

# Joseph Addison

## Quotes

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The greatest sweetener of human life is friendship.

~Joseph Addison

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure; but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

~Joseph Addison

I value my garden more for being full of blackbirds than of cherries, and very frankly give them fruit for their songs.

~Joseph Addison

If you wish to succeed in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.

~Joseph Addison

Cheerfulness is the best promoter of health and is as friendly to the mind as to the body.

~Joseph Addison

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

~Joseph Addison

Sunday clears away the rust of the whole week.

~Joseph Addison

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you.

~Joseph Addison

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

~Joseph Addison

The voice of reason is more to be regarded than the bent of any present inclination; since inclination will at length come over to reason, though we can never force reason to comply with inclination.

~Joseph Addison

Ridicule is generally made use of to laugh men out of virtue and good sense, by attacking everything praiseworthy in human life.

~Joseph Addison

A man should always consider how much he has more than he wants.

~Joseph Addison

Jesters do often prove prophets.

~Joseph Addison

In all thy humours, whether grave or mellow, Thou'rt such a touchy, testy, pleasant fellow, Hast so much wit and mirth and spleen about thee, There is no living with thee, nor without thee.

~Joseph Addison

T is liberty crowns Britannia's Isle, And makes her barren rocks and her bleak mountains smile.

~Joseph Addison

The dawn is overcast, the morning lowers, And heavily in clouds brings on the day, The great, the important day, big with the fate Of Cato and of Rome.

~Joseph Addison

There is nothing that makes its way more directly into the soul than beauty.

~Joseph Addison

A day, an hour, of virtuous liberty Is worth a whole eternity in bondage.

~Joseph Addison

The greatest sweetener of human life is Friendship. To raise this to the highest pitch of enjoyment, is a secret which but few discover.

~Joseph Addison

Love is a second life; it grows into the soul, warms every vein, and beats in every pulse.

~Joseph Addison

Our real blessings often appear to us in the shape of pains, losses and disappointments; but let us have patience and we soon shall see them in their proper figures.

~Joseph Addison

There is no defense against criticism except obscurity.

~Joseph Addison

The spacious firmament on high, And all the blue ethereal sky, And spangled heavens, a shining frame, Their great Original proclaim.

~Joseph Addison

Cleanliness may be defined to be the emblem of purity of mind.

~Joseph Addison

What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul.

~Joseph Addison

Music, the greatest good that mortals know and all of heaven we have hear below.

~Joseph Addison

Allegories, when well chosen, are like so many tracks of light in a discourse, that make everything about them clear and beautiful.

~Joseph Addison

Encourage innocent amusement.

~Joseph Addison

A cloudy day or a little sunshine have as great an influence on many constitutions as the most recent blessings or misfortunes.

~Joseph Addison

Loveliest of women! heaven is in thy soul, Beauty and virtue shine forever round thee, Bright'ning each other! thou art all divine!

~Joseph Addison

Our disputants put me in mind of the cuttlefish that, when he is unable to extricate himself, blackens the water about him till he becomes invisible.

~Joseph Addison

All well-regulated families set apart an hour every morning for tea and bread and butter

~Joseph Addison

An ostentatious man will rather relate a blunder or an absurdity he has committed, than be debarred from talking of his own dear person.

~Joseph Addison

A man's first care should be to avoid the reproaches of his own heart.

~Joseph Addison

How is it possible for those who are men of honor in their persons, thus to become notorious liars in their party

~Joseph Addison

When men are easy in their circumstances, they are naturally enemies

to innovations.

~Joseph Addison

True benevolence or compassion, extends itself through the whole of existence and sympathizes with the distress of every creature capable of sensation.

~Joseph Addison

If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend.

~Joseph Addison

Certain is it that there is no kind of affection so purely angelic as of a father to a daughter.

~Joseph Addison

The utmost extent of man's knowledge, is to know that he knows nothing.

~Joseph Addison

Justice is that which is practiced by God himself, and to be practiced in its perfection by none but him. Omniscience and omnipotence are requisite for the full exertion of it.

~Joseph Addison

There is not a more pleasing exercise of the mind than gratitude. It is accompanied with such an inward satisfaction that the duty is sufficiently rewarded by the performance

~Joseph Addison

Nothing is more gratifying to the mind of man than power or dominion.

~Joseph Addison

Among the several kinds of beauty, the eye takes most delight in colors.

~Joseph Addison

I shall endeavor to enliven morality with wit, and to temper wit with morality.

~Joseph Addison

Love is a second life.

~Joseph Addison

The most skillful flattery is to let a person talk on, and be a listener.

~Joseph Addison

I am wonderfully pleased when I meet with any passage in an old Greek or Latin author, that is not blown upon, and which I have never met with in any quotation.

~Joseph Addison

When all thy mercies, O my God, My rising soul surveys, Transported with the view I'm lost, in wonder, love and praise.

~Joseph Addison

Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to generation as presents to the posterity of those who are yet unborn.

~Joseph Addison

Man is distinguished from all other creatures by the faculty of laughter.

