

# Livy

## Quotes

*Men, Envy, War, Adversity, Law, Peace, Time, Blind, Spring, Loss, Doe, Victory,  
Shame, Luck, Blessed, Prosperity, Toil, Littles, Haste, Eye*

Rome has grown since its humble beginnings that it is now overwhelmed by its own greatness.

~Livy

The populace is like the sea motionless in itself, but stirred by every wind, even the lightest breeze.

~Livy

Men are slower to recognize blessings than evils.

~Livy

A fraudulent intent, however carefully concealed at the outset, will generally, in the end, betray itself.

~Livy

It takes a long time to bring excellence to maturity.

~Livy

Adversity makes men remember God.

~Livy

There is always more spirit in attack than in defence.

~Livy

Shared danger is the strongest of bonds; it will keep men united in spite of mutual dislike and suspicion.

~Livy

The old Romans all wished to have a king over them because they had not yet tasted the sweetness of freedom.

~Livy

There is nothing worse than being ashamed of parsimony or poverty.

~Livy

Great contests generally excite great animosities.

~Livy

Truth is often eclipsed but never extinguished.

~Livy

Better late than never.

~Livy

Never is work without reward, or reward without work.

~Livy

Men are only clever at shifting blame from their own shoulders to those of others.

~Livy

Such is the nature of crowds: either they are humble and servile or arrogant and dominating. They are incapable of making moderate use of freedom, which is the middle course, or of keeping it.

~Livy

Nature has ordained that the man who is pleading his own cause before a large audience, will be more readily listened to than he who has no object in view other than the public benefit.

~Livy

Resistance to criminal rashness comes better late than never.

~Livy

In grave difficulties, and with little hope, the boldest measures are the safest.

~Livy

Friends should be judged by their acts, not their words.

~Livy

Under the influence of fear, which always leads men to take a pessimistic view of things, they magnified their enemies' resources, and minimized their own.

~Livy

No law can possibly meet the convenience of every one: we must be satisfied if it be beneficial on the whole and to the majority.

~Livy

I have often heard that the outstanding man is he who thinks deeply about a problem, and the next is he who listens carefully to advice.

~Livy

Men are seldom blessed with good fortune and good sense at the same time.

~Livy

The real power behind whatever success I have now was something I found within myself - something that's in all of us, I think, a little piece of God just waiting to be discovered.

~Livy

Treachery, though at first very cautious, in the end betrays itself.

~Livy

Persevere in virtue and diligence.

~Livy

There is an old saying which, from its truth, has become proverbial, that friendships should be immortal, enmities mortal.

~Livy

There is nothing that is more often clothed in an attractive garb than a false creed.

~Livy

The result showed that fortune helps the brave.

~Livy

Envy, like flames, soars upwards.

~Livy

In adversity assume the countenance of prosperity, and in prosperity moderate the temper and desires.

~Livy

The mind sins, not the body; if there is no intention, there is no blame.

~Livy

He is truly a man who will not permit himself to be unduly elated when fortune's breeze is favorable, or cast down when it is adverse.

~Livy

It is easier to criticize than to correct our past errors.

~Livy

An honor prudently declined often returns with increased luster.

~Livy

Nothing moves more quickly than scandal.

~Livy

Luck is of little moment to the great general, for it is under the control of his intellect and his judgment.

~Livy

All things will be clear and distinct to the man who does not hurry; haste is blind and improvident.

~Livy

Prosperity engenders sloth.

~Livy

Envy like fire always makes for the highest points.

~Livy

Greater is our terror of the unknown.

~Livy

We survive on adversity and perish in ease and comfort.

~Livy

In difficult and desperate cases, the boldest counsels are the safest.

~Livy

Luck rules every human endeavor, especially war.

~Livy

Necessity is the last and strongest weapon.

~Livy

When Tarquin the Proud was asked what was the best mode of governing a conquered city, he replied only by beating down with his staff all the tallest poppies in his garden.

~Livy

Wit is the flower of the imagination.

~Livy

Bad beginnings, bad endings.

~Livy

Avarice and luxury, those evils which have been the ruin of every great state.

~Livy

It is easy at any moment to resign the possession of a great fortune; to acquire it is difficult and arduous

~Livy

Valor is the soldier's adornment.

~Livy

Adversity reminds men of religion.

~Livy

Events of great consequence often spring from trifling circumstances.

~Livy

Envy is blind, and is only clever in depreciating the virtues of others.

~Livy

Those ills are easiest to bear with which we are most familiar.

~Livy

Woe to the conquered.

~Livy

We can endure neither our vices nor their cure.

~Livy

No crime can ever be defended on rational grounds.

~Livy

No law is sufficiently convenient to all.

~Livy

The most honorable, as well as the safest course, is to rely entirely upon valour.

~Livy

Many difficulties which nature throws in our way, may be smoothed away by the exercise of intelligence.

~Livy

Nothing hurts worse than the loss of money.

~Livy

The best known evil is the most tolerable.

~Livy

Haste is blind and improvident.

~Livy

There is nothing man will not attempt when great enterprises hold out the promise of great rewards.

~Livy

Men's minds are too ready to excuse guilt in themselves.

~Livy

It is when fortune is the most propitious that she is least to be trusted.

~Livy

The less there is of fear, the less there is of danger.

~Livy

No one wants to be excelled by his relatives.



~Livy

Toil and pleasure, dissimilar in nature, are nevertheless united by a certain natural bond.

~Livy

A gentleman is mindful no less of the freedom of others than of his own dignity.

~Livy

No man likes to be surpassed by those of his own level.

~Livy

No law is quite appropriate for all.

~Livy

The worst kind of shame is being ashamed of frugality or poverty.

~Livy

A certain peace is better and safer than a victory in prospect; the former is at your own disposal, the latter depends upon the gods.

~Livy

Favor and honor sometimes fall more fitly on those who do not desire them.

~Livy

From abundance springs satiety.

~Livy

The troubles which have come upon us always seem more serious than those which are only threatening.

~Livy

He will have true glory who despises it.

~Livy

Nothing is so uncertain or unpredictable as the feelings of a crowd.

~Livy

Dignity is a matter which concerns only mankind.

~Livy

The sun has not yet set for all time.

~Livy

Present sufferings seem far greater to men than those they merely dread.

~Livy

As soon as she (woman) begins to be ashamed of what she ought not, she will not be ashamed of what she ought.

~Livy

You know how to vanquish, Hannibal, but you do not know how to profit from victory.

~Livy

Envy is blind, and she has no other quality than that of detracting from virtue

~Livy

Law is a thing which is insensible, and inexorable, more beneficial and more profitous to the weak than to the strong; it admits of no mitigation nor pardon, once you have overstepped its limits.

~Livy

This above all makes history useful and desirable; it unfolds before our

eyes a glorious record of exemplary actions.

~Livy

Truth, they say, is but too often in difficulties, but is never finally suppressed.

~Livy

No wickedness proceeds on any grounds of reason.

~Livy

Better and safer is an assured peace than a victory hoped for. The one is in your own power, the other is in the hands of the gods.

~Livy

The study of History is the best medicine for a sick mind.

~Livy

There are laws for peace as well as war.

~Livy

We feel public misfortunes just so far as they affect our private circumstances, and nothing of this nature appeals more directly to us than the loss of money.

~Livy

Fame opportunely despised often comes back redoubled.

~Livy

War is just to those to whom war is necessary.

~Livy

Temerity is not always successful.

~Livy

That business does not prosper which you transact with the eyes of others.

~Livy

Good fortune and a good disposition are rarely given to the same man.

~Livy

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