

# Henry Ward Beecher Quotes

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Thinking, Christian, People, Book, Character, May, Law, Lying, Mother, Giving*

We should not judge people by their peak of excellence; but by the distance they have traveled from the point where they started.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones.

~Henry Ward Beecher

As for marigolds, poppies, hollyhocks, and valorous sunflowers, we shall never have a garden without them, both for their own sake, and for the sake of old-fashioned folks, who used to love them.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Some men are like pyramids, which are very broad where they touch the ground, but grow narrow as they reach the sky.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody expects of you. Never excuse yourself.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The thistle is a prince. Let any man that has an eye for beauty take a view of the whole plant, and where will he see a more expressive grace and symmetry; and where is there a more kingly flower?

~Henry Ward Beecher

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.

~Henry Ward Beecher

He is rich or poor according to what he is, not according to what he has.

~Henry Ward Beecher

We sleep, but the loom of life never stops, and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up in the morning.

~Henry Ward Beecher

We never know the love of the parent for the child till we become parents.

~Henry Ward Beecher

It's easier to go down a hill than up it but the view is much better at the top.

~Henry Ward Beecher

In the sacred precinct of that dwelling where the despotic woman wields the sceptre of fierce neatness, one treads as if he carried his life in his hands.

~Henry Ward Beecher

God made man to go by motives, and he will not go without them, any more than a boat without steam or a balloon without gas.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Ambition is the way in which a vulgar man aspires.

~Henry Ward Beecher

God asks no man whether he will accept life. That is not the choice. You must take it. The only choice is how.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Ones best success comes after their greatest disappointments.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Some sorrows are but footprints in the snow, which the genial sun effaces, or, if it does not wholly efface, changes into dimples.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A tool is but the extension of a man's hand, and a machine is but a complex tool. And he that invents a machine augments the power of a man and the well-being of mankind.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A Christian is nothing but a sinful man who has put himself to school for Christ for the honest purpose of becoming better.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Young love is a flame; very pretty, often very hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. The love of the older and disciplined heart is as coals, deep-burning, unquenchable.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A helping word to one in trouble is often like a switch on a railroad track-an inch between wreck and smooth-rolling prosperity.

~Henry Ward Beecher

If a man harbors any sort of fear, it percolates through all his thinking, damages his personality, makes him landlord to a ghost.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Home should be the center of joy, equatorial and tropical.

~Henry Ward Beecher

All words are pegs to hang ideas on.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The world's battlefields have been in the heart chiefly; more heroism has been displayed in the household and the closet, than on the most memorable battlefields in history.

~Henry Ward Beecher

No coffee can be good in the mouth that does not first send a sweet offering of odor to the nostrils.

~Henry Ward Beecher

When there is love in the heart, there are rainbows in the eyes, which cover every black cloud with gorgeous hues.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Blessed are they who know how to shine on one's gloom with their cheer.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the most joyous day of the week.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Of all the music that reached farthest into heaven, it is the beating of a loving heart.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Vigilance is not only the price of liberty, but of success of any sort.

~Henry Ward Beecher

If there be any one whose power is in beauty, in purity, in goodness, it is a woman.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.

~Henry Ward Beecher

One might as well attempt to calculate mathematically the contingent forms of the tinkling bits of glass in a kaleidoscope as to look through the tube of the future and foretell its pattern.

~Henry Ward Beecher

People may talk about the equality of the sexes! They are not equal. The silent smile of a sensible, loving woman will vanquish ten men.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Fear secretes acids; but love and trust are sweet juices.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the right use of strength.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Love is the river of life in this world.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Be a hard master to yourself - and be lenient to everybody else.

~Henry Ward Beecher

In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.

~Henry Ward Beecher

It is not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of a voyage.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The soul without imagination is what an observatory would be without a telescope.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to put a soul into.

~Henry Ward Beecher

If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere.

~Henry Ward Beecher

I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The worst thing in this world, next to anarchy, is government.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!

~Henry Ward Beecher

The head learns new things, but the heart forever practices old experiences.

~Henry Ward Beecher

There is a power in the human mind ... to see things as they are ... but there is equally a power to see things as they might be.

~Henry Ward Beecher

There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent for the child.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Life would be a perpetual flea hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the innuendoes, inveracities, and insinuations and misrepresentations which are uttered against him.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Our government is built upon the vote. But votes that are purchasable



are quicksands, and a government built on them stands upon corruption and revolution.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page

~Henry Ward Beecher

To become an able and successful man in any profession, three things are necessary, nature, study and practice.

~Henry Ward Beecher

“I can forgive, but I cannot forget,” is only another way of saying, “I will not forgive.”

~Henry Ward Beecher

To know that one has a secret is to know half the secret itself.

~Henry Ward Beecher

That is true culture which helps us to work for the social betterment of all.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Sophistry is the fallacy of argument.

~Henry Ward Beecher

No matter what looms ahead, if you can eat today, enjoy today, mix good cheer with friends today enjoy it and bless God for it.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A book is good company. It is full of conversation without loquacity. It

comes to your longing with full instruction, but pursues you never.

~Henry Ward Beecher

There are persons so radiant, so genial, so kind, so pleasure-bearing, that you instinctively feel in their presence that they do you good; whose coming into a room is like bringing a lamp there.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A cunning man overreaches no one half as much as himself.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Next to ingratitude the most painful thing to bear is gratitude.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Pride slays thanksgiving, but a humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grow. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Well married a person has wings, poorly married shackles.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Love cannot endure indifference. It needs to be wanted. Like a lamp, it needs to be fed out of the oil of another's heart, or its flame burns low.

~Henry Ward Beecher

To array a man's will against his sickness is the supreme art of medicine.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Character, like porcelain-ware, must be painted before it is glazed. There can be no change of color after it is burned in.

~Henry Ward Beecher

A grindstone that had not grit in it, how long would it take to sharpen an ax? And affairs that had not grit in them, how long would they take to make a man?

~Henry Ward Beecher

Memory can glean, but can never renew. It brings us joys faint as is the perfume of the flowers, faded and dried, of the summer that is gone.

~Henry Ward Beecher

October is the opal month of the year. It is the month of glory, of ripeness. It is the picture-month.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Don't look where you fall, but where you slipped.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The most dangerous people are the ignorant.

~Henry Ward Beecher

In the family, happiness is in the ratio in which each is serving the others, seeking one another's good, and bearing one another's burdens.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day.

~Henry Ward Beecher

I think you might dispense with half your doctors if you would only consult Dr. Sun more.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The true secret of giving advice is, after you have honestly given it, to be perfectly indifferent whether it is taken or not, and never persist in trying to set people right.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Beauty may be said to be God's trademark in creation.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Of all man's works of art, a cathedral is greatest. A vast and majestic tree is greater than that.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Downright admonition, as a rule, is too blunt for the recipient.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The real democratic American idea is, not that every man shall be on a level with every other man, but that every man shall have liberty to be what God made him, without hindrance.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Men's best successes come after their disappointments.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Laws are not masters but servants, and he rules them who obey them.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The Bible is God's chart for you to steer by, to keep you from the bottom of the sea, and to show you where the harbor is, and how to reach it without running on rocks or bars.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Children are unpredictable. You never know what inconsistency they are going to catch you in next.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Every young man would do well to remember that all successful business stands on the foundation of morality.

~Henry Ward Beecher

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

~Henry Ward Beecher

Gambling with cards or dice or stocks is all one thing. It's getting money without giving an equivalent for it.

~Henry Ward Beecher

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