

James Dean Quotes

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Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.

~James Dean

You are who you are meant to be. Dance as if no one's watching. Love as if it's all you know. Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.

~James Dean

I think the prime reason for existence, for living in this world is discovery.

~James Dean

Remember: Life is short, break the rules

~James Dean

My purpose in life does not include a hankering to charm society.

~James Dean

If a man can bridge the gap between life and death, if he can live on after he's dead, then maybe he was a great man.

~James Dean

The gratification comes in the doing, not in the results.

~James Dean

If you're not afraid, if you take everything you are, everything worthwhile in you and direct it at one goal, one ultimate mark, you've got to get there.

~James Dean

But you can't show some far off idyllic conception of behavior if you want the kids to come and see the picture. You've got to show what it's really like, and try to reach them on their own grounds.

~James Dean

Live fast, die young, leave a good looking corpse.

~James Dean

Trust and belief are two prime considerations. You must not allow yourself to be opinionated.

~James Dean

Being a good actor isn't easy. Being a man is even harder. I want to be both before I'm done.

~James Dean

I'm a serious-minded and intense little devil - terribly gauche and so tense that I don't see how people can stay in the same room as me. I know I couldn't tolerate myself.

~James Dean

If I had one day when I didn't have to be all confused and didn't have to feel that I was ashamed of everything. If I felt that I belonged someplace. You know?

~James Dean

Take it easy driving- the life you save may be mine.

~James Dean

I don't have to explain anything to anybody.

~James Dean

I'm not going to go through life with one arm tied behind my back.

~James Dean

Only the gentle are ever really strong.

~James Dean

The only greatness for man is immortality.

~James Dean

Whatever's inside making me what I am, it's like film. Film only works in the dark. Tear it all open and let in the light and you kill it.

~James Dean

There is no way to be truly great in this world. We are all impaled on the crook of conditioning.

~James Dean

I want to be a Texan 24 hours a day.

~James Dean

I wouldn't like me, if I had to be around me.

~James Dean

To me, acting is the most logical way for people's neuroses to manifest themselves, in this great need we all have to express ourselves.

~James Dean

I also became close to nature, and am now able to appreciate the beauty with which this world is endowed.

~James Dean

Racing is the only time I feel whole.

~James Dean

When an actor plays a scene exactly the way a director orders, it isn't acting. It's following instructions. Anyone with the physical qualifications can do that.

~James Dean

If I can keep this up and nothing interferes with my progress, one of these days I might be able to contribute something to the world.

~James Dean

What better way to die? It's fast and clean and you go out in a blaze of glory!

~James Dean

Studying cows, pigs and chickens can help an actor develop his character. There are a lot of things I learned from animals. One was that they couldn't hiss or boo me.

~James Dean

I think the one thing this picture shows that's new is the psychological disproportion of the kids' demands on the parents. Parents are often at fault, but the kids have some work to do, too.

~James Dean

Being an actor is the loneliest thing in the world. You are all alone with your concentration and imagination, and that's all you have.

~James Dean

An actual right is something that governments need merely to secure, not to implement.

~James Dean

You're tearing me apart!

~James Dean

I can't let in the light. It will destroy my performance like light destroys film

~James Dean

An hour or two of learning from the masters is usually enough to recharge my artistic batteries.

~James Dean

An actor must interpret life, and in order to do so must be willing to accept all the experiences life has to offer. In fact, he must seek out more of life than life puts at his feet.

~James Dean

To my way of thinking, an actor's course is set even before he's out of the cradle.

~James Dean

My fun days are over.

~James Dean

I have a fairly adequate knowledge of Satanic forces.

~James Dean

How can you measure acting in inches?

~James Dean

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