

Henry Kravis

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If you don't have integrity, you have nothing. You can't buy it. You can have all the money in the world, but if you are not a moral and ethical person, you really have nothing.

~Henry Kravis

A real entrepreneur is somebody who has no safety net underneath them.

~Henry Kravis

As I said there is nothing wrong with failing. Pick yourself up and try it again. You never are going to know how good you really are until you go out and face failure.

~Henry Kravis

If you build that foundation, both the moral and the ethical foundation, as well as the business foundation, and the experience foundation, then the building won't crumble.

~Henry Kravis

If you have something at risk, you think differently.

~Henry Kravis

Whales who come up and spout off get harpooned.

~Henry Kravis

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I've been in a hurry all my life. I've been in a hurry to succeed, and in a hurry to prove myself.

~Henry Kravis

It's one of the most important things at the end of the day, being able to say no to an investment.

~Henry Kravis

I love the ability to work with very good managers, and to provide the right incentives for them, and truly become a partner with that management, and make that management take a long view.

~Henry Kravis

I want people who will stand up to me. People who are not afraid to say exactly what's on their minds, even though that's probably not what I want to hear. That's what I want.

~Henry Kravis

It's not just buying the company. Sure, we picked the right companies, and we picked the right management and, most importantly, we've given them the right incentive to perform.

~Henry Kravis

But once you buy a company, you are married. You are married to that company.

~Henry Kravis

The trouble, in my opinion, with corporate America today, is that everything is thought of in quarters.

~Henry Kravis

I was an economics major in college, and every summer after school, I would drive my car from California, from Claremont men's college at the time, to New York. And I worked on Wall Street.

~Henry Kravis

I always like to refer managers in corporate America as the renters of the corporate assets, not the owners.

~Henry Kravis

You only have one thing to sell in life, and that's yourself.

~Henry Kravis

And make sure that capital structure we have in place is the right capital structure. I think that's the reason that we've been successful.

~Henry Kravis

Any fool can buy a company; just pay enough

~Henry Kravis

Going public is not a business plan.

~Henry Kravis

A real entrepreneurs who do not need protection nets underneath

~Henry Kravis

One, I love the creativity. I love the ability to create a capital structure that is appropriate for a company, no matter what field it happens to be in.

~Henry Kravis

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