

Joe Torre Quotes

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Competing at the highest level is not about winning. It's about preparation, courage, understanding and nurturing your people, and heart. Winning is the result.

~Joe Torre

Baseball is a game of life. It's not perfect, but it feels like it is.

~Joe Torre

The second you think you've arrived, someone passes you. You have to always be in pursuit.

~Joe Torre

Don't be afraid to fail, encourage your talent, and use your heart. And never be unprepared

~Joe Torre

A winner is somebody who goes out there every day and exhausts himself trying to get something accomplished.

~Joe Torre

When we lost I couldn't sleep at night. When we win I can't sleep at night. But when you win, you wake up feeling better

~Joe Torre

Unless you have bad times, you can't appreciate the good times.

~Joe Torre

Watching other teams in the World Series is like watching somebody else eat a Hot Fudge Sundae.

~Joe Torre

I have no problem with cheating. Whatever you can get away with.

~Joe Torre

My greatest talent is calmness and being positive. I concentrate on what you can do even in the worst of times. You don't judge by last week's errors or lost opportunity.

~Joe Torre

If you do the best you can, you never have to look back.

~Joe Torre

You look at a guy who's being brave. He's afraid, or he wouldn't be brave. If he isn't afraid, he's stupid.

~Joe Torre

There will be a time when everyone on the team is going to contribute to winning a pennant.

~Joe Torre

I am deeply saddened and shocked at the loss of umpire Wally Bell.

~Joe Torre

You can't win the Kentucky Derby unless you're on a thoroughbred.

~Joe Torre

Spring Training is a fun time for me.

~Joe Torre

Obviously generating revenue is what this is all about anymore, which is sad, but again, you have to find ways to make it work. But, yeah, that's certainly intriguing.

~Joe Torre

...in my book success and winning are not always the same thing. To me, success is playing - or working - to the best of your ability.

~Joe Torre

Major league baseball is about the history of the game. Baseball history is so important. It's so much more than money.

~Joe Torre

Whatever sport you're looking at, it's usually the team that makes the least mistakes that has the most success.

~Joe Torre

As a member of a competitive team, you want to make sure you have yourself ready to play. You don't control anything but what you do.

~Joe Torre

Getting fired is what happens to a manager sooner or later.

~Joe Torre

Tommy (Lasorda) will eat anything, as long as you pay for it.

~Joe Torre

Golf is the only game I know where you call a foul on yourself.

~Joe Torre

We all have different ways to do things.

~Joe Torre

When I was a player and hit into a double play, I felt as if I was letting everyone down.

~Joe Torre

You don't catch the knuckleball, you defend against it.

~Joe Torre

I feel very fortunate to have broken in with the Milwaukee Braves organization.

~Joe Torre

I believe anybody who is not afraid to fail is a winner.

~Joe Torre

After you manage the Yankees for 12 years, it's really tough to envision going somewhere else. But then the Dodgers called.

~Joe Torre

When you take a job, you don't just accept the pats on the back. You have to accept the kicks in the pants.

~Joe Torre

If a club is winning, you never pay attention to a guy who's 0-for-10. If a club is losing, all of a sudden you'll find that he's the main reason why you're losing, which is absurd for me.

~Joe Torre

You know, Mike Milken, the money that he has raised for cancer research has been remarkable.

~Joe Torre

I don't think there's any player that's more talented than Alex Rodriguez. He cares very deeply about doing well. Baseball is his life. He puts a lot of pressure on himself.

~Joe Torre

Winning is a lot of fun. I remember having a meeting a couple years ago and telling the guys: 'You're not enjoying yourselves.' O'Neill said to me afterwards, 'Skip, it's not fun unless you win.'

~Joe Torre

You get to the big leagues, and you think, 'Can I do this stuff?' Then you take the first pitch down the middle for Strike 1, and you think, 'I could have hit that.'

~Joe Torre

Jerry Coleman was the kind of player who made me proud to wear the pinstripes.

~Joe Torre

People are proud of their players.

~Joe Torre

My father wasn't the best role model to me.

~Joe Torre

Kids are much more intuitive these days. Not that I'm crazy about what's on TV, but they know so much these days.

~Joe Torre

In baseball, you're always moving people around.

~Joe Torre

Sometimes they say the world rotates a little different for lefthanders.

~Joe Torre

We've got to decide, how much replay do we want? Because if you start doing it from the first inning to the ninth inning, you may have to time the game with a calendar.

~Joe Torre

I wish I could paint that picture. As a 20-year-old kid, that was a big thrill.

~Joe Torre

It's my job that if somebody wants to have a discussion about something, I'm certainly sensitive to that, and I'm willing to do it.

~Joe Torre

Boomer is ... Boomer. That pretty much tells you all you need to know

~Joe Torre

When you sign on to do a job, you hope you'll be able to get it done. But that's not always in your control.

~Joe Torre

He [Nomar Garciaparra] could go 0-for-10 in rehab and it wouldn't mean anything.

