

Hesiod Quotes

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Never make a companion equal to a brother.

~Hesiod

It is not possible either to trick or escape the mind of Zeus.

~Hesiod

Do not let a flattering woman coax and wheedle you and deceive you; she is after your barn.

~Hesiod

Observe due measure, for right timing is in all things the most important factor.

~Hesiod

Love, who is most beautiful among the immortal gods, the melter of limbs, overwhelms in their hearts the intelligence and wise counsel of all gods and all men.

~Hesiod

The artist envies what the artist gains, The bard the rival bard's successful strains.

~Hesiod

It will not always be summer: build barns.

~Hesiod

Happy is the man whom the Muses love: sweet speech flows from his mouth.

~Hesiod

Bacteria: The only culture some people have.

~Hesiod

If you add a little to a little and do this often, soon the little will become

great.

~Hesiod

He harms himself who does harm to another, and the evil plan is most harmful to the planner.

~Hesiod

Only fools need suffer to learn.

~Hesiod

Do not let any sweet-talking woman beguile your good sense with the fascinations of her shape. It's your barn she's after.

~Hesiod

The man who procrastinates struggles with ruin.

~Hesiod

The Gods rank work above virtues.

~Hesiod

Timeliness is best in all matters.

~Hesiod

Whoever has trusted a woman has trusted deceivers.

~Hesiod

In front of excellence, the immortal gods have put sweat, and long and steep is the way to it.

~Hesiod

He is senseless who would match himself against a stronger man; for he is deprived of victory and adds suffering to disgrace.

~Hesiod

They are fools who do not know how much the half exceeds the whole.

~Hesiod

Far best is he who is himself all-wise, and he, too, good who listens to wise words; But whoso is not wise or lays to hear another's wisdom is a useless man.

~Hesiod

Inhibition is no good provider for a needy man

~Hesiod

The man who does evil to another does evil to himself, and the evil counsel is most evil for him who counsels it.

~Hesiod

He is a fool who tries to match his strength with the stronger.

~Hesiod

Love, the fairest among the undying gods, who loosens the limbs of all gods and men, conquers resolve and prudent counsel within the breast.

~Hesiod

It is best to do things systematically, since we are only human, and disorder is our worst enemy.

~Hesiod

Long exercise, my friend, inures the mind; And what we once disliked we pleasing find.

~Hesiod

Often even a whole city suffers for a bad man who sins and contrives presumptuous deeds.

~Hesiod

You trust a thief when you trust a woman.

~Hesiod

Work is not a shame. Laziness is a shame.

~Hesiod

In the morning of like, work; in the midday, give counsel; in the evening, pray.

~Hesiod

Justice prevails over transgression when she comes to the end of the race.

~Hesiod

A bad neighbor is a misfortune, as much as a good one is a great blessing.

~Hesiod

But they who give straight judgements to strangers and to those of the land and do not transgress what is just, for them the city flourishes and its people prosper.

~Hesiod

Best is the man who thinks for himself.

~Hesiod

When you deal with your brother, be pleasant, but get a witness.

~Hesiod

Toil is no source of shame; idleness is shame.

~Hesiod

For both faith and want of faith have destroyed men alike.

~Hesiod

So the people will pay the penalty for their kings' presumption, who, by devising evil, turn justice from her path with tortuous speech.

~Hesiod

Money is life to us wretched mortals.

~Hesiod

If you speak evil, you will soon be worse spoken of.

~Hesiod

Do not seek evil gains; evil gains are the equivalent of disaster

~Hesiod

A sparing tongue is the greatest treasure among men.

~Hesiod

Gossip and rumor are evil; easy to lift up, heavy to carry, and hard to put down again.

~Hesiod

At the beginning of the cask and the end take thy fill but be saving in the middle; for at the bottom the savings comes too late.

~Hesiod

Mortals grow swiftly in misfortune.

~Hesiod

Let it please thee to keep in order a moderate-sized farm, that so thy garners may be full of fruits in their season.

~Hesiod

The fool learns by suffering.

~Hesiod

Admire a small ship, but put your freight in a large one; for the larger the load, the greater will be the profit upon profit.

~Hesiod

Drink your fill when the jar is first opened, and when it is nearly done, but be sparing when it is half-empty; it's a poor saving when you come to the dregs.

~Hesiod

A day is sometimes our mother, sometimes our stepmother.

