

# Ezra Taft Benson Quotes

*Men, Children, Father, Book, Home, Pride, People, Heart, Spiritual, Blessing,  
Mother, Country, Jesus, Life, Character, Humble, Mind, Mean, Years, Joy*

Pride is concerned with who is right. Humility is concerned with what is right.

~Ezra Taft Benson

With pride, there are many curses. With humility, there come many blessings.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The greatest test of life is obedience to God.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The more we express our gratitude to God for our blessings, the more he will bring to our mind other blessings. The more we are aware of to be grateful for, the happier we become.

~Ezra Taft Benson

You are free to choose, but you are not free to alter the consequences of your decisions.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Some of the greatest battles you will face will be fought within the silent chambers of your own soul.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Thoughts lead to acts, acts lead to habits, habits lead to character - and our character will determine our eternal destiny.

~Ezra Taft Benson

When we put God first, all other things fall into their proper place or drop out of our lives.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The way to feel better about your own situation is to improve someone else's circumstances.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Inspiring music may fill the soul with heavenly thoughts, move one to righteous action, or speak peace to the soul.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Since man created government to help secure and safeguard [inalienable] rights [from God], it follows that man is superior to government and should remain master over it, not the other way around.

~Ezra Taft Benson

It is better to prepare and prevent than it is to repair and repent.

~Ezra Taft Benson

You cannot do wrong and feel right. It is impossible!

~Ezra Taft Benson

When obedience ceases to be an irritant and becomes our quest, in that moment God will endow us with power.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Are you honest with the Lord in the payment of your tithes? Living this divine law will bring both spiritual and material blessings.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Happy and successful homes cannot be built on immorality.

~Ezra Taft Benson

To the proud, the applause of the world rings in their ears; to the humble, the applause of heaven warms their hearts.

~Ezra Taft Benson

I have little need to remind you that water has become one of our major

national concerns.

~Ezra Taft Benson

He who kneels before God, can stand before any man.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Making decisions is probably the most important thing people ever do. Nothing happens until someone makes a decision.

~Ezra Taft Benson

True repentance involves a change of heart and not just a change of behavior.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Prayer in the hour of need is a great boon. From simple trials to our Gethsemanes, prayer - persistent prayer - can put us in touch with God, our greatest source of comfort and counsel.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Men and women who turn their lives over to God will discover that He can make a lot more out of their lives than they can.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Man is at his best when complimented by the influence of a good woman.

~Ezra Taft Benson

It is the mark of a truly educated man to know what not to read.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The proud do not change to improve, but defend their position by rationalizing. Repentance means change, and it takes a humble person to change.

~Ezra Taft Benson

In a home where there is an able-bodied husband, he is expected to be the breadwinner.

~Ezra Taft Benson

If we do not feel like praying, then we should pray until we do feel like praying.

~Ezra Taft Benson

God help us to be grateful for our blessings, never to be guilty of the sin of ingratitude, and to instill this same gratitude into the lives of our children.

~Ezra Taft Benson

It is not on the pinnacle of success and ease where men and women grow most. It is often down in the valley of heartache and disappointment and reverses where men and women grow.

~Ezra Taft Benson

If we would truly seek to be more like our Savior and Master, learning to love as He loves should be our highest goal

~Ezra Taft Benson

If you turn your life over to the Lord he can do so much more with it than we can.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Do not be caught up in materialism, one of the real plagues of our generation-that is, acquiring things, fast-paced living, and securing career success.

~Ezra Taft Benson

I hope we can be happy where we are, be grateful for our blessings-now-here, accept the challenge that is ours and make the most of it, and don't be envious of others. God help us to be grateful.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Nothing will surprise us more than when we get to heaven and see the Father and realize how well we know Him and how familiar His face is to us.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The proud wish God would agree with them. They are not interested in changing their opinions to agree with God's.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The secret of a happy marriage is to serve God and each other.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Christ changes men, who then change their environment. The world would shape human behavior, but Christ can change human nature.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Today the devil as a wolf in supposedly a new suit of sheep's clothing is enticing some men to parrot his line by advocating planned government guaranteed security at the expense of our liberties.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Build traditions of family vacations and trips and outings. These memories will never be forgotten by your children.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Pride is characterized by "What do I want out of life?" rather than by "What would God have me do with my life?" It is self-will as opposed to God's will. It is the fear of man over the fear of God.

~Ezra Taft Benson

We cannot do everything at once, but we can do a great deal if we choose our goals well and work diligently to attain them.

~Ezra Taft Benson

We can choose to humble ourselves by conquering enmity toward our brothers and sisters, esteeming them as ourselves, and lifting them as high or higher than we are. . . .

~Ezra Taft Benson

Bad experience is a school that only fools keep going to.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The Lord is pleased with every effort, even the tiny, daily ones in which we strive to be more like Him.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The so-called civil rights movement as it exists today is used as a Communist program for revolution in America.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Pride... limits or stops progression. The proud are not easily taught. They won't change their minds to accept truths, because to do so implies they have been wrong.

~Ezra Taft Benson

I promise you that, with increased attendance in the temples of our God, you shall receive increased personal revelation to bless your life as you bless those who have died

~Ezra Taft Benson

The revelation to store food may be as essential to our temporal salvation today as boarding the ark was to the people in the days of Noah.