~Joe Torre

Not that managing in the American League is easy, but this is certainly different. I'll have to have somebody poke me in the rear end when I have a pitcher that's going to hit.

~Joe Torre

It's all about makeup.

~Joe Torre

It's not easy to just say you don't want to do something any more.

~Joe Torre

My wife accuses me - and she's probably right - that I'm sometimes oversensitive.

~Joe Torre

I hated the Yankees and Dodgers and wound up managing both.

~Joe Torre

I'm a very private person, and I don't want to share stuff with anyone.

~Joe Torre

Respect is the word I want. You have to earn it. You give, and you get it in return, that's how I see it.

~Joe Torre

I know in the heat of battle, it's hard not to get angry, especially in the 19th inning.

~Joe Torre

Umpires sometimes have a quick trigger.

~Joe Torre

The fact that somebody is reducing your salary is just telling me they're not satisfied with what you're doing.

~Joe Torre

I've seen that picture before. It was a two-seamer that didn't sink until it hit the upper deck somewhere.

~Joe Torre

I can understand the fact you don't want the ball slipping out of a pitcher's hand because someone can get hurt.

~Joe Torre

I just don't like to dwell on stuff.

~Joe Torre

Chicago is a pretty good town.

~Joe Torre

I don't have a great deal of stress job-wise in my life, and that feels good.

~Joe Torre

Every place where I played or managed is special to me because of the memories and the friendships that each afforded me.

~Joe Torre

I think there's more of opportunity to win games in the National League

than the American League because there are more decisions to make.

~Joe Torre

If I intimidate people, that's not my intention.

~Joe Torre

I knew what the Dodgers uniform represented as a kid growing up in Brooklyn.

~Joe Torre

I won't be managing the Mets. I am closing the door on managing the Mets and probably everybody else.

~Joe Torre

When I was coming home from school as a youngster, and I saw my dad's car in the driveway, I would go to a friend's house. I connected my dad being there with fear.

~Joe Torre

Million Dollar Arm touches on many of the Safe At Home Foundations core values, such as children, teamwork and family.

~Joe Torre

You're always in the storm's eye, so to speak, when you're with the Yankees.

~Joe Torre

I think that I have a sensitivity toward people, and that is a strength.

~Joe Torre

I feel emptiness, and he probably won't be able to close his eyes for two or three days.

~Joe Torre

Pitchers make adjustments, and it's up to the hitters to readjust and sort of tweak what they do.

~Joe Torre

Even though I was never a Yankee fan until I put on the uniform, when you think about the deep history of this organization, you always knew what the Yankees represented.

~Joe Torre

I've been very, very fortunate. I never had to work for a living.

~Joe Torre

I played for 18 years, but the only thing that meant anything to me was the World Series.

~Joe Torre

Baseball is a team sport played by individuals for themselves.

~Joe Torre

I have great confidence in Rick Caruso's unique qualifications and his ability to lead a successful bid for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

~Joe Torre

St. Louis has always been special to me.

~Joe Torre

Baseball has always been filled with negative statistics.

~Joe Torre

As a player, to me the Dodgers were the Yankees of the National League because you either loved them or you hated them.

~Joe Torre

You have to fix something when it first appears.

~Joe Torre

My relationship with George Steinbrenner was great. He was the boss, and I accepted that.

~Joe Torre

There is no worse emotion than fear.

~Joe Torre

The game itself is an autonomous game, but everybody is a part of it. No contribution is too small.

~Joe Torre

You could have the bases loaded, and you bring up the best pinch-hitter in the world to pinch hit, he hits into a double play, and then all of a sudden: 'How could you do that?'

~Joe Torre

It's nice to be in first place. But just because you're not on a winner doesn't mean you're a loser.

~Joe Torre

I think that winning creates chemistry, as opposed to other way around. I've been on a lot of friendly teams that couldn't win, trust me.

~Joe Torre

In regards to steroids, I think we're all to blame, all of baseball. I never realized how far-reaching this problem has been.

~Joe Torre

I never concerned myself with other people's decisions.

~Joe Torre

That's what I'd like to think that my reputation is - being honest.

~Joe Torre

My 12 years in New York were very, very special, the fans were very special, and it's something I will take with me wherever I go and into retirement.

~Joe Torre

Baseball has changed dramatically since I began my tenure with the Yankees.

~Joe Torre

Stress is something that is sort of out of your control. You get stressed out over looking at the finish line. Stress is something that is an outside thing. Stress is an anxiety.

~Joe Torre

I met Tiger Woods, and I looked in his eyes - and I saw Derek Jeter. They don't have to tell people they're good. They just prove it by the way they love the competition.

~Joe Torre

Baseball, while you're doing it, you think it's going to last forever.

~Joe Torre

You hear the word 'cancer,' it scares you. You think of death.

~Joe Torre

It just feels good to beat the world champs to be the world champs.

~Joe Torre

Every time I pull somebody out of the bullpen, I believe he can do the job. I have to believe it. If he doesn't, hopefully he will do it the next time.

~Joe Torre

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