

# James Stewart

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I think one day you'll find that you're the hero you've been looking for.

~James Stewart

Fear is an insidious and deadly thing. It can warp judgment, freeze reflexes, breed mistakes. Worse, it's contagious.

~James Stewart

I wouldn't give you two cents for all your fancy rules if, behind them, they didn't have a little bit of plain, ordinary, everyday kindness and a little looking out for the other fella, too.

~James Stewart

You have to develop a style that suits you and pursue it, not just develop a bag of tricks.

~James Stewart

Never treat your audience as customers, always as partners.

~James Stewart

It may sound corny, but what's wrong with wanting to fight for your country. Why are people reluctant to use the word patriotism?

~James Stewart

You must be oh-so smart, or oh-so pleasant. For years I was smart. I recommend pleasant...and you may quote me.

~James Stewart

The great thing about the movies ... is-you're giving people little ... tiny pieces of time ... that they never forget.

~James Stewart

Learn from the masters, learn from your contemporaries. Always try to update yourself.

~James Stewart

Animals give me more pleasure through the viewfinder of a camera than they ever did in the crosshairs of a gunsight.

~James Stewart

You know, people seldom go to the trouble of scratching the surface of things to find the inner truth.

~James Stewart

To the man who prays habitually (not only when he feels like it-that is one of the snares of religion-but also when he does not feel like it) Christ is sure to make Himself real.

~James Stewart

Champagne's funny stuff. I'm used to whiskey. Whiskey is a slap on the back, and champagne's a heavy mist before my eyes.

~James Stewart

The problem of evil is raised more often by spectators of life than the actual combatants. You will hardly ever find that the great sufferers are the great skeptics.

~James Stewart

Frank called me one day and said, 'I have an idea for a movie, why don't you come over and I'll tell you?' So I went over and we sat down and he said, 'This picture starts in heaven'. That shook me.

~James Stewart

I have developed a deep respect for animals. I consider them fellow living creatures with certain rights that should not be violated any more than those of humans.

~James Stewart

After age 70, it's patch, patch, patch.

~James Stewart

I lasted one night. They said my playing spoiled people's appetites.

~James Stewart

It's well done if you can do a part and not have the acting show.

~James Stewart

We all look the same with our helmets on.

~James Stewart

When it came to kissing, Harlow was the best.

~James Stewart

Mr. Hitchcock did not say actors are cattle. He said they should be treated like cattle.

~James Stewart

I sort of got into Westerns... It was a sort of desperation move, really. I had several pictures that didn't go very well, and I just realised that I would have to try something else.

~James Stewart

I don't need other people. I don't need help. I can take care of me.

~James Stewart

Well, I think one of the main things that you have to think about when acting in the movies is to try not to make the acting show.

~James Stewart

It was amazing that a play that seems dated in this world... A man whose best friend is a six-foot white rabbit... But it caught on, especially with young people - they surprised me most of all.

~James Stewart

I always told Hitch that it would have been better to put seats around

the set and sell tickets.

~James Stewart

I'd like to do Harvey again. I did it two years ago with Helen Hayes in New York. It was a joy. I was so glad to do it again because I never thought I did it right the first time.

~James Stewart

If a western is a good western, it gives you a sense of that world and some of the qualities those men had - their comradeship, loyalty, and physical courage.

~James Stewart

I always stayed for the first curtain call and people always said, 'Who's that?' But this got me started in acting.

~James Stewart

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