

Ihara Saikaku

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In life it is training rather than birth which counts.

~Ihara Saikaku

Like ice beneath the sun's rays - to such poverty did he fall...his fortune melted to water.

~Ihara Saikaku

Ancient simplicity is gone...the people of today are satisfied with nothing but finery.

~Ihara Saikaku

No longer can a young woman feel at ease; for she is ever concerned with the impression that she may be making on others.

~Ihara Saikaku

To make a fortune some assistance from fate is essential. Ability alone is insufficient.

~Ihara Saikaku

The first consideration for all, throughout life, is the earning of a living.

~Ihara Saikaku

Take care! Kingdoms are destroyed by bandits, houses by rats, and widows by suitors.

~Ihara Saikaku

If we live by subhuman means we might as well never have had the good fortune to be born human.

~Ihara Saikaku

If making money is a slow process, losing it is quickly done.

~Ihara Saikaku

To think twice in every matter and follow the lead of others is no way to

make money.

~Ihara Saikaku

Harshness is for the good of a boy, soft-heartedness will ruin him.

~Ihara Saikaku

Men take their misfortunes to heart and keep them there.

~Ihara Saikaku

Though mothers and fathers give us life, it is money alone which preserves it.

~Ihara Saikaku

And why do so many people wilfully exhaust their strength in promiscuous living, when their wives are on hand from bridal night till old age - to be taken when required, like fish from a private pond.

~Ihara Saikaku

There is always something to upset the most careful of human calculations.

~Ihara Saikaku

When you send a clerk on business to a distant province, a man of rigid morals is not your best choice.

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