

Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann Quotes

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There are few mortals so insensible that their affections cannot be gained by mildness, their confidence by sincerity, their hatred by scorn or neglect

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

The quarter of an hour before dinner is the worst that suitors can choose.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

In fame's temple there is always a niche to be found for rich dunces, importunate scoundrels, or successful butchers of the human race.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Who conquers indolence conquers all other hereditary sins.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Silence is the safest response for all the contradiction that arises from impertinence, vulgarity, or envy.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Idlers cannot even find time to be idle, or the industrious to be at leisure. We must always be doing or suffering

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Many good qualities are not sufficient to balance a single want - the want of money.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

A moral lesson is better expressed in short sayings than in long discourse.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Suicides pay the world a bad compliment. Indeed, it may so happen that the world has been beforehand with them in incivility. Granted.

Even then the retaliation is at their own expense.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Comedians are not usually actors, but imitations of actors.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

The more you speak of yourself, the more you are likely to lie.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

In the sallies of badinage a polite fool shines; but in gravity he is as awkward as an elephant disporting.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Never suffer the prejudice of the eye to determine the heart.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

The ill usage of every minute is a new record against us in heaven.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Silence is a trick when it imposes. Pedants and scholars, churchmen and physicians, abound in silent pride.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

The weak may be joked out of anything but their weakness.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

By fools, knaves fatten; by bigots, priests are well clothed; every knave finds a gull.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Never lose sight of this important truth, that no one can be truly great until he has gained a knowledge of himself, a knowledge which can only be acquired by occasional retirement.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Be not so bigoted to any custom as to worship it at the expense of truth.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Indolent people, whatever taste they may have for society, seek eagerly for pleasure, and find nothing. They have an empty head and seared hearts.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

News-hunters have great leisure, with little thought; much petty ambition to be considered intelligent, without any other pretension than being able to communicate what they have just learned.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

A good name will wear out; a bad one may be turned; a nickname lasts forever.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

We never read without profit if with the pen or pencil in our hand we mark such ideas as strike us by their novelty, or correct those we already possess.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Sloth is the torpidity of the mental faculties; the sluggard is a living insensible.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Thought and action are the redeeming features of our lives.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Wit, to be well defined, must be defined by wit itself; then it will be worth listening to.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Many have been ruined by their fortunes, and many have escaped ruin by the want of fortune. To obtain it the great have become little, and the little great.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

When we meet with better fare than was expected, the disappointment is overlooked even by the unscrupulous. When we meet with worse than was expected, philosophers alone know how to make it better.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Though fancy may be the patient's complaint, necessity is often the doctor's.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

It would be a considerable consolation to the poor and discontented could they but see the means whereby the wealth they covet has been acquired, or the misery that it entails.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

The purse of the patient often protracts his case.

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The sluggard is a living insensible.

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An everlasting tranquility is, in my imagination, the highest possible felicity, because I know of no felicity on earth higher than that which a peaceful mind and contented heart afford.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Troops of furies march in the drunkard's triumph.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

When ill news comes too late to be serviceable to your neighbor, keep

it to yourself.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Those beings only are fit for solitude who are like nobody, and are liked by nobody.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Nobility should be elective, not hereditary.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

The necessities that exist are in general created by the superfluities that are enjoyed.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Fools with bookish knowledge art children with edged weapons; they hurt themselves, and put others in pain.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Family pride entertains many unsocial opinions.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Take care to be an economist in prosperity. There is no fear of your being one in adversity.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Many species of wit are quite mechanical; these are the favorites of witlings, whose fame in words scarce outlives the remembrance of their funeral ceremonies.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Unless the habit leads to happiness the best habit is to contract none.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Hunger is the mother of impatience and anger.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Economy is an excellent lure to betray people into expense.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Age is suspicious but is not itself often suspected.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Contempt is frequently regulated by fashion.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Laugh as loud as you please at your companion's wit; do not even smile at his folly.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Books afford the surest relief in the most melancholy moments.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Do not think that your Learning and Genius, your Wit or Sprightliness, are welcome everywhere. I was once told that my Company was disagreeable because I appeared so uncommonly happy.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

That happy state of mind, so rarely possessed, in which we can say, "I have enough," is the highest attainment of philosophy.

~Johann Georg Ritter von Zimmermann

Liberal of cruelty are those who pamper with promises; promisers destroy while they deceive, and the hope they raise is dearly purchased by the dependence that is sequent to disappointment.

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