

James Purefoy

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When you're dealing with killing people and things that are upsetting, that can be a delicate place to occupy yourself for a day.

~James Purefoy

We start off wearing frilly shirts and britches and being good guys and the heroes. And then as time goes on, every English actor ends up playing bad guys. That's what we do.

~James Purefoy

I think the James Bond thing has sailed. But of course I would want to be a Bond villain. They are great parts. I think it's highly unlikely, but one can always dream.

~James Purefoy

Somebody doing something effortlessly is a lovely thing to watch.

~James Purefoy

Im not a big fan of patterns. I like the unexpected.

~James Purefoy

One of the great things about being an actor is that you have a completely different challenge every few months.

~James Purefoy

Actors are their own worst enemies. They quite often will get in their own way, and I have to be encouraged, endlessly, not to get in my own way.

~James Purefoy

I think the older I get, the less I should be doing.

~James Purefoy

Ring tones are just irritating, aren't they?

~James Purefoy

I don't have much time for real violence at all. I think there are infinitely better ways of changing the world than using violence. Sitting round a table talking is a pretty good start.

~James Purefoy

Actors tend to get better with age. You start cutting away the useless stuff and achieving a point of effortless and simplicity, which is all you want to do, with any art at all.

~James Purefoy

I often think that drama helps people feel less lonely about things.

~James Purefoy

What I went into the acting business for was to have a certain amount of chaos in my life. I don't know what I'm doing next. It's exciting. That's the way I like it.

~James Purefoy

I really do want to just be able to sit in the corner of the pub with my friends... to just be an actor and still go to the supermarket and not get bothered.

~James Purefoy

One of the things that I discovered in my research is that some serial killers build an ultimate reality around themselves that they believe in, 100%.

~James Purefoy

One of the things I like about doing historical films is drawing the line between now and then.

~James Purefoy

You need to be disciplined and you need to try to occupy a zone of acting that is always quite scary because you don't think you're doing

anything.

~James Purefoy

I like doing things that are very wildly different. I find that the meat and vegetables of being an actor is doing things that are completely different, all the time.

~James Purefoy

One of the great things about drama is that it makes you feel like you're not a crackpot, and that there are other people who think and feel the way you do.

~James Purefoy

Ancient Rome was a violent place.

~James Purefoy

I like television that grabs you by your throat.

~James Purefoy

My life is really precious. I don't want to spend it watching ambient TV that just drifts through you. I've got better things to do.

~James Purefoy

I'd never read a piece of television where it's an hour script and it's perfect.

~James Purefoy

If you're going to lead people, you better know how to manipulate people, and you have to be pretty smart to be able to do that.

~James Purefoy

It has taken a long time for me to be able to really just be in front of the camera.

~James Purefoy

Acting gives me a chance to be people I will never be, in real life. I like changing who I am.

~James Purefoy

One of the reasons a lot of actors go into the business is that for a short period of time, you get to be other people who you can only fantasize about being, by and large.

~James Purefoy

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