

# Jean Baptiste Massillon

## Quotes

*Charity, God, Heaven, Time, Children, Heart, Medicine, Weak, Excess,  
Sickness, Christianity, Steps, Soul, Infidelity, Sake, Eye, Vices, Passing Away,  
Action, Sweet*

To be proud and inaccessible is to be timid and weak.

~Jean Baptiste Massillon

God should be the object of all our desires, the end of all our actions, the principle of all our affections, and the governing power of our whole souls.

~Jean Baptiste Massillon

We die every day; every moment deprives us of a portion of life and advances us a step toward the grave; our whole life is only along and painful sickness.

~Jean Baptiste Massillon

Agreeable advice is seldom useful advice.

~Jean Baptiste Massillon

Every effort is made in forming matrimonial alliances to reconcile matters relating to fortune, but very little is paid to the congeniality of dispositions, or to the accordance of hearts.

~Jean Baptiste Massillon

Time is short, your obligations are infinite. Are your houses regulated, your children instructed, the afflicted relieved, the poor visited, the work of piety accomplished?

~Jean Baptiste Massillon

Slander is perhaps the only vice which no circumstance can palliate, as well as being one which we are most ingenious in concealing from ourselves.

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There are some sins which are more justly to be denominated surprises than infidelities. To such the world should be lenient, as, doubtless, Heaven is forgiving.

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Whatever passes away is too vile to be the price of time, which is itself the price of eternity.

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Nothing is more detestable than a professed declaimer who retails his discourses as a quack does his medicines.

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Every Christian is born great because he is born for heaven.

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True charity is liable to excesses and transports.

~Jean Baptiste Massillon

I would have none of that rigid circumspect charity which is never done without scrutiny, and which always mistrusts the truth of the necessities laid open to it.

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Charity is that sweet-smelling savor of Jesus Christ, which vanishes and is extinguished from the moment that it is exposed.

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