

Larry Bird Quotes

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A winner is someone who recognizes his God-given talents, works his tail off to develop them into skills, and uses these skills to accomplish his goals.

~Larry Bird

Push yourself again and again. Don't give an inch until the final buzzer sounds.

~Larry Bird

Don't let winning make you soft. Don't let losing make you quit. Don't let your teammates down in any situation.

~Larry Bird

I've got a theory that if you give 100% all of the time, somehow things will work out in the end.

~Larry Bird

I learned what my weaknesses were and I went out the next day to turn those weaknesses into strengths.

~Larry Bird

I wasn't real quick, and I wasn't real strong. Some guys will just take off and it's like, whoa. So I beat them with my mind and my fundamentals.

~Larry Bird

There are many times when you are better off practicing than playing; but most people just don't understand that

~Larry Bird

I don't think that once you get to one level, you can relax. You've got to keep pushing.

~Larry Bird

You're all playin' for second place.

~Larry Bird

I hate to lose more than I like to win.

~Larry Bird

It doesn't matter who scores the points, it's who can get the ball to the scorer.

~Larry Bird

First master the fundamentals.

~Larry Bird

I don't know if I practiced more than anybody, but I sure practiced enough. I still wonder if somebody - somewhere - was practicing more than me.

~Larry Bird

You never make any of the shots you never take. 87% of the ones you do take, you'll miss too. I make 110% of my shots.

~Larry Bird

You can make all the excuses you want, but if you're not mentally tough and you're not prepared to play every night, you're not going to win.

~Larry Bird

As far as playing, I didn't care who guarded me - red, yellow, black. I just didn't want a white guy guarding me, because it's disrespect to my game.

~Larry Bird

It makes me sick when I see a guy just stare at a loose ball and watch it go out of bounds.

~Larry Bird

Michael Jordan is God disguised as a basketball player.

~Larry Bird

When I go to the line I'm thinking 'All net.' When I don't think that, I'm likely to miss.

~Larry Bird

Strength is not nearly as important as desire. I don't think you can teach anyone desire. I think it's a gift. I don't know why I have it, but I do.

~Larry Bird

When I was young, I never wanted to leave the court until I got things exactly correct. My dream was to become a pro.

~Larry Bird

The one thing that always bothered me when I played in the NBA was I really got irritated when they put a white guy on me.

~Larry Bird

Eminem. My son was listening to that and I was like, 'What is that junk?' Then I started listening and I thought, 'You know, that kid is pretty good. It's the storytelling.'

~Larry Bird

When I was a kid, like 14 or 15, I played with the waiters from the hotel, 'cause that was the best game. And these guys, they'd let me play. And they were black guys.

~Larry Bird

I'm a firm believer in that you play the way you practice.

~Larry Bird

I just shoot until I feel good.

~Larry Bird

Basketball has been my life and I worked at it so hard because I enjoyed it so much.

~Larry Bird

Maybe it's God disguised as Michael Jordan.

~Larry Bird

The best players will play. That's the way it will always be.

~Larry Bird

The more you win, the better you're gonna get. It grows on itself.

~Larry Bird

I knew I was as good as anybody. That's not really bragging; it's just that I'd put the time in.

~Larry Bird

I really don't like talking about money. All I can say is that the Good Lord must have wanted me to have it.

~Larry Bird

I used to love the feeling of running, of running too far. It made my skin tingle.

~Larry Bird

Once you are labeled 'the best' you want to stay up there, and you can't do it by loafing around.

~Larry Bird

In the closing seconds of every game, I want the ball in my hands for the last shot - not in anybody else's, not in anybody else's in the world.

~Larry Bird

When it gets down to it, basketball is basketball.

~Larry Bird

I mean, the greatest athletes in the world are African-American.

~Larry Bird

Coaches can talk and talk and talk about something, but if you get it on tape and show it to them, it is so much more effective.

~Larry Bird

I've always been interested in jobs in the NBA. But I've been in this for 20 years and it might be time to do something else.

~Larry Bird

My name's been on this check for a week now.

~Larry Bird

My opinion about basketball, the way I was taught, was when you step on the court, you play to win.

~Larry Bird

When I was a player, I didn't expect my teammates to play the way I did. I did expect them to work hard every day and get better. And I never learned anything by losing.

~Larry Bird

I always know what's happening on the court. I see a situation occur, and I respond.

~Larry Bird

If there was a payment to the bank due, and we needed shoes, she'd get the shoes, and then deal with them guys at the bank. I don't mean she wouldn't pay the bank, but the children always came first.

~Larry Bird

The best basketball announcer is one who allows you to close your eyes.

~Larry Bird

But it is a black man's game, and it will be forever.

~Larry Bird

I like being by myself.

~Larry Bird

If you tell a teammate you're ready to play as tough as you're able to, you'd better go out there and do it.

~Larry Bird

What's better? Dogs or broomsticks? I mean will the world really ever know?

~Larry Bird

The best player I ever played with was Dennis Johnson.

~Larry Bird

I've been around a while. I kinda know these things.

~Larry Bird

I wanted to compete at the highest level again - and that's the NBA.

~Larry Bird

I can see why fans don't like to watch pro basketball. I don't, either. It's not exciting.

~Larry Bird

My goal was just to try and be the best player on my high school team, and look where I am now. And that was still my goal as a young kid, just to try and be a little better than my brother was.

~Larry Bird

Who in their right mind wouldn't listen to what Larry Bird tells them? He knows what it takes to be a successful player, and he's letting us do the things to have the success.

~Larry Bird

Guys like Larry Bird -- he played so hard, he wants everybody else to play hard. That's not unreasonable. Any coach would want that and demand that.

~Larry Bird

I think you have to work very hard and dedicate yourself and have the respect of your teammates before you're about to go out and just try to take a game over by yourself.

~Larry Bird

It's been a journey, the NBA. It's taken me a lot farther than I ever expected.

~Larry Bird

I think a lot of blue collar people related to me because a lot of people work for their money.

~Larry Bird

The nature of competition is such that any number of people invariably have their eyes on the same prize you do. Recognize your assets and employ them to the best of your ability.

~Larry Bird

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