~Joseph Addison

The important question is not, what will yield to man a few scattered pleasures, but what will render his life happy on the whole amount.

~Joseph Addison

A contented mind is the greatest blessing a man can enjoy in this world.

~Joseph Addison

Thus I live in the world rather as a spectator of mankind than as one of the species.

~Joseph Addison

To say that authority, whether secular or religious, supplies no ground for morality is not to deny the obvious fact that it supplies a sanction.

~Joseph Addison

When a man is made up wholly of the dove, without the least grain of the serpent in his composition, he becomes ridiculous in many circumstances of life, and very often discredits his best actions.

~Joseph Addison

Colors speak all languages.

~Joseph Addison

Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

~Joseph Addison

Every man in the time of courtship and in the first entrance of marriage, puts on a behavior like my correspondent's holiday suit.

~Joseph Addison

A thousand trills and quivering sounds  
In airy circles o'er us fly, Till,  
wafted by a gentle breeze, They faint and languish by degrees,  
And at a distance die.

~Joseph Addison

A man who is furnished with arguments from the mint will convince his antagonist much sooner than one who draws them from reason and philosophy.

~Joseph Addison

Prejudice and self-sufficiency naturally proceed from inexperience of the world, and ignorance of mankind.

~Joseph Addison

It is the privilege of posterity to set matters right between those antagonists who, by their rivalry for greatness, divided a whole age.

~Joseph Addison

Nature is full of wonders; every atom is a standing miracle, and endowed with such qualities, as could not be impressed on it by a power and wisdom less than infinite.

~Joseph Addison

Health and cheerfulness naturally beget each other.

~Joseph Addison

Even the greatest actions of a celebrated person labor under this disadvantage, that however surprising and extraordinary they may be, they are no more than what are expected from him.

~Joseph Addison

In private conversation between intimate friends, the wisest men very often talk like the weakest : for indeed the talking with a friend is nothing else but thinking aloud.

~Joseph Addison

Our sight is the most perfect and most delightful of all our senses.

~Joseph Addison

See in what peace a Christian can die.

~Joseph Addison

Mysterious love, uncertain treasure, hast thou more of pain or pleasure!  
Endless torments dwell about thee: Yet who would live, and live without

thee!

~Joseph Addison

The hours of a wise man are lengthened by his ideas.

~Joseph Addison

There is nothing which we receive with so much reluctance as advice.

~Joseph Addison

Faith is kept alive in us, and gathers strength, more from practice than from speculations.

~Joseph Addison

Good-breeding shows itself most where to an ordinary eye it appears the least.

~Joseph Addison

Better to die ten thousand deaths, Than wound my honour.

~Joseph Addison

It is only imperfection that complains of what is imperfect. The more perfect we are the more gentle and quiet we become towards the defects of others.

~Joseph Addison

Soon as the evening shades prevail, The moon takes up the wondrous tale, And nightly to the listening earth Repeats the story of her birth.

~Joseph Addison

A man must be both stupid and uncharitable who believes there is no virtue or truth but on his own side.

~Joseph Addison

True happiness arises, in the first place, from the enjoyment of one's

self, and in the next, from the friendship and conversation of a few select companions.

~Joseph Addison

One of the most important but one of the most difficult things for a powerful mind is to be its own master.

~Joseph Addison

I will indulge my sorrows, and give way to all the pangs and fury of despair.

~Joseph Addison

Eternity! thou pleasing, dreadful thought.

~Joseph Addison

A just and reasonable modesty does not only recommend eloquence, but sets off every great talent which a man can be possessed of.

~Joseph Addison

It is of unspeakable advantage to possess our minds with an habitual good intention, and to aim all our thoughts, words, and actions at some laudable end.

~Joseph Addison

An evil intention perverts the best actions, and makes them sins.

~Joseph Addison

Modesty is not only an ornament, but also a guard to virtue.

~Joseph Addison

Nature does nothing without purpose or uselessly.

~Joseph Addison

Rides in the whirlwind and directs the storm.

~Joseph Addison

Complaisance renders a superior amiable, an equal agreeable, and an inferior acceptable.

~Joseph Addison

Artificial intelligence will never be a match for natural stupidity.

~Joseph Addison

Novelty serves us for a kind of refreshment, and takes off from that satiety we are apt to complain of in our usual and ordinary entertainments.

~Joseph Addison

We are growing serious, and, let me tell you, that's the very next step to being dull.

~Joseph Addison

There is no virtue so truly great and godlike as justice.

~Joseph Addison

What pity is it That we can die, but once to serve our country.

~Joseph Addison

All of heaven we have below.

~Joseph Addison

In the common run of mankind, for one that is wise and good you find ten of a contrary character.

~Joseph Addison

The unassuming youth seeking instruction with humility gains good fortune.

~Joseph Addison

Nothing that isn't a real crime makes a man appear so contemptible and little in the eyes of the world as inconsistency.

~Joseph Addison

Nature in her whole drama never drew such a part; she has sometimes made a fool, but a coxcomb is always of a man's own making.

~Joseph Addison

They were a people so primitive they did not know how to get money, except by working for it.

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