

Jimmy Carter Quotes

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The measure of a society is found in how they treat their weakest and most helpless citizens.

~Jimmy Carter

What are the things that you can't see that are important? I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love...They're the guiding lights of a life.

~Jimmy Carter

America did not invent human rights. In a very real sense human rights invented America.

~Jimmy Carter

We cannot be both the world's leading champion of peace and the world's leading supplier of the weapons of war.

~Jimmy Carter

All I want is the same thing you want. To have a nation with a government that is as good and honest and decent and competent and compassionate and as filled with love as are the American people.

~Jimmy Carter

We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.

~Jimmy Carter

The test of a government is not how popular it is with the powerful and privileged few but how honestly and fairly it deals with the many who must depend on it.

~Jimmy Carter

America has no functioning democracy at this moment.

~Jimmy Carter

It is difficult for the common good to prevail against the intense concentration of those who have a special interest, especially if the decisions are made behind locked doors.

~Jimmy Carter

If you fear making anyone mad, then you ultimately probe for the lowest common denominator of human achievement.

~Jimmy Carter

One of the most serious problems that our country has inherited is an unwillingness to talk to anyone who disagrees with us or who won't accept, before a discussion, all the premises that we demand.

~Jimmy Carter

We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children.

~Jimmy Carter

Everyone has a right to peaceful coexistence, the basic personal freedoms, the alleviation of suffering, and the opportunity to lead a productive life.

~Jimmy Carter

I thought a lot about our Nation and what I should do as President. And Sunday night before last, I made a speech about two problems of our country: energy and malaise.

~Jimmy Carter

We can choose to alleviate suffering. We can choose to work together for peace. We can make these changes - and we must.

~Jimmy Carter

Two problems of our country - energy and malaise.

~Jimmy Carter

I've never won an argument with my wife; and the only time I thought I had I found out the argument wasn't over yet.

~Jimmy Carter

I'd like to be remembered as someone who was a champion of peace and human rights.

~Jimmy Carter

When people are intimidated about having their own opinions, oppression is at hand.

~Jimmy Carter

Every act of energy conservation... is more than just common sense: I tell you it is an act of patriotism.

~Jimmy Carter

Because we are now running out of gas and oil, we must prepare quickly for a third change, to strict conservation and to the use of ... permanent renewable energy sources, like solar power.

~Jimmy Carter

If you're totally illiterate and living on one dollar a day, the benefits of globalization never come to you.

~Jimmy Carter

We know that a peaceful world cannot long exist, one-third rich and two-thirds hungry.

~Jimmy Carter

The preeminent obstacle to peace is Israel's colonization of Palestine.

~Jimmy Carter

Like music and art, love of nature is a common language that can transcend political or social boundaries.

~Jimmy Carter

Penalties against possession of a drug should not be more damaging to an individual than the use of the drug itself

~Jimmy Carter

War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children.

~Jimmy Carter

Every advance in this half-century-Social Security, civil rights, Medicare, aid to education, one after another-came with the support and leadership of American Labor.

~Jimmy Carter

For the first time in the history of our country the majority of our people believe that the next five years will be worse than the past five years.

~Jimmy Carter

The bond of our common humanity is stronger than the divisiveness of our fears and prejudices.

~Jimmy Carter

I hate to see complacency prevail in our lives when it's so directly contrary to the teaching of Christ.

~Jimmy Carter

We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon.

~Jimmy Carter

Wherever life takes us, there are always moments of wonder.

~Jimmy Carter

We simply must balance our demand for energy with our rapidly shrinking resources. By acting now we can control our future instead of letting the future control us.

~Jimmy Carter

I have often wanted to drown my troubles, but I can't get my wife to go swimming.

~Jimmy Carter

Too many of us now tend to worship self indulgence and consumption.

~Jimmy Carter

Many of the most highly publicized events of my presidency are not nearly as memorable or significant in my life as fishing with my daddy.

~Jimmy Carter

Always tell the truth, and take an interest in serving the people around you as much as possible.

~Jimmy Carter

Go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is.

~Jimmy Carter

We are of course a nation of differences. Those differences don't make us weak. They're the source of our strength.

~Jimmy Carter

God always answers prayers. Sometimes it's 'yes.' Sometimes the answer is 'no.' Sometimes it's 'you gotta be kidding.'

~Jimmy Carter

This view that women are somehow inferior to men is not restricted to one religion or belief. It is widespread. Women are prevented from playing a full and equal role in many faiths.

~Jimmy Carter

I can get up at 8am and be rested... or I can get up at 5am and be President.

~Jimmy Carter

Life is just too short to go quail hunting with the wrong people.

~Jimmy Carter

Everyone who has run knows that its most important value is in removing tension and allowing a release from whatever other cares the day may bring.

~Jimmy Carter

You can do what you have to do, and sometimes you can do it even better than you think you can.

~Jimmy Carter

In the final analysis, true justice is not a matter of courts and law books, but of a commitment in each of us to liberty and mutual respect.

~Jimmy Carter

Unless both sides win, no agreement can be permanent.

~Jimmy Carter

We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles.

~Jimmy Carter

You have given me a great responsibility: to stay close to you, to be worthy of you and to exemplify what you are.

~Jimmy Carter

It is good to realize that if love and peace can prevail on earth, and if

we can teach our children to honor nature's gifts, the joys and beauties of the outdoors will be here forever.

~Jimmy Carter

Faith implies a continuing search, not necessarily a final answer.

