

Jeremy Taylor Quotes

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He that loves not his wife and children feeds a lioness at home, and broods a nest of sorrows.

~Jeremy Taylor

God hath given to man a short time here upon earth, and yet upon this short time eternity depends.

~Jeremy Taylor

Revenge... is like a rolling stone, which, when a man hath forced up a hill, will return upon him with a greater violence, and break those bones whose sinews gave it motion.

~Jeremy Taylor

All virtuous women, like tortoises, carry their house on their heads, and their chappel in their heart, and their danger in their eye, and their souls in their hands, and God in all their actions.

~Jeremy Taylor

It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his Helper is omnipotent.

~Jeremy Taylor

No man can hinder our private addresses to God; every man can build a chapel in his breast, himself the priest, his heart the sacrifice, and the earth he treads on, the altar.

~Jeremy Taylor

A celibate, like the fly in the heart of an apple, dwells in a perpetual sweetness, but sits alone, and is confined and dies in singularity.

~Jeremy Taylor

It is impossible to make people understand their ignorance, for it requires knowledge to perceive it; and, therefore, he that can perceive it hath it not.

~Jeremy Taylor

Meditation is the tongue of the soul and the language of our spirit.

~Jeremy Taylor

God is pleased with no music below so much as with the thanksgiving songs of relieved widows and supported orphans; of rejoicing, comforted, and thankful persons.

~Jeremy Taylor

A wise man shall overrule his stars, and have a greater influence upon his own content than all the constellations and planets of the firmament.

~Jeremy Taylor

since God has appointed one remedy for all the evils in the world and that is a contented spirit.

~Jeremy Taylor

Mercy is like the rainbow, which God hath set in the clouds; it never shines after it is night. If we refuse mercy here, we shall have justice in eternity.

~Jeremy Taylor

Dive on them and squash them if you must.

~Jeremy Taylor

Mistake not. Those pleasures are not pleasures that trouble the quiet and tranquillity of thy life.

~Jeremy Taylor

Enjoy the blessings of this day, if God sends them; and the evils of it bear patiently and sweetly: for this day only is ours, we are dead to yesterday, and we are not yet born to the morrow.

~Jeremy Taylor

My life is blessed; I have held my children's children.

~Jeremy Taylor

Nothing is greater or more fearful sacrilege than to prostitute the great name of God to the petulancy of an idle tongue.

~Jeremy Taylor

From David learn to give thanks for everything. Every furrow in the book of Psalms is sown with the seeds of thanksgiving.

~Jeremy Taylor

Certain it is, that as nothing can better do it; so there is nothing greater, for which God made our tongues, next to reciting His praises, than to minister comfort to a weary soul.

~Jeremy Taylor

Love is friendship set on fire. Hate is friendship burned.

~Jeremy Taylor

Curiosity is the direct incontinence of the spirit.

~Jeremy Taylor

Know that you are your greatest enemy, but also your greatest friend.

~Jeremy Taylor

Friendship is the allay of our sorrows, the ease of our passions, the discharge of our oppressions, the sanctuary to our calamities, the counselor of our doubts, the clarity of our minds.

~Jeremy Taylor

The body of our prayer is the sum of our duty; and as we must ask of God whatsoever we need, so we must watch and labor for all that we

ask.

~Jeremy Taylor

Conscience in most men, is but the anticipation of the opinions of others.

~Jeremy Taylor

Secrecy is the chastity of friendship.

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Whoever is a hypocrite in his religion mocks God, presenting to Him the outside and reserving the inward for his enemy.

~Jeremy Taylor

Impatience turns an ague into a fever, a fever to the plague, fear into despair, anger into rage, loss into madness, and sorrow to amazement.

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To be perpetually longing and impatiently desirous of anything, so that a man cannot abstain from it, is to lose a man's liberty, and to become a servant of meat and drink, or smoke.

~Jeremy Taylor

If anger proceeds from a great cause, it turns to fury; if from a small cause, it is peevishness; and so is always either terrible or ridiculous.

~Jeremy Taylor

For there is some virtue or other to be exercised, whatever happens.

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A religion without mystery must be a religion without God.

~Jeremy Taylor

Some friendships are made by nature, some by contract, some by interest, and some by souls.

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Humility is like a tree, whose root when it sets deepest in the earth rises higher, and spreads fairer and stands surer, and lasts longer, and every step of its descent is like a rib of iron.

~Jeremy Taylor

In matters of conscience that is the best sense which every wise man takes in before he hath sullied his understanding with the designs of sophisters and interested persons.

~Jeremy Taylor

Faith gives new light to the soul, but it does not put our eyes out; and what God hath given us in our nature could never be intended as a snare to Religion, or engage us to believe a lie.

~Jeremy Taylor

Friendship is the strongest bond in the world.

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Faith is the root of all blessings. Believe, and you shall be saved; believe, and you must needs be satisfied; believe, and you cannot but be comforted and happy

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He that is proud of riches is a fool. For if he is exalted above his neighbors because he has more gold, how much inferior is he to a gold mine.

~Jeremy Taylor

To secure a contented spirit, measure your desires by your fortune, and not your fortune by your desires.

~Jeremy Taylor

Temperance is reason's girdle and passion's bridle, the strength of the soul and the foundation of virtue.

~Jeremy Taylor

A great fear, when it is ill-managed, is the parent of superstition; but a discreet and well-guided fear produces religion.

~Jeremy Taylor

So long as idleness is quite shut out from our lives, all the sins of wantonness, softness, and effeminacy are prevented; and there is but little room for temptation.

~Jeremy Taylor

God fails not to sow blessings in the furrows.

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Men are apt to prefer a prosperous error to an afflicted truth.

~Jeremy Taylor

Whatsoever we beg of God, let us also work for it.

~Jeremy Taylor

The Holy Ghost is certainly the best preacher in the world, and the words of Scripture the best sermons.

~Jeremy Taylor

To be proud of learning is the greatest ignorance.

~Jeremy Taylor

The best theology is rather a divine life than a divine knowledge.

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...Learn to give thanks for everything.

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Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father.

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Lust is a captivity of the reason and an enraging of the passions. It hinders business and distracts counsel. It sins against the body and weakens the soul.

~Jeremy Taylor

Man and wife are equally concerned, to avoid all offence of each other, in the beginning of their conversation. Every little thing can blast an infant blossom.

~Jeremy Taylor

Too quick a sense of constant infelicity.

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No man is poor who does not think himself so. But if in a full fortune with impatience he desires more, he proclaims his wants and his beggarly condition.

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He that is choice of his time will be choice of his company, and choice of his actions.

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Marriage is the mother of the world. It preserves kingdoms, and fills cities and churches, and heaven itself.

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He that does a base thing in zeal for his friend burns the golden thread that ties their hearts together.

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Faith converses with the angels, and antedates the hymns of glory.

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Aquinas was once asked, with what compendium a man might become learned? He answered "By reading of one book.

~Jeremy Taylor

Drunkenness is an immoderate affection and use of drink. That I call immoderation that is besides or beyond that order of good things for which God hath given us the use of drink.

~Jeremy Taylor

Laughing, if loud, ends with a deep sigh; and all pleasures have a sting in the tail, though they carry beauty in the face.

~Jeremy Taylor

An unjust acquisition is like a barbed arrow, which must be drawn backward with horrible anguish, or else will be your destruction.

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The greatest evils, are from within us; and from ourselves also we must look for the greatest good.

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If thou has a bundle of thorns in thy lot, there is no need to sit down on it.

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The devil does not tempt people whom he finds suitably employed.

~Jeremy Taylor

Teach us to pray often, that we may pray oftener.

~Jeremy Taylor

This temporal fire is but a painted fire in respect of that penetrating and real fire in hell.

~Jeremy Taylor

The private and personal blessings we enjoy- the blessings of immunity, safeguard, liberty and integrity- deserve the thanksgiving of a whole life.

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Many are idly busy; Domitian was busy, but then it was in catching flies.

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When you lie down with a short prayer, commit yourself into the hands of your Creator; and when you have done so, trust Him with yourself, as you must do when you are dying.

~Jeremy Taylor

It is a little learning, and but a little, which makes men conclude hastily. Experience and humility teach modesty and fear.

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God hath prepared a little coronet or special reward (extraordinary and beside the great crown of all faithful souls) for those who have not defiled themselves with women.

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Every act of virtue is an ingredient unto reward.

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All dreams reflect inborn creativity and ability to face and solve life's problems.

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When thou receivest praise, take it indifferently, and return it to God, the giver of the gift, or blesser of the action.

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To preserve a man alive in the midst of so many chances and hostilities, is as great a miracle as to create him.

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Habits are the daughters of action, but then they nurse their mother, and produce daughters after her image, but far more beautiful and prosperous.

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