~Ezra Taft Benson

It is not enough simply to try to resist evil or empty our lives of sin. We

must also fill our lives with righteousness

~Ezra Taft Benson

Do not make your mind a dumping ground for other people's garbage.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The Lord has warned and forewarned us against a day of great tribulation and given us counsel, through His Servants, on how we can be prepared for these difficult times. Have we heeded His counsel?

~Ezra Taft Benson

Pride is the great stumbling block of Zion. I repeat: Pride is the great stumbling block of Zion.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Those who think clean thoughts do not do dirty deeds.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Humility does not mean weakness. It does not mean timidity. It does not mean fear. A man can be humble and fearless. A man can be humble and courageous.

~Ezra Taft Benson

There can be no genuine happiness separate and apart from the home.

~Ezra Taft Benson

What would God have me do with my life?

~Ezra Taft Benson

One of the trials of life is that we do not usually receive immediately the full blessing for righteousness or the full cursing for wickedness.

~Ezra Taft Benson



For the past two centuries, those who do not prize freedom have chipped away at every major clause of our Constitution until today we face a crisis of great dimensions.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The Book of Mormon is the "keystone" of our religion, and the Doctrine and Covenants is the capstone, with continuing latter-day revelation.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Beware of those who would pit the dead prophets against the living prophets, for the living prophets always take precedence.

~Ezra Taft Benson

To a significant degree, we are an overfed and undernourished nation digging an early grave with our teeth, and lacking the energy that could be ours because we overindulge in junk foods.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The deepest joys and blessings in life are associated with family, parenthood, and sacrifice.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Besides the physical ordinance of baptism and the laying on of hands, one must be spiritually born again to gain exaltation and eternal life.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Periodic fasting can help clear up the mind and strengthen the body and the spirit.

~Ezra Taft Benson

We do not find the Savior using force or coercion to accomplish His purposes.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Have sufficient food, clothing, and fuel on hand to last at least one year.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Be cheerful in all that you do. Live joyfully. Live happily. Live enthusiastically, knowing that God does not dwell in gloom and melancholy, but in light and love.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Be right, and then be easy to live with, if possible, but in that order.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Pride is a sin that can readily be seen in others but is rarely admitted in ourselves.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Our great Constitution has been beaten and torn until now it hangs by a single thread, and that thread is our franchise to vote.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Scouting teaches a boy to take care of himself and stand on his own two feet.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Our mothers put God first when they fill their highest mission within the walls of their own homes.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Encourage good music and art and literature in your homes. Homes that have a spirit of refinement and beauty will bless the lives of your children forever.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Modesty in dress and language and deportment is a true mark of

refinement and a hallmark of a virtuous Latter-day Saint woman.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Essentially, pride is a 'my will' rather than 'thy will' approach to life.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Pride adversely affects all our relationships - our relationship with God and His servants, between husband and wife, parent and child, employer and employee, teacher and student, and all mankind.

~Ezra Taft Benson

This latter day work is spiritual. It takes spirituality to comprehend it, to love it, to discern it. Therefore, seek the spirit in all you do. Keep it with you continually. That is our challenge.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Pride is the great stumbling block of Zion...Pride is ugly; it says if you succeed I am a failure...Pride is basically competitive in nature. When competition ends, pride ends.

~Ezra Taft Benson

We do not have to prove the Book of Mormon is true. The book is its own proof.

~Ezra Taft Benson

In the beginning, Adam "not Eve" was instructed to earn the bread by the sweat of his brow. Contrary to conventional wisdom, a mother's calling is in the home, not in the marketplace.

~Ezra Taft Benson

If we love God, do His will, and fear His judgment more than men's, we will have self-esteem.

~Ezra Taft Benson

A father's calling is eternal and its importance transcends time. It is a calling for both time and eternity.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Young people, you need the wisdom of age, just as some of us older ones need your enthusiasm for life.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Personal revelation, consecration of performance, attention to detail, and dependency on God-with these qualities you cannot fail.

~Ezra Taft Benson

We oppose and abhor the damnable practice of wholesale abortion and every other unholy and impure act which strikes at the very foundation of the home and family, our most basic institutions.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Let us be in a position so we are able to not only feed ourselves through home production and storage, but others as well.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Without goals our efforts may be scattered and unproductive.

~Ezra Taft Benson

A good name is still to be preferred to great riches. Especially is it to be preferred to the appearance of riches, acquired with nothing down and nothing to pay for two months.

~Ezra Taft Benson

No man is truly free who is in financial bondage. 'Think what you do when you run in debt', said Benjamin Franklin, 'you give another power over your liberty.'

~Ezra Taft Benson

Be cheerful in all that you do. Live joyfully. Live happily.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Every man eventually is backed up to the wall of faith, and there he must make his stand.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Pride is essentially competitive in nature. We pit our will against God's.

~Ezra Taft Benson

We can choose to humble ourselves by confessing and forsaking our sins and being born of God.

~Ezra Taft Benson

In the scriptures there is no such thing as righteous pride. It is always considered as a sin.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The greatest work in all the world is the building of men and women of character. Without character there is not much that is worthwhile.

~Ezra Taft Benson

We can choose to humble ourselves by loving God, adjusting our will to His, and putting Him first in our lives.

~Ezra Taft Benson

The fellowship of true friends who can hear you out, share your joys, help carry your burdens, and correctly counsel you is priceless.

~Ezra Taft Benson

Christ wants to lift us to where He is. Do we desire to do the same for others?

~Ezra Taft Benson

To lose yourself in righteous service to others can lift your sights and get your mind off personal problems, or at least put them in proper focus.

~Ezra Taft Benson

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