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Quotes

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Exactness and neatness in moderation is a virtue, but carried to extremes narrows the mind.

~Francois Fenelon

All wars are civil wars, because all men are brothers.

~Francois Fenelon

The art of cookery is the art of poisoning mankind, by rendering the appetite still importunate, when the wants of nature are supplied.

~Francois Fenelon

Time spent in prayer is never wasted.

~Francois Fenelon

A general rule for the good use of time is to accustom oneself to live in a continual dependence on the Spirit of God.

~Francois Fenelon

All earthly delights are sweeter in expectation than in enjoyment; but all spiritual pleasures more in fruition than in expectation.

~Francois Fenelon

The more you say, the less people remember.

~Francois Fenelon

The greatest of all crosses is self. If we die in part every day, we shall have but little to do on the last. These little daily deaths will destroy the power of the final dying.

~Francois Fenelon

Of all the duties enjoined by Christianity none is more essential and yet more neglected than prayer.

~Francois Fenelon

How rare it is to find a soul quiet enough to hear God speak.

~Francois Fenelon

Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future.

~Francois Fenelon

Listen less to your own thoughts and more to God's thoughts.

~Francois Fenelon

How can you expect God to speak in that gentle and inward voice which melts the soul, when you are making so much noise with your rapid reflections? Be silent and God will speak again.

~Francois Fenelon

Let us pray God that He would root out of our hearts every thing of our own planting, and set out there, with His own hands, the tree of life, bearing all manner of fruits.

~Francois Fenelon

God never ceases to speak to us, but the noise of the world without and the tumult of our passions within bewilder us and prevent us from listening to him

~Francois Fenelon

Genuine good taste consists in saying much in few words, in choosing among our thoughts, in having order and arrangement in what we say, and in speaking with composure.

~Francois Fenelon

I love my country better than my family; but I love humanity better than my country.

~Francois Fenelon

Faith is letting down our nets into the transparent deeps at the Divine

command, not knowing what we shall draw.

~Francois Fenelon

That love of self, which the world advocates, is a thousand times more dangerous than any poison.

~Francois Fenelon

Pure love is in the will alone; it is no sentimental love, for the imagination has no part in it; it loves, if we may so express it, without feeling, as faith believes without seeing.

~Francois Fenelon

So long as we are full of self we are shocked at the faults of others. Let us think often of our own sin, and we shall be lenient to the sins of others.

~Francois Fenelon

Nothing will make us so charitable and tender to the faults of others, as, by self-examination, thoroughly to know our own.

~Francois Fenelon

Temptations are a file which rub off much of the rust of our self-confidence.

~Francois Fenelon

Above all, live in the present moment and God will give you all the grace you need.

~Francois Fenelon

Had we not faults of our own, we should take less pleasure in complaining of others.

~Francois Fenelon

There is nothing that is more dangerous to your own salvation, more

unworthy of God and more harmful to your own happiness, than that you should be content to remain as you are.

~Francois Fenelon

If we had strength and faith enough to trust ourselves entirely to God; and follow Him simply wherever He should lead us, we should have no need of any great effort of mind to reach perfection.

~Francois Fenelon

There is never any peace for those who resist God.

~Francois Fenelon

Worry is the cross which we make for ourselves by over anxiety.

~Francois Fenelon

Can we be unsafe where God has placed us, and where He watches over us as a parent a child that he loves?

~Francois Fenelon

All wars are civil wars because all men are brothers... Each one owes infinitely more to the human race than to the particular country in which he was born.

~Francois Fenelon

We can often do more for other men by trying to correct our own faults than by trying to correct theirs.

~Francois Fenelon

He who prays without confidence cannot hope that his prayers will be granted.

~Francois Fenelon

The more perfect we are, the more gentle and quiet we become toward the defects of other people.

~Francois Fenelon

The best use one can make of his mind is to distrust it.

~Francois Fenelon

If we were faultless we should not be so much annoyed by the defects of those with whom we associate.

~Francois Fenelon

The presence of God calms the soul, and gives it quiet and repose.

~Francois Fenelon

If God bores you, tell Him that He bores you, that you prefer the vilest amusements to His presence, that you only feel at your ease when you are far from Him.

~Francois Fenelon

Nothing marks so much the solid advancement of a soul, as the view of one's wretchedness without anxiety and without discouragement.

~Francois Fenelon

The realization of God's presence is the one sovereign remedy against temptation.

~Francois Fenelon

Discouragement is simply the despair of wounded self-love.

~Francois Fenelon

Most people I ask little from. I try to give them much, and expect nothing in return and I do very well in the bargain.

~Francois Fenelon

There is but one way in which God should be loved, and that is to take no step except with Him and for Him, and to follow with a generous

self-abandonment every thing which He requires.

~Francois Fenelon

To will everything that God wills, and to will it always, in all circumstances and without reservations: that is the kingdom of God which is entirely within.

~Francois Fenelon

Accustom yourself gradually to carry Prayer into all your daily occupation - speak, act, work in peace, as if you were in prayer, as indeed you ought to be.

~Francois Fenelon

Do not make best friends with a melancholy sad soul. They always are heavily loaded, and you must bear half.

~Francois Fenelon

The history of the world suggests that without love of God there is little likelihood of a love for man that does not become corrupt.

~Francois Fenelon

I would have every minister of the gospel address his audience with the zeal of a friend, with the generous energy of a father, and with the exuberant affection of a mother.

~Francois Fenelon

Nothing is more despicable than a professional talker who uses his words as a quack uses his remedies

~Francois Fenelon

The wind of God is always blowing... but you must hoist your sail.

