

Joseph Joubert Quotes

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Words are like eyeglasses they blur everything that they do not make clear.

~Joseph Joubert

Monuments are the grappling-irons that bind one generation to another.

~Joseph Joubert

The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress.

~Joseph Joubert

Without the spiritual world the material world is a disheartening enigma.

~Joseph Joubert

The best remedy for a short temper is a long walk.

~Joseph Joubert

A part of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve.

~Joseph Joubert

We find little in a book but what we put there. But in great books, the mind finds room to put many things.

~Joseph Joubert

The evening of life brings with it its lamps.

~Joseph Joubert

He who has imagination without learning has wings but no feet.

~Joseph Joubert

Close your eyes and you will see.

~Joseph Joubert

Imagination is the eye of the soul.

~Joseph Joubert

Never cut what you can untie.

~Joseph Joubert

Mediocrity is excellent to the eyes of mediocre people.

~Joseph Joubert

To teach is to learn twice.

~Joseph Joubert

All gardeners live in beautiful places because they make them so.

~Joseph Joubert

Questions show the mind's range, and answers its subtlety.

~Joseph Joubert

Children need models rather than critics.

~Joseph Joubert

Misery is almost always the result of thinking.

~Joseph Joubert

There is always some frivolity in excellent minds; they have wings to rise, but also stray.

~Joseph Joubert

Illusion and wisdom combined are the charm of life and art.

~Joseph Joubert

The idea of the nest in the bird's mind, where does it come from?

~Joseph Joubert

When you go in search of honey you must expect to be stung by bees.

~Joseph Joubert

You will find poetry nowhere unless you bring some of it with you.

~Joseph Joubert

Only choose in marriage a man whom you would choose as a friend if he were a woman.

~Joseph Joubert

We are all of us more or less echoes, repeating involuntarily the virtues, the defects, the movements, and the characters of those among whom we live.

~Joseph Joubert

Work like you don't need the money.

~Joseph Joubert

Those who never retract their opinions love themselves more than they love the truth.

~Joseph Joubert

It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.

~Joseph Joubert

What is true by lamplight is not always true by sunlight.

~Joseph Joubert

We must respect the past, and mistrust the present, if we wish to provide for the safety of the future.

~Joseph Joubert

Politeness is the flower of humanity.

~Joseph Joubert

Luckily, I never feel at one time more than half my pains.

~Joseph Joubert

Love and fear. Everything the father of a family says must inspire one or the other.

~Joseph Joubert

Words, like glass, obscure when they do not aid vision.

~Joseph Joubert

Taste has never been corrupted by simplicity.

~Joseph Joubert

How many people make themselves abstract to appear profound. The most useful part of abstract terms are the shadows they create to hide a vacuum.

~Joseph Joubert

Our worries always come from our weaknesses.

~Joseph Joubert

Genius is the ability to see things invisible, to manipulate things intangible, to paint things that have no features

~Joseph Joubert

How many people become abstract as a way of appearing profound.

~Joseph Joubert

The true character of epistolary style is playfulness and urbanity.

~Joseph Joubert

When a nation gives birth to a man who is able to produce a great

thought, another is born who is able to understand and admire it.

~Joseph Joubert

Tenderness is the rest of passion.

~Joseph Joubert

The passions of the young are vices in the old.

~Joseph Joubert

Genius begins great works; labor alone finishes them.

~Joseph Joubert

The ways suited to confidence are familiar to me, but not those that are suited to familiarity.

~Joseph Joubert

Words, like glasses, obscure everything they do not make clear. Before using a fine word, make a place for it.

~Joseph Joubert

Virtue is the health of the soul.

~Joseph Joubert

Beautiful works do not intoxicate, but they enchant.

~Joseph Joubert

Some superior minds are unrecognized because there is no standard by which to weigh them.

~Joseph Joubert

Never be sad for what is over, just be glad it was once yours. Kindness is loving people more than they deserve.

~Joseph Joubert

Music has seven letters, writing has twenty-six notes

~Joseph Joubert

Virtue is the health of the soul. It gives a flavor to the smallest leaves of life.

~Joseph Joubert

Credulity forges more miracles than trickery could invent.

~Joseph Joubert

The paper is patient, but the reader is not.

~Joseph Joubert

When one has too great a dread of what is impending, one feels some relief when the trouble has come.

~Joseph Joubert

Who ever has no fixed opinions has no constant feelings.

~Joseph Joubert

Children must be rendered reasonable, but not reasoners. The first thing to teach them is that it is reasonable for them to obey, and unreasonable for them to dispute.

~Joseph Joubert

Drawing is speaking to the eye; talking is painting to the ear.

~Joseph Joubert

Strength is natural, but grace is the growth of habit. This charming quality requires practice if it is to become lasting.

~Joseph Joubert

Mediocrity is excellence in the eyes of the mediocre.

~Joseph Joubert

Eyes raised toward heaven are always beautiful, whatever they be.

~Joseph Joubert

Truth takes the stamp of the souls it enters. It is rigorous and rough in arid souls, but tempers and softens itself in loving natures.

~Joseph Joubert

Our ideals, like pictures, are made from lights and shadows.

~Joseph Joubert

The last word should be the last word. It is like a finishing touch given to color; there is nothing more to add. But what precaution is needed in order not to put the last word first.

~Joseph Joubert

When my friends lack an eye, I look at them in profile.

~Joseph Joubert

The art of saying well what one thinks is different from the faculty of thinking. The latter may be very deep and lofty and far-reaching, while the former is altogether wanting.

~Joseph Joubert

Space is to place as eternity is to time.

~Joseph Joubert

Logic works, metaphysics contemplates.

~Joseph Joubert

Chance generally favors the prudent.

~Joseph Joubert

Before you use a fancy word, make room for it.

~Joseph Joubert

Reason is a bee, and exists only on what it makes; his usefulness takes the place of beauty.

~Joseph Joubert

Truth consists of having the same idea about something that God has.

~Joseph Joubert

Life is a country that the old have seen, and lived in. Those who have to travel through it can only learn from them.

~Joseph Joubert

We always believe God is like ourselves, the indulgent think him indulgent and the stern, terrible.

~Joseph Joubert

In order to be happy, think of the ills you have been spared.

~Joseph Joubert

Old age was naturally more honored in times when people could not know much more than what they had seen.

~Joseph Joubert

The ordinary true, or purely real, cannot be the object of the arts. Illusion on a ground of truth,--that is the secret of the fine arts.

~Joseph Joubert

The early and the latter part of human life are the best, or, at least, the most worthy of respect; the one as the age of innocence, the other of reason.

~Joseph Joubert

There is an admiration which is the daughter of knowledge.

~Joseph Joubert

A thought is a thing as real as a cannonball.

~Joseph Joubert

We live in an age in which superfluous ideas abound and essential ideas are lacking.

~Joseph Joubert

Religion must be loved as a kind of country and nursing-mother. It was religion that nourished our virtues, that showed us heaven, that taught us to walk in the path of duty.

~Joseph Joubert

Xenophon wrote with a swan's quill, Plato with a pen of gold, and Thucydides with a brazen stylus.

~Joseph Joubert

He who has imagination without learning has wings but no feet. [Fr., Celui qui a de l'imagination sans erudition a des ailes, et n'a pas de pieds.]

~Joseph Joubert

Fully to understand a grand and beautiful thought requires, perhaps, as much time as to conceive it.

~Joseph Joubert

Be charitable and indulge to everyone, but thyself.

~Joseph Joubert

Good maxims are the germs of all excellence.

~Joseph Joubert

Which is more misshapen,--religion without virtue, or virtue without religion?

~Joseph Joubert

Necessity may render a doubtful act innocent, but it cannot make it praiseworthy

~Joseph Joubert

Innocence is always unsuspecting.

~Joseph Joubert

Grace is in garments, in movements, in manners; beauty in the nude, and in forms. This is true of bodies; but when we speak of feelings, beauty is in their spirituality, and grace in their moderation.

~Joseph Joubert

Slander is the solace of malignity.

~Joseph Joubert

The sound of the drum drives out thought; for that very reason it is the most military of instruments.

~Joseph Joubert

God has commanded Time to console the afflicted.

~Joseph Joubert

How many weak shoulders have craved heavy burdens!

~Joseph Joubert

You have to be like the pebble in the stream, keeping the grain and rolling along without being dissolved or dissolving anything else.

~Joseph Joubert

Thoughts there are, that need no embodying, no form, no expression. It is enough to hint at them vaguely; a word, and they are heard and seen.

~Joseph Joubert

I resemble the poplar,--that tree which, even when old, still looks young.

~Joseph Joubert

We use up in the passions the stuff that was given us for happiness.

~Joseph Joubert

A maxim is the exact and noble expression of an important and indisputable truth. Good maxims are the germs of all excellence; when firmly fixed on the memory, they nourish the will.

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