

James Stockdale

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I was tortured fifteen times, that's total submission. They did that with shutting off your blood circulation with ropes, giving you claustrophobia and pain at the same time, bending you double.

~James Stockdale

The challenge of education is not to prepare a person for success, but to prepare him for failure.

~James Stockdale

Leadership must be based on goodwill. Goodwill does not mean posturing and, least of all, pandering to the mob. It means obvious and wholehearted commitment to helping followers.

~James Stockdale

Yeah. I mean, it just seemed to me that it was - I felt so helpless to this business of not having any papers. That seems like a throwback to a schoolboy.

~James Stockdale

Great leaders gain authority by giving it away.

~James Stockdale

A liberally educated person meets new ideas with curiosity and fascination. An illiberally educated person meets new ideas with fear.

~James Stockdale

Do the right thing even if it means dying like a dog when no one's there to see you do it.

~James Stockdale

It is in disaster, not success, that the heroes and the bums really get sorted out.

~James Stockdale

I think character is permanent, and issues are transient.

~James Stockdale

Entitlement and privilege corrupt.

~James Stockdale

The worst thing that can happen is death, and that's not the worst thing in the world either.

~James Stockdale

I never had a single conversation about politics with Ross Perot in my life; still haven't.

~James Stockdale

He's a novice, but he's had these - he's experienced in leadership in tight circumstances. He started - he dropped the first bomb, led the first air strike into North Vietnam.

~James Stockdale

I mean, I didn't - I should have demanded attention of the boss maybe, or something like that that might have backfired. This I would just take as it came.

~James Stockdale

The guy that just arranges things so that the stock market holds up is nobody in my - in my estimation

~James Stockdale

I'm a grown man. You know, I've been in a lot of scrapes, but I never felt like I got so - there are probably a lot of things I should have done that I didn't do.

~James Stockdale

Well, first of all, I was asked by Ross Perot on a telephone call in March

of 1992 if, since he had committed on the Larry King Show to becoming a candidate for president, to get on all 50 ballots

~James Stockdale

They can shout down the head of the physics department at Cal Tech.

~James Stockdale

Half the issues they - are so polished they're talking about - are dead by the time they get into the office, and into the midst of their tour where they're really productive.

~James Stockdale

I was commanding officer of a supersonic fighter squadron, F-8 Crusaders.

~James Stockdale

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