

# Ernestine Rose

## Quotes

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Agitate! Agitate! Ought to be the motto of every reformer. Agitation is the opposite of stagnation - the one is life, the other death.

~Ernestine Rose

Emancipation from every kind of bondage is my principle. I go for recognition of human rights, without distinction of sect, party, sex, or color.

~Ernestine Rose

No! on Human Rights and Freedom, on a subject that is as self-evident as that two and two make four, there is no need of any written authority.

~Ernestine Rose

What is life without liberty; and what is liberty without equality of rights?

~Ernestine Rose

It is an interesting and demonstrable fact that all children are atheists and were not religion inculcated in their minds, they would remain so.

~Ernestine Rose

Books and opinions, no matter from whom they came, if they are in opposition to human rights, are nothing but dead letters.

~Ernestine Rose

Slavery and freedom cannot exist together.

~Ernestine Rose

If God is pleased in making you sick and unhappy, I hate God.

~Ernestine Rose

There is no reason against woman's elevation, but prejudices.

~Ernestine Rose

When a man comes to me and tries to convince me that he is not a thief, then I take care of my coppers.

~Ernestine Rose

Carry out the republican principle of universal suffrage, or strike it from your banners and substitute 'Freedom and Power to one half of society, and Submission and Slavery to the other.'

~Ernestine Rose

If they are unsuccessful in married life, who suffers more the bitter consequences of poverty than the wife? But if successful, she has not a dollar to call her own.

~Ernestine Rose

The few bright meteors in man's intellectual horizon could well be matched by women, were she allowed to occupy the same elevated position.

~Ernestine Rose

Away with that folly that her rights would be detrimental to her character - that if she were recognized as the equal to a man she would cease to be a woman!

~Ernestine Rose

Much is said about the burdens and responsibilities of married men. Responsibilities indeed there are, if they but felt them: but as to burdens what are they?

~Ernestine Rose

If any difference should be made by law between husband and wife, reason, justice and humanity, if their voices were heard, would dictate that it should be in her favor.

~Ernestine Rose

From the cradle to the grave she is subject to the power and control of man. Father, guardian, or husband, one conveys her like some piece of merchandise over to the other.

~Ernestine Rose

Again, I shall be told that the law presumes the husband to be kind, affectionate, and ready to provide for and protect his wife. But what right, I ask, has the law to presume at all on the subject?

~Ernestine Rose

We have hardly an adequate idea how all-powerful law is in forming public opinion, in giving tone and character to the mass of society.

~Ernestine Rose

I asked God if it was a sin and He didn't say anything.

~Ernestine Rose

there is ten times more in the world than would maintain all in yet unknown luxury. Yet how much misery there is in our midst; not because there is not enough, but owing to the misdirection of it.

~Ernestine Rose

Blind submission in women is considered a virtue, while submission to wrong is itself wrong, and resistance to wrong is virtue alike in women as in man.

~Ernestine Rose

Why should women not be a martyr for her cause?

~Ernestine Rose

The mass of the people commence life with no other capital than the union of head, hearts and hands. To the benefit of this best of capital the wife has no right.

~Ernestine Rose

Fathers like to have children good-natured, well-behaved, and comfortable, but how to put them in that desirable condition is out of their philosophy.

~Ernestine Rose

Do you not yet understand what has made woman what she is? Then see what the sickly taste and perverted judgment of man now admires in woman.

~Ernestine Rose

In case of separation, why should the children be taken from the protecting care of the mother? Who has a better right to them than she? How much do fathers generally do toward bringing them up?

~Ernestine Rose

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