

# John Bright Quotes

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Land, Giving, America, Mother, Cities, Book, Party, Europe, Corn, Irishmen,  
Honest*

The angel of death has been abroad throughout the land; you may almost hear the beating of his wings.

~John Bright

Be the measure great or small, let it be honest in every part.

~John Bright

The knowledge of the ancient languages is mainly a luxury.

~John Bright

I am for peace, retrenchment and reform, the watchword of the great Liberal Party thirty years ago.

~John Bright

I would prefer to have one comfortable room well stocked with books to all you could give me in the way of decoration which the highest art could supply.

~John Bright

We have had a great depression in agriculture, caused mainly by several seasons of bad harvests, and some of our traders have suffered much from a too rapid extension in prosperous years.

~John Bright

The franchise itself gives no real power, unless accompanied by the right on the part of all the possessors of it to elect something like an equal number of representatives.

~John Bright

Had they [the Tories] been in the wilderness they would have complained of the Ten Commandments. Remark.

~John Bright

As you know, I am neither Roman Catholic, Protestant Episcopalian,

nor Presbyterian, nor am I an Irishman.

~John Bright

I cannot stoop to reply to the folly and the slander of every poor Tory partisan who assails me, and I should not have noticed you but for the fact that you are a member of the House of Commons.

~John Bright

It was in the year 1820, when I was nearly nine years old, that I first went to a regular school.

~John Bright

England is the Mother of Parliaments

~John Bright

Training and development: The best development programmes change the way people see themselves

~John Bright

In the houses of the humble a little library in my opinion is a most precious possession.

~John Bright

The beasts (Conservatives) had committed suicide to save themselves from slaughter.

~John Bright

The corn law was intended to keep wheat at the price of 80s. the quarter; it is now under 40s. the quarter.

~John Bright

With regard to the ballot, it is worthy of remark that no meeting has been held in favour of Reform at which the ballot has not been strongly insisted upon.

~John Bright

So then because some towns in England are not represented, America is to have no representative at all. They are our children; but when children ask for bread we are not to give a stone.

~John Bright

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