

Josh Billings Quotes

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Laughter is the fireworks of the soul.

~Josh Billings

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself.

~Josh Billings

Health is like money, we never have a true idea of its value until we lose it.

~Josh Billings

The miser and the glutton are two facetious buzzards: one hides his store, and the other stores his hide.

~Josh Billings

Never work before breakfast; if you have to work before breakfast, eat your breakfast first.

~Josh Billings

Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.

~Josh Billings

Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there.

~Josh Billings

The wheel that squeaks the loudest is the one that gets the grease.

~Josh Billings

Love looks through a telescope; envy, through a microscope.

~Josh Billings

The happiest time in any man's life is when he is in red-hot pursuit of a dollar with a reasonable prospect of overtaking it.

~Josh Billings

The best time for you to hold your tongue is the time you feel you must say something or bust.

~Josh Billings

Half of the troubles of this life can be traced to saying yes too quickly and not saying no soon enough.

~Josh Billings

There is a sort of charm in ugliness, if the person has some redeeming qualities and is only ugly enough.

~Josh Billings

Learning sleeps and snores in libraries, but wisdom is everywhere, wide awake, on tiptoe.

~Josh Billings

There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.

~Josh Billings

There are two things in life for which we are never truly prepared: twins.

~Josh Billings

If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it, as the old woman did her lost spectacles, safe on her own nose all the time.

~Josh Billings

The best way to convince a fool that he is wrong is to let him have his own way.

~Josh Billings

The greatest thief this world has ever produced is procrastination, and

he is still at large.

~Josh Billings

Honesty is the rarest wealth anyone can possess.

~Josh Billings

A slander is like a hornet; if you cannot kill it dead at the first blow, better not to strike at it.

~Josh Billings

There are only two qualities in the world: efficiency and inefficiency; and only two sorts of people: the efficient and the inefficient.

~Josh Billings

Most people when they come to you for advice, come to have their own opinions strengthened, not corrected.

~Josh Billings

Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well.

~Josh Billings

Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail.

~Josh Billings

The more humble a man is before God the more he will be exalted; the more humble he is before man, the more he will get rode roughshod.

~Josh Billings

It ain't what a man don't know that makes him a fool, but what he does know that ain't so.

~Josh Billings

There's a lot of people in this world who spend so much time watching

their health that they haven't the time to enjoy it.

~Josh Billings

There are people so addicted to exaggeration that they actually can't tell the truth without lying.

~Josh Billings

Don't mistake pleasure for happiness. They are a different breed of dogs.

~Josh Billings

I hate to be a kicker, I always long for peace, But the wheel that does the squeaking, is the one that gets the grease.

~Josh Billings

The best medicine I know for rheumatism is to thank the Lord that it ain't gout.

~Josh Billings

As a general thing, an individual who is neat in his person is neat in his morals.

~Josh Billings

Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute.

~Josh Billings

Flattery is like cologne water, to be smelt, not swallowed.

~Josh Billings

As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand.

~Josh Billings

Remember the poor, it costs nothing.

~Josh Billings

Economy is a savings-bank, into which men drop pennies, and get dollars in return.

~Josh Billings

One of the greatest victories you can gain over someone is to beat him at politeness.

~Josh Billings

Time is like money, the less we have of it to spare the further we make it go.

~Josh Billings

If you would make yourself agreeable wherever you go, listen to the grievances of others but never relate your own.

~Josh Billings

Wise men have but few confidants, and cunning ones none.

~Josh Billings

Common sense is instinct, and enough of it is genius.

~Josh Billings

My advice to those who are about to begin, in earnest, the journey of life, is to take their heart in one hand and a club in the other.

~Josh Billings

Incredulity is the wisdom of the fool.

~Josh Billings

Old maids sweeten their tea with scandal.

~Josh Billings

It's a wise man who profits by his own experience, but it's a good deal wiser one who lets the rattlesnake bite the other fellow.

~Josh Billings

Wisdom deprives even poverty of half its power.

~Josh Billings

A good way I know to find happiness, is to not bore a hole to fit the plug.

~Josh Billings

About the most originality that any writer can hope to achieve honestly is to steal with good judgment.

~Josh Billings

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while.

~Josh Billings

Threescore years and ten is enough; if a man can't suffer all the misery he wants in that time, he must be numb.

~Josh Billings

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.