~Francois Fenelon

Peace does not dwell in outward things, but within the soul.

~Francois Fenelon

We must truly serve those whom we appear to command; we must bear with their imperfections, correct them with gentleness and patience, and lead them in the way to heaven.

~Francois Fenelon

Little opportunities should be improved.

~Francois Fenelon

Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer, and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble.

~Francois Fenelon

God never makes us sensible of our weakness except to give us of His strength.

~Francois Fenelon

The smallest things become great when God requires them of us; they are small only in themselves; they are always great when they are done for God.

~Francois Fenelon

O God, the creature knows not to what end Thou hast made Him; teach him, and write in the depths of his soul that the clay must suffer itself to be shaped at the will of the potter.

~Francois Fenelon

We are never less alone than when we are in the society of a single, faithful friend; never less deserted than when we are carried in the arms of the All-Powerful.

~Francois Fenelon

God is so good that He only awaits our desire to overwhelm us with the

gift of himself.

~Francois Fenelon

There is no more dangerous illusion than the fancies by which people try to avoid illusion.

~Francois Fenelon

Make this simple rule the guide of your life: to have no will but God's.

~Francois Fenelon

Frequently a big advantage can be gained by knowing how to give in at the right moment.

~Francois Fenelon

The past but lives in written words: a thousand ages were blank if books had not evoked their ghosts, and kept the pale un bodied shades to warn us from fleshless lips.

~Francois Fenelon

Were in prayer, as indeed you ought to be.

~Francois Fenelon

Let us often think of our own infirmities, and we shall become indulgent toward those of others.

~Francois Fenelon

We may as well tolerate all religions, since God Himself tolerates all.

~Francois Fenelon

Real friends are our greatest joy and our greatest sorrow. It were almost to be wished that all true and faithful friends should expire on the same day.

~Francois Fenelon

To pray is to desire; but it is to desire what God would have us desire.

~Francois Fenelon

How desirable is this simplicity! Who will give it to me? I will quit all else; it is the pearl of great price.

~Francois Fenelon

God would behold in you a simplicity which will contain so much the more of His wisdom as it contains less of your own.

~Francois Fenelon

The greater our dread of crosses, the more necessary they are for us.

~Francois Fenelon

In the light of eternity we shall see that what we desired would have been fatal to us, and that what we would have avoided was essential to our well-being.

~Francois Fenelon

Be content with doing calmly the little which depends upon yourself, and let all else be to you as if it were not.

~Francois Fenelon

Blessed are the poor in spirit." Blessed are they who are stripped of every thing, even of their own wills, that they may no longer belong to themselves.

~Francois Fenelon

We are not to choose the manner in which our blessings shall be bestowed.

~Francois Fenelon

Children are excellent observers, and will often perceive your slightest defects. In general, those who govern children, forgive nothing in them,

but everything in themselves

~Francois Fenelon

To just read the Bible, attend church, and avoid "œbig" sins-is this passionate, wholehearted love for God?

~Francois Fenelon

We may be sure that it is the love of God only that can make us come out of self. If His powerful hand did not sustain us, we should not know how to take the first step in that direction.

~Francois Fenelon

Courage is a virtue only so far as it is directed by prudence.

~Francois Fenelon

The gifts of God are not to be rejected on account of the channel that brings them.

~Francois Fenelon

Simplicity is that grace which frees the soul from all unnecessary reflections upon itself.

~Francois Fenelon

I no longer desire anything but to be Thine.

~Francois Fenelon

Prayer is so necessary, and the source of so many blessings, that he who has discovered the treasure cannot be prevented from having recourse to it, whenever he has an opportunity.

~Francois Fenelon

The greatest defect of common education is, that we are in the habit of putting pleasure all on one side, and weariness on the other; all weariness in study, all pleasure in idleness.

~Francois Fenelon

O Lord, I do most cheerfully commit all unto Thee.

~Francois Fenelon

Those who are wholly God's are always happy.

~Francois Fenelon

Time is given us that we may take care for eternity; and eternity will not be too long to regret the loss of our time if we have misspent it.

~Francois Fenelon

Oh! how seldom the soul is silent, in order that God may speak.

~Francois Fenelon

Speak, move, act in peace, as if you were in prayer. In truth, this is prayer.

~Francois Fenelon

It is when God appears to have abandoned us that we must abandon ourselves most wholly to God.

~Francois Fenelon

You really don't even own the present moment, for even this belongs to God.

~Francois Fenelon

True piety hath in it nothing weak, nothing sad, nothing constrained. It enlarges the heart; it is simple, free, and attractive.

~Francois Fenelon

All wars are civil ones; for it is still man spilling his own blood, tearing out his own bowels.

~Francois Fenelon

When you come to be sensibly touched, the scales will fall from your eyes; and by the penetrating eyes of love you will discern that which your other eyes will never see.

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This poor world, the object of so much insane attachment, we are about to leave; it is but misery, vanity, and folly; a phantom--the very fashion of which "passeth away.

~Francois Fenelon

O Lord! take my heart, for I cannot give it; and when Thou hast it, O! keep it, for I cannot keep it for Thee; and save me in spite of myself, for Jesus Christ's sake.

~Francois Fenelon

The most essential point is lowliness.

~Francois Fenelon

As long as anything in this world means anything to you, your freedom is only a word. You are like a bird that is held by a leash; you can only fly so far.

~Francois Fenelon

It is better to die than to tell a lie

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