

# Luc de Clapiers Quotes

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Success, Doe, Lying, Sometimes, Profound, Ideas, Generosity, Children, Life*

Lazy people are always anxious to be doing something.

~Luc de Clapiers

We are so presumptuous that we think we can separate our personal interest from that of humanity, and slander mankind without compromising ourselves.

~Luc de Clapiers

The shortness of life cannot dissuade us from its pleasures, nor console us for its pains.

~Luc de Clapiers

The young suffer less from their own errors than from the cautiousness of the old.

~Luc de Clapiers

You are not born for fame if you don't know the value of time.

~Luc de Clapiers

The things we know best are the things we haven't been taught.

~Luc de Clapiers

The art of pleasing is the art of deception.

~Luc de Clapiers

The most absurd and reckless aspirations have sometimes led to extraordinary success.

~Luc de Clapiers

Action makes more fortune than caution.

~Luc de Clapiers

Courage is adversity's lamp.

~Luc de Clapiers

Most people grow old within a small circle of ideas, which they have not discovered for themselves. There are perhaps less wrong-minded people than thoughtless.

~Luc de Clapiers

All grand thoughts come from the heart.

~Luc de Clapiers

The fruit derived from labor is the sweetest of pleasures.

~Luc de Clapiers

Emotions have taught mankind to reason.

~Luc de Clapiers

Patience is the art of hoping.

~Luc de Clapiers

If people did not compliment one another there would be little society.

~Luc de Clapiers

It is not in everyone's power to secure wealth, office, or honors; but everyone may be good, generous, and wise.

~Luc de Clapiers

Those who can bear all can dare all.

~Luc de Clapiers

One can not be just if one is not humane.

~Luc de Clapiers

The lazy are always wanting to do something.

~Luc de Clapiers

Peace renders nations happier and men weaker.

~Luc de Clapiers

Give help rather than advice.

~Luc de Clapiers

The law cannot equalize mankind in spite of nature.

~Luc de Clapiers

I do not approve the maxim which desires a man to know a little of everything. Superficial knowledge, knowledge without principles, is almost always useless and sometimes harmful knowledge.

~Luc de Clapiers

The greatest achievement of the human spirit is to live up to one's opportunities and make the most of one's resources.

~Luc de Clapiers

It is difficult to esteem a man as highly as he would wish.

~Luc de Clapiers

We should expect the best and the worst from mankind as from the weather.

~Luc de Clapiers

More are taken in by hope than by cunning.

~Luc de Clapiers

Consciousness of our powers augments them.

~Luc de Clapiers

The maxims of men reveal their characters.

~Luc de Clapiers

When a thought is too weak to be expressed simply, it should be

rejected.

~Luc de Clapiers

We discover in ourselves what others hide from us and we recognize in others what we hide from ourselves.

~Luc de Clapiers

The conscience of the dying belies their life.

~Luc de Clapiers

Indolence is the sleep of the mind.

~Luc de Clapiers

The usual pretext of those who make others unhappy is that they do it for their own good.

~Luc de Clapiers

Prosperity makes few friends.

~Luc de Clapiers

One promises much, to avoid giving little.

~Luc de Clapiers

Some of us would be greatly astonished to learn the reasons why others respect us.

~Luc de Clapiers

It is no great advantage to possess a quick wit, if it is not correct; the perfection is not speed but uniformity.

~Luc de Clapiers

Clearness ornaments profound thