

George Herbert Quotes

*Men, Ill, House, Giving, Littles, Long, Heart, Eye, Wells, Hands, Bees, Wise,
Fire, May, Horse, Lying, Ifs, Two, Dog, Masters*

The best mirror is an old friend.

~George Herbert

A great dowry is a bed full of brables. [A great dowry is a bed full of brambles.]

~George Herbert

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

~George Herbert

The honey is sweet, but the Bee stings.

~George Herbert

You cannot make a windmill go with a pair of bellows.

~George Herbert

A good mother is worth hundreds of schoolmasters.

~George Herbert

The eyes have one language everywhere.

~George Herbert

Help thyself, and God will help thee.

~George Herbert

A gentle heart is tied with an easy thread.

~George Herbert

If a donkey bray at you, don't bray at him.

~George Herbert

Bells call others, but themselves enter not into the Church.

~George Herbert

Thou who hast given so much to me, give me one more thing... a grateful heart!

~George Herbert

Life is half spent before we know what it is.

~George Herbert

Every path hath a puddle.

~George Herbert

He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

~George Herbert

By suppers more have been killed than Galen ever cured

~George Herbert

I had rather ride on an ass that carries me than a horse that throws me.

~George Herbert

A man of great memory without learning hath a rock and a spindle and no staff to spin.

~George Herbert

Music helps not the toothache.

~George Herbert

Be thrifty, but not covetous.

~George Herbert

Storms make the oak grow deeper roots.

~George Herbert

Where there is peace, God is.

~George Herbert

Castles are Forrests of stones.

~George Herbert

The shortest answer is doing.

~George Herbert

Every mile is two in winter

~George Herbert

No barber shaves so close but another finds worke.

~George Herbert

He that is not handsome at 20, nor strong at 30, nor rich at 40, nor wise at 50, will never be handsome, strong, rich or wise.

~George Herbert

He that will learn to pray, let him go to sea.

~George Herbert

One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.

~George Herbert

Thou that hast given so much to me give me one thing more, a grateful heart: not thankful when it pleaseth me, as if Thy blessings had spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise.

~George Herbert

Living well is the best revenge.

~George Herbert

Good words are worth much, and cost little.

~George Herbert

Bibles laid open, millions of surprises.

~George Herbert

For all may have, If they dare to try, a glorious life, or grave.

~George Herbert

Halfe the world knowes not how the other halfe lies.

~George Herbert

A good digestion turneth all to health.

~George Herbert

That flesh is but the glasse, which holds the dust
That measures all our time; which also shall
Be crumbled into dust.

~George Herbert

In conversation, humor is worth more than wit and easiness more than
knowledge.

~George Herbert

To whirle the eyes too much shewes a Kites braine.

~George Herbert

Many things are lost for want of asking.

~George Herbert

God sees hearts as we see faces.

~George Herbert

A wise man cares not for what he cannot have.

~George Herbert

Do not wait; the time will never be 'just right.' Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.

~George Herbert

Whose house is of glass, must not throw stones at another.

~George Herbert

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine; Who sweeps a room
as for Thy laws Makes it and th'action fine.

~George Herbert

He--the country parson--is not witty or learned or eloquent, but holy.

~George Herbert

By all means use sometimes to be alone. Salute thyself: see what thy soul doth wear.

~George Herbert

Critics are like brushers of noblemen's clothes.

~George Herbert

One father is enough to govern one hundred sons, but not a hundred sons one father.

~George Herbert

Skill and confidence are an unconquered army.

~George Herbert

If any speak ill of thee, fly home to thy own conscience and examine thy heart. If thou art guilty, it is a just correction; if not guilty, it is a fair instruction.

~George Herbert

Be calm in arguing; for fierceness makes error a fault, and truth discourtesy.

~George Herbert

War makes thieves and peace hangs them.

~George Herbert

To a good spender God is the Treasurer.

~George Herbert

Love and a cough cannot be hid.

~George Herbert

Health without money is halfe an ague.

~George Herbert

Short boughs, long vintage.

~George Herbert

Silkes and Satins put out the fire in the chimney.

~George Herbert

Better the feet slip then the tongue.

~George Herbert

The devil divides the world between atheism and superstition.

~George Herbert

Better a barefoot than none.

~George Herbert

He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

~George Herbert

A good Judge conceives quickly, judges slowly.

~George Herbert

By the needle you shall draw the thread, and by that which is past, see how that which is to come will be drawne on.

~George Herbert

Old Camels carry young Camels skins to the Market.

~George Herbert

Only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches.

~George Herbert

Love your neighbor, yet pull not down your hedge.

~George Herbert

The rage of a wild boar is able to spoil more then one wood.

~George Herbert

Take the gentle path.

~George Herbert

He that cockers his child, provides for his enemies.

~George Herbert

A crooked log makes a strait fire.

~George Herbert

Wealth is the Conjuror's Devil, Whom, when he thinks he hath, the Devil hath him.

~George Herbert

A coole mouth, and warme feet, live long.

~George Herbert

It's good walking with a horse in ones hand.

~George Herbert

Night is the mother of counsels.

~George Herbert

None knows the weight of another's burden.

~George Herbert

Shew me a lyer, and I'le shew thee a theefe.

~George Herbert

Take all that is given whether wealth, love or language, nothing comes by mistake and with good digestion all can be turned to health.

~George Herbert

Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses, a box where sweets compacted lie.

~George Herbert

Dare to be true. Nothing can need a lie: a fault which needs it most, grows two thereby.

~George Herbert

Prettiness dies first.

~George Herbert

Show me a liar, and I'll show you a thief.

~George Herbert

Wine is a turne-coate (first a friend, then an enemy). [Wine is a

turncoat, first a friend, then an enemy.]

~George Herbert

If you walk on snow you cannot hide your footprints.

~George Herbert

An ill agreement is better then a good judgement. [An ill agreement is better than a good judgment.]

~George Herbert

You must lose a fly to catch a trout.

~George Herbert

His bark is worse than his bite.

~George Herbert

February makes a bridge and March breakes it. [February makes a bridge, and March breaks it.]

~George Herbert

I wept when I was borne, and every day shewes why. [I wept when I was born and every day explains why.]

~George Herbert

Hee that workes after his owne manner, his head akes not at the matter.

~George Herbert

A woman and a glasse are ever in danger. [A woman and a glass are ever in danger.]

~George Herbert

Hee hath not liv'd, that lives not after death.

~George Herbert

Throw away thy rod, throw away thy wrath; O my God, take the gentle path.

~George Herbert

Woe to the house where there is no chiding.

~George Herbert

An old dog barks not in vain.

~George Herbert

A handful of good life is better than a bushel of learning.

~George Herbert

The offender never pardons.

~George Herbert

A hundredload of worry will not pay an ounce of debt.

~George Herbert

Praise the Sea, but keepe on land.

~George Herbert

Thursday come, and the week's gone.

~George Herbert

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