

John F. Kennedy Quotes

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Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

~John F. Kennedy

This country cannot afford to be materially rich and spiritually poor.

~John F. Kennedy

Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.

~John F. Kennedy

One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.

~John F. Kennedy

No responsibility of government is more fundamental than the responsibility of maintaining the highest standard of ethical behavior for those who conduct the public business.

~John F. Kennedy

Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.

~John F. Kennedy

Don't pray for an easy life, pray to be a stronger man.

~John F. Kennedy

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

~John F. Kennedy

If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.

~John F. Kennedy

My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.

~John F. Kennedy

Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.

~John F. Kennedy

Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.

~John F. Kennedy

There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction.

~John F. Kennedy

Our task is not to fix blame for the past, but to fix the course for the future.

~John F. Kennedy

The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened.

~John F. Kennedy

Effort and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.

~John F. Kennedy

The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.

~John F. Kennedy

Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind.

~John F. Kennedy

Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others.

~John F. Kennedy

We are not here to curse the darkness, but to light the candle that can guide us through that darkness to a safe and sane future.

~John F. Kennedy

Democracy may not be perfect, but at least I don't have to build a wall to keep my people in.

~John F. Kennedy

A nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.

~John F. Kennedy

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~John F. Kennedy

I will splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces and scatter it into the winds.

~John F. Kennedy

We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.

~John F. Kennedy

Things do not happen. Things are made to happen.

~John F. Kennedy

The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission.

~John F. Kennedy

We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch - we are going back from whence we came.

~John F. Kennedy

There can be no progress if people have no faith in tomorrow.

~John F. Kennedy

Automation does not need to be our enemy. I think machines can make life easier for men, if men do not let the machines dominate them.

~John F. Kennedy

Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate.

~John F. Kennedy

A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on.

~John F. Kennedy

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~John F. Kennedy

Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.

~John F. Kennedy

It is an unfortunate fact that we can secure peace only by preparing for war.

~John F. Kennedy

The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger--but recognize the opportunity.

~John F. Kennedy

I just received the following wire from my generous Daddy; Dear Jack, Don't buy a single vote more than is necessary. I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide.

~John F. Kennedy

Economic growth without social progress lets the great majority of the people remain in poverty, while a privileged few reap the benefits of rising abundance.

~John F. Kennedy

War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.

~John F. Kennedy

Never let your fears hold you back from pursuing your hopes.

~John F. Kennedy

I hope that no American will waste his franchise and throw away his vote by voting either for me or against me solely on account of my religious affiliation. It is not relevant.

~John F. Kennedy

Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners, and necessity has made us allies. Those whom God has so joined together, let no man put asunder.

~John F. Kennedy

Hold fast to the best of the past and move fast to the best of the future.

~John F. Kennedy

I would rather be accused of breaking precedents than breaking promises.

~John F. Kennedy

Our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal.

~John F. Kennedy

Every area of trouble gives out a ray of hope; and the one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable.

~John F. Kennedy

There is always inequality in life. Some men are killed in a war and some men are wounded and some men never leave the country. Life is unfair.

~John F. Kennedy

According to the ancient Chinese proverb, A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

~John F. Kennedy

You never know what's hit you. A gunshot is the perfect way.

~John F. Kennedy

Only an educated and informed people will be a free people.

~John F. Kennedy

The state is the servant of the citizen, and not his master.

~John F. Kennedy

So, let us not be blind to our differences - but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved.

~John F. Kennedy

The weapons of war must be abolished before they abolish us.

~John F. Kennedy

History is a relentless master. It has no present, only the past rushing into the future. To try to hold fast is to be swept aside.

~John F. Kennedy

We must use time as a tool, not as a couch.

~John F. Kennedy

The problems with this world cannot possibly be solved by sceptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need people who can dream of things that never were.

~John F. Kennedy

I believe in an America where religious intolerance will someday end... where every man has the same right to attend or not attend the church of his choice.

~John F. Kennedy

A boy spends his time finding a girl to sleep with. A real man spends his time looking for the one worth waking up to.

~John F. Kennedy

Sometimes party loyalty asks too much.

~John F. Kennedy

Too often we... enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.

~John F. Kennedy

Civility is not a sign of weakness.

~John F. Kennedy

A great change is at hand, and our task, our obligation, is to make that revolution, that change, peaceful and constructive for all.

~John F. Kennedy

Lets talk to one another instead of about one another.

~John F. Kennedy

I am sorry to say that there is too much point to the wisecrack that life is extinct on other planets because their scientists were more advanced than ours.

~John F. Kennedy

The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.

~John F. Kennedy

When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity.

~John F. Kennedy

The world is very different now. For man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty, and all forms of human life.

~John F. Kennedy

Washington is a city of Southern efficiency and Northern charm.

~John F. Kennedy

O God, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small.

~John F. Kennedy

Everywhere immigrants have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life.

~John F. Kennedy

Every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate the day when this planet may no longer be habitable .. The weapons of war must be abolished before they abolish us.

~John F. Kennedy

Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity.

~John F. Kennedy

The best road to progress is freedom's road.

~John F. Kennedy

For if Freedom and Communism were to compete for mans allegiance in a world at peace, I would look to the future with ever increasing confidence.

~John F. Kennedy

I know there is a God - I see the storm coming and I see his hand in it - if he has a place then I am ready - we see the hand.

~John F. Kennedy

The rising tide lifts all the boats.

~John F. Kennedy

Ask not that the journey be easy; ask instead that it be worth it.

~John F. Kennedy

A tax cut means higher family income and higher business profits and a balanced federal budget.

~John F. Kennedy

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

~John F. Kennedy

We stand for freedom. That is our conviction for ourselves; that is our only commitment to others.

~John F. Kennedy

The ancient Greek definition of happiness was the full use of your powers along lines of excellence.

~John F. Kennedy

In a time of turbulence and change, it is more true than ever that knowledge is power.

~John F. Kennedy

Communism has never come to power in a country that was not disrupted by war or corruption, or both.

~John F. Kennedy

It is in the American tradition to stand up for one's rights--even if the new way to stand up for one's rights is to sit down.

~John F. Kennedy

The very word 'secrecy' is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths, and to secret proceedings.

~John F. Kennedy

We must abolish nuclear weapons, or they will abolish us.

~John F. Kennedy

If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself. If we are weak, words will be of no help.

~John F. Kennedy

Politics is a jungle-torn between doing the right thing and staying in office.

~John F. Kennedy

The only reason to give a speech is to change the world.

~John F. Kennedy

Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a bike ride.

~John F. Kennedy

It is insane that two men, sitting on opposite sides of the world, should be able to decide to bring an end to civilization.

~John F. Kennedy

Persons are judged to be great because of the positive qualities they possess, not because of the absence of faults.

~John F. Kennedy

Don't ask 'Why', ask instead, 'Why not'.

~John F. Kennedy

Anyone who can solve the problems of water will be worthy of two Nobel prizes - one for peace and one for science.

~John F. Kennedy

Those who foolishly sought power by riding the back of the tiger ended up inside

~John F. Kennedy

The high office of the President has been used to foment a plot to destroy the American's freedom and before I leave office, I must inform the citizens of this plight.

~John F. Kennedy

when my office would require me to either violate my conscience or violate the national interest, then I would resign the office; and I hope any conscientious public servant would do the same.

~John F. Kennedy

The unity of freedom has never relied on uniformity of opinion.

~John F. Kennedy

The freedom of the city is not negotiable. We cannot negotiate with those who say, 'What's mine is mine and what's yours is negotiable.'

~John F. Kennedy

All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent.

~John F. Kennedy

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