to make a trade of jesting.

~Elizabeth I

Who seeketh two strings to one bow, they may shoot strong, but never straight.

~Elizabeth I

He that will forget God, will also forget his benefactors.

~Elizabeth I

A fool too late bewares when all the peril is past.

~Elizabeth I

[On Thomas Seymour's death:] This day died a man of much wit and very little judgment.

~Elizabeth I

I have no desire to make windows into men's souls.

~Elizabeth I

A strength to harm is perilous in the hand of an ambitious head.

~Elizabeth I

There is nothing about which I am more anxious than my country, and for its sake I am willing to die ten deaths, if that be possible.

~Elizabeth I

Brass shines as fair to the ignorant as gold to the goldsmiths.

~Elizabeth I

Mr. Doctor, that loose gown becomes you so well I wonder your notions should be so narrow.

~Elizabeth I

I regret the unhappiness of princes who are slaves to forms and fettered by caution.

~Elizabeth I

O Fortune, how thy restless, wavering state has fraught with cares my troubled wit!

~Elizabeth I

Where might is mixed with wit, there is too good an accord in a government.

~Elizabeth I

My mortal foe can no ways wish me a greater harm than England's hate; neither should death be less welcome unto me than such a mishap betide me.

~Elizabeth I

I pray to God that I shall not live one hour after I have thought of using deception.

~Elizabeth I

If thy heart fails thee, climb not at all.

~Elizabeth I

I pluck up the good lissome herbs of sentences by pruning, eat them by reading, digest them by musing, and lay them up at length in the high seat of memory.

~Elizabeth I

Be of good cheer, for you will never want, for the bullet was meant for

me, though it hit you.

~Elizabeth I

I find that I sent wolves not shepherds to govern Ireland, for they have left me nothing but ashes and carcasses to reign over!

~Elizabeth I

I shall lend credit to nothing against my people which parents would not believe against their own children.

~Elizabeth I

God forgive you, but I never can.

~Elizabeth I

Though God hath raised me high, yet this I count the glory of my crown:
That I have reigned with your loves.

~Elizabeth I

Young heads take example of the ancient

~Elizabeth I

There is small disproportion betwixt a fool who useth not wit because he hath it not and him that useth it not when it should avail him.

~Elizabeth I

For, what is a family without a steward, a ship without a pilot, a flock without a shepherd, a body without a head, the same, I think, is a kingdom without the health and safety of a good monarch.

~Elizabeth I

No foteball player be used or suffered within the City of London and the liberties thereof upon pain of imprisonment.

~Elizabeth I

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