~Hesiod

He's only harming himself who's bent upon harming another

~Hesiod

No whispered rumours which the many spread can wholly perish.

~Hesiod

Acquisition means life to miserable mortals.

~Hesiod

It is a hard thing for a man to be righteous, if the unrighteous man is to have the greater right.

~Hesiod

Do not seek dishonest gains: dishonest gains are losses.

~Hesiod

Work is no disgrace: it is idleness which is a disgrace.

~Hesiod

Love those who love you, help those you help you, and give to those who give to you.

~Hesiod

For a man wins nothing better than a good wife, and then again nothing deadlier than a bad one.

~Hesiod

The fool knows after he has suffered.

~Hesiod

Potter is potter's enemy, and craftsman is craftsman's rival; tramp is jealous of tramp, and singer of singer.

~Hesiod

Preserve the mean; the opportune moment is best in all things.

~Hesiod

Whoever happens to give birth to mischievous children lives always with unending grief in his spirit and heart.

~Hesiod

He for himself weaves woe who weaves for others woe, and evil counsel on the counselor recoils.

~Hesiod

The ill design is most ill for the designer.

~Hesiod

There is also an evil report; light, indeed, and easy to raise, but difficult to carry, and still more difficult to get rid of.

~Hesiod

The half is greater than the whole.

~Hesiod

False shame accompanies a man that is poor, shame that either harms a man greatly or profits him; shame is with poverty, but confidence with

wealth.

~Hesiod

How easily some light report is set about, but how difficult to bear.

~Hesiod

No gossip ever dies away entirely, if many people voice it: it, too, is a kind of divinity.

~Hesiod

For now indeed is the race of iron; and men never cease from labour and sorrow by day and from perishing by night.

~Hesiod

That man is best who sees the truth himself. Good too is he who listens to wise counsel. But who is neither wise himself nor willing to ponder wisdom is not worth a straw.

~Hesiod

Try to take for a mate a person of your own neighborhood.

~Hesiod

Invite your friend to dinner; have nothing to do with your enemy.

~Hesiod

Invite the man that loves thee to a feast, but let alone thine enemy.

~Hesiod

Men must sweat to attain virtue.

~Hesiod

But he who neither thinks for himself nor learns from others, is a failure as a man.

~Hesiod

Whoever, fleeing marriage and the sorrows that women cause, does not wish to wed comes to a deadly old age.

~Hesiod

Let the price fixed with a friend be sufficient, and even dealing with a brother call in witnesses, but laughingly.

~Hesiod

Neither make thy friend equal to a brother; but if thou shalt have made him so, be not the first to do him wrong.

~Hesiod

Hunger is an altogether fit companion for the idle man.

~Hesiod

Often an entire city has suffered because of an evil man.

~Hesiod

The man who is rich in fancy thinks that his wagon is already built; poor fool, he does not know that there are a hundred timbers to a wagon.

~Hesiod

This man, I say, is most perfect who shall have understood everything for himself, after having devised what may be best afterward and unto the end.

~Hesiod

A man fashions ill for himself who fashions ill for another, and the ill design is most ill for the designer.

~Hesiod

Do not gain basely; base gain is equal to ruin.

~Hesiod

Invite your friend to a feast, but leave your enemy alone; and especially invite the one who lives near you.

~Hesiod

Do not put all your goods in hollow ships.

~Hesiod

Peace is a nursing mother to the land.

~Hesiod

Actions from youth, advice from the middle-aged, prayers from the aged.

~Hesiod

We know how to speak many falsehoods that resemble real things, but we know, when we will, how to speak true things.

~Hesiod

Diligence increaseth the fruit of toil. A dilatory man wrestles with losses.

~Hesiod

Potter is piqued with potter, joiner with joiner, beggar begrudges beggar, and singer singer.

~Hesiod

Wealth should not be seized, but the god-given is much better.

~Hesiod

And the evil wish is most evil to the wisher.

~Hesiod

Bring a wife home to your house when you are of the right age, not far short of 30 years, nor much above this is the right time for marriage.

~Hesiod

The man who procrastinates is always struggling with misfortunes.

~Hesiod

Do not get a name as overly lavish or too inhospitable.

~Hesiod

The gods being always close to men perceive those who afflict others with unjust devices and do not fear the wrath of heaven.

~Hesiod

And Zeus will destroy this race of mortal men too, when they, at their birth, have grey hair on their temples.

~Hesiod

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