~Josh Billings

Plenty of folks are so contrary that if they should fall into the river, they would insist upon floating upstream.

~Josh Billings

There are people who are always anticipating trouble, and in this way they manage to enjoy many sorrows that never really happen to them.

~Josh Billings

True wisdom is plenty of experience, observation, and reflection. False wisdom is plenty of ignorance, arrogance, and impudence.

~Josh Billings

The man who ain't got an enemy is really poor.

~Josh Billings

One of the rarest things that a man ever does, is to do the best he can.

~Josh Billings

Keep a cow, and then the milk won't have to be watered but once.

~Josh Billings

Every man has his follies - and often they are the most interesting thing he has got.

~Josh Billings

There is nothing so easy to learn as experience and nothing so hard to apply.

~Josh Billings

Woman's influence is powerful, especially when she wants something.

~Josh Billings

There is a significant Latin proverb; to wit: Who will guard the guards?

~Josh Billings

There are lots of people who mistake their imagination for their memory.

~Josh Billings

Music hath the charm to soothe a savage beast, but I'd try a revolver first.

~Josh Billings

I would much rather always look forward to the time when I am going to ride in a carriage, than to look back on the time when I used to.

~Josh Billings

Most people repent their sins by thanking God they ain't so wicked as their neighbors.

~Josh Billings

There are two kinds of fools: those who can't change their opinions and those who won't.

~Josh Billings

There is no greater evidence of superior intelligence than to be surprised at nothing.

~Josh Billings

I am a poor man, but I have this consolation: I am poor by accident, not by design.

~Josh Billings

When the truth is in your way, you are on the wrong road.

~Josh Billings

It is a very delicate job to forgive a man, without lowering him in his own estimation, and yours too.

~Josh Billings

Politeness is better than logic. You can often persuade when you cannot convince.

~Josh Billings

In the whole history of the world there is but one thing that money cannot buy...to wit--the wag of a dog's tail.

~Josh Billings

Ambition is like hunger; it obeys no law but its appetite

~Josh Billings

Take the selfishness out of this world and there would be more happiness than we should know what to do with.

~Josh Billings

Man is my brother, and I am nearer related to him through his vices than I am through his virtue.

~Josh Billings

Marrying for love may be a bit risky, but it is so honest that God can't help but smile on it.

~Josh Billings

Love is said to be blind, but I know some fellows in love who can see twice as much in their sweethearts as I do.

~Josh Billings

Adversity has the same effect on a man that severe training has on the pugilist: it reduces him to his fighting weight.

~Josh Billings

I think when the full horror of being fifty hits you, you should stay home and have a good cry.

~Josh Billings

Habits are like the wrinkles on a man's brow; if you will smooth out the one, I will smooth out the other.

~Josh Billings

It is much easier to repent of sins that we have committed than to repent of those that we intend to commit.

~Josh Billings

When a man comes to me for advice, I find out the kind of advice he wants, and I give it to him.

~Josh Billings

Some folks are wise and some otherwise.

~Josh Billings

As long as we are lucky we attribute it to our smartness; our bad luck we give the gods credit for.

~Josh Billings

There's a great power in words, if you don't hitch too many of them together.

~Josh Billings

Experience is a grindstone; and it is lucky for us, if we can get brightened by it, and not ground.

~Josh Billings

Confess your sins to the Lord and you will be forgiven; confess them to man and you will be laughed at.

~Josh Billings

A witty writer is like a porcupine; his quill makes no distinction between friend and foe.

~Josh Billings

No one can disgrace us but ourselves.

~Josh Billings

When I see a man of shallow understanding extravagantly clothed, I feel sorry - for the clothes.

~Josh Billings

Laughter is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it principally in one place.

~Josh Billings

It is the little bits of things that fret and worry us; we can dodge a elephant, but we can't dodge a fly.

~Josh Billings

Better make a weak man your enemy than your friend.

~Josh Billings

Fools carry their daggers in their open mouths.

~Josh Billings

The truly innocent are those who not only are guiltless themselves but who think others are.

~Josh Billings

Reason often makes mistakes, but conscience never does.

~Josh Billings

The time to pray is not when we are in a tight spot but just as soon as we get out of it.

~Josh Billings

Occasions are rare; and those, who know how to seize upon them, are rarer.

~Josh Billings

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