

Kirk Douglas

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I came from abject poverty. There was nowhere to go but up.

~Kirk Douglas

In order to achieve anything you must be brave enough to fail.

~Kirk Douglas

Virtue is not photogenic.

~Kirk Douglas

Streets crowded with people strolling, or sitting at outdoor cafes. And always, talking, gesturing, singing, laughing. I liked Rome immediately. Everybody was a performer.

~Kirk Douglas

I guess I was a bad boy... Yes, yes, I've had lots of women in my life.

~Kirk Douglas

You haven't learned how to live until you've learned how to give.

~Kirk Douglas

Life is like a B-picture script! It is that corny. If I had my life story offered to me to film, I'd turn it down.

~Kirk Douglas

Obey the voice within - it commands us to give of ourselves and help others. As long as we have the capacity to give, we are alive

~Kirk Douglas

The only advantage I have found in being Jewish is that I can be openly anti-Semitic.

~Kirk Douglas

My kids never had the advantages I had. I was born poor.

~Kirk Douglas

All children are natural actors, and I'm still a kid. If you grow up completely, you can never be an actor.

~Kirk Douglas

Virtue is not photogenic. What is it to be a nice guy? To be nothing, that's what. A big fat zero with a smile for everybody.

~Kirk Douglas

Know what a loner is? He's a born cripple. He's a cripple because the only person he can live with is himself. It's his life, the way he wants to live. It's all for him.

~Kirk Douglas

When you become a star, you don't change - everyone else does.

~Kirk Douglas

We look for wine when we should be hunting bread.

~Kirk Douglas

What would my parents think about America if they arrived here today? Would they even want to come? I wonder.

~Kirk Douglas

I don't need a critic to tell me I'm an actor. I make my own way. Nobody's my boss. Nobody's ever been my boss.

~Kirk Douglas

Why can't a woman be more like a dog, huh? So sweet, loving, attentive.

~Kirk Douglas

The learning process continues until the day you die.

~Kirk Douglas

You know, you have to have some inner philosophy to deal with adversity.

~Kirk Douglas

No matter how bad things are, they can always be worse. So what if my stroke left me with a speech impediment? Moses had one, and he did all right.

~Kirk Douglas

I'm a loner clear down deep to my guts.

~Kirk Douglas

When you get old the worst thing is you lose so many friends. Burt Lancaster, Frank Sinatra, John Wayne. People who I loved to work with.

~Kirk Douglas

The first thing I look for in a woman is warmth-femininity. It's got nothing to do with a pretty face.

~Kirk Douglas

You have not learned to live until you have learned to give

~Kirk Douglas

The older you get, the more awards you get. So, if you live long enough, then you get all the awards eventually.

~Kirk Douglas

If I thought a man had never committed a sin in his life, I don't think I'd want to talk with him. A man with flaws is more interesting.

~Kirk Douglas

Now, what does an actor who can't talk do? Wait for silent pictures to come back?

~Kirk Douglas

When you get to my age, you find that most of your dear friends are gone.

~Kirk Douglas

Life is like a B-picture script.

~Kirk Douglas

If you want to know about a man you can find out an awful lot by looking at who he married.

~Kirk Douglas

I bought the book, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. I paid to have it made into a play and I played in it for six months. I came back and I tried to make it into a movie, without success.

~Kirk Douglas

Sometimes, the thing that ties you down sets you free.

~Kirk Douglas

Fear is a terrible thing. It makes you do awful things.

~Kirk Douglas

Maybe there is no peace in this world. I don't know ... But I know as long as we live we must stay true to ourselves.

~Kirk Douglas

When you reach 95, after you get over your surprise, you start looking back.

~Kirk Douglas

I felt [*It Runs in the Family*] it was a picture that, after I'm gone, my family would like to see it. It was a wonderful mixture of people in my

family.

~Kirk Douglas

Being seventy has its advantages. I was outspoken before, but now what have I got to keep quiet about?

~Kirk Douglas

Love has more depth as you get older.

~Kirk Douglas

I have one computer that my wife gave me. All I know how to do, and I do it every day, is play Spider Solitaire. And I don't have a cell phone.

~Kirk Douglas

Acting is a youthful profession.

~Kirk Douglas

I have a great respect for actors like Clint Eastwood, who's a wonderful director. I think two pictures that I directed were not successful, so I decided not to make any more.

~Kirk Douglas

Fame is as much about luck as it is about talent, perhaps more.

~Kirk Douglas

I directed two films, not very successfully, and after that, I went back to being an actor and a producer.

~Kirk Douglas

I never had any desire to be a film actor. I never thought I was the good-looking movie type, which I assumed they wanted.

~Kirk Douglas

If I have to speak in public, I am terrified.

~Kirk Douglas

The best wine comes from home, wherever it is.

~Kirk Douglas

I have always been grateful that my Russian mother and father came to this country to give me a better chance, and I have had a better chance.

~Kirk Douglas

My children didn't have my advantages; I was born into abject poverty.

~Kirk Douglas

I know Italians and I like them. A lot of my father's best friends were Italians.

~Kirk Douglas

Really a bad guy is more interesting, dramatically, than the good guy.

~Kirk Douglas

My mother once said, "A beggar must always give to another beggar that's worse off than he is." That has always stuck with me.

~Kirk Douglas

I never wanted to be in movies. In a sense, I'm still a failure because I wanted to be a star on the stage.

~Kirk Douglas

You'll never see Spartacus in a (expletive) chair!

~Kirk Douglas

I've played some good guys as well, in Spartacus, Paths of Glory and my favorite picture, Lonely Are the Brave, so I had a mixture of parts in my life.

~Kirk Douglas

With John Wayne, we argued all the time and we made four pictures.

~Kirk Douglas

I think the election of [Barack] Obama was a great step to prove to the world that we believe that all men were created equal. I think it will show that we have humility.

~Kirk Douglas

I think that [Barack] Obama was elected because young people are starting to get interested in their country and I think that's a very healthy thing.

~Kirk Douglas

Listen - pacemaker, crash, stroke. What does it mean? God doesn't want me now. That's all.

~Kirk Douglas

The first time I had got an offer to come to Hollywood, I turned it down. I said, "No, I'm an actor of the stage.

~Kirk Douglas

I have been trying to create a campaign to have our country make an apology for slavery, for the way that blacks were treated before the Civil War and after the Civil War.

~Kirk Douglas

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