~Jimmy Carter

I want to make it clear, if there is ever a conflict [between environmental quality and economic growth], I will go for beauty, clean air, water, and landscape.

~Jimmy Carter

Throughout my life, I've seen the difference that volunteering efforts can make in people's lives. I know the personal value of service as a local volunteer.

~Jimmy Carter

Governance should be designed as an equalizer. Democrats are more inclined towards working families and those who are struggling for a better life.

~Jimmy Carter

There should be an honest attempt at the reconciliation of differences before resorting to combat.

~Jimmy Carter

I am convinced that UFOs exist because I've seen one.

~Jimmy Carter

You can not divorce religious belief and public service. I've never detected any conflict between God's will and my political duty. If you violate one, you violate the other.

~Jimmy Carter

And so I say to you and to others around the world, whether they wish us well or ill - do not underestimate us Americans. We lack neither strength nor wisdom.

~Jimmy Carter

Spirit is like the wind, in that we can't see it but can see its effects, which are profound.

~Jimmy Carter

It's not necessary to fear the prospect of failure but to be determined not to fail.

~Jimmy Carter

Communicating our questions, hopes, and fears in prayer makes them-even to ourselves-more open and clear.

~Jimmy Carter

We've got to stop crying and start sweating, stop talking and start walking, stop cursing and start praying. The strength we need will not come from the White House, but from every house in America.

~Jimmy Carter

The awareness that health is dependent upon habits that we control makes us the first generation in history that to a large extent determines its own destiny.

~Jimmy Carter

[on the Republican party] A party with a narrow vision, a party that is afraid of the future.

~Jimmy Carter

Human identity is no longer defined by what one does but rather by what one owns.

~Jimmy Carter

But I am not discouraged. I do not despair for our country. I believe tonight, as I always have, that the essential decency, compassion and common sense of the American people will prevail.

~Jimmy Carter

Human rights is the soul of our foreign policy, because human rights is the very soul of our sense of nationhood.

~Jimmy Carter

Whatever starts in California unfortunately has an inclination to spread.

~Jimmy Carter

You just have to have a simple faith.

~Jimmy Carter

I am not going to use the federal government's authority deliberately to circumvent the natural inclination of people to live in ethnic homogeneous neighborhoods.

~Jimmy Carter

I'm a peanut farmer at heart, still grow peanuts on my farm in Georgia.

~Jimmy Carter

The abuse of women and girls is the most pervasive and unaddressed human right violation on earth.

~Jimmy Carter

The stronger the ties that bind us to God, the more likely we are to live, react, and behave in harmony with...greater joy, peace, and happiness.

~Jimmy Carter

I've looked on many women with lust. I've committed adultery in my heart many times. God knows I will do this and forgives me.

~Jimmy Carter

There's no doubt that usually a president's public image is enhanced by going to war. That never did appeal to me.

~Jimmy Carter

Testing oneself is best when done alone.

~Jimmy Carter

Trust is very much a part of our democracy.

~Jimmy Carter

Jerry Falwell can go straight to hell - and I mean that in a Christian way.

~Jimmy Carter

I believe in the separation of church and state and would not use my authority to violate this principle in any way.

~Jimmy Carter

Aggression unopposed becomes a contagious disease.

~Jimmy Carter

To deal with individual human needs at the everyday level can be noble sometimes.

~Jimmy Carter

We must make it clear that a platform of 'I hate gay men and women' is not a way to become president of the United States.

~Jimmy Carter

The best way to enhance freedom in other lands is to demonstrate here that our democratic system is worthy of emulation.

~Jimmy Carter

I think an overwhelming portion of the intensely demonstrated animosity

toward President Barack Obama is based on the fact that he is a black man, that he's African American.

~Jimmy Carter

I look forward to these confrontations with the press to kind of balance up the nice and pleasant things that come to me as president.

~Jimmy Carter

In a nation that was proud of hard work, strong families, close knit communities, and our faith in God , too many of us now tend to worship self indulgence and consumption .

~Jimmy Carter

A fundamentalist can't bring himself or herself to negotiate with people who disagree with them because the negotiating process itself is an indication of implied equality.

~Jimmy Carter

The experience of democracy is like the experience of life itself-always changing, infinite in its variety, sometimes turbulent and all the more valuable for having been tested by adversity.

~Jimmy Carter

My decision to register women confirms what is already obvious throughout our society-that women are now providing all types of skills in every profession. The military should be no exception.

~Jimmy Carter

We believe in separation of church and state, that there should be no unwarranted influence on the church or religion by the state, and vice versa.

~Jimmy Carter

I say to you quite frankly that the time for racial discrimination is over.

~Jimmy Carter

I've committed adultery in my heart.

~Jimmy Carter

I am no big shot. I am not anybody's boss. I want to be everybody's servant.

~Jimmy Carter

If I become President, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public, and the scientists. I am convinced that UFOs exist because I've seen one.

~Jimmy Carter

There needs to be a similar degree of flexibility and generosity in the recognition of the humaneness and worth of people who we generally consider as adversaries.

~Jimmy Carter

We have been involved in more wars, on a bilateral basis, since the United Nations was formed than any other country by far.

~Jimmy Carter

America is constantly involved in unnecessary wars.

~Jimmy Carter

When I ran, I didn't have any money. Now, it requires raising hundreds of millions of dollars just to get the nomination, and I don't care to be involved in that process.

~Jimmy Carter

There is no other even moderately equal abuse than the murder of little baby girls - nothing else compares with that, in horror.

~Jimmy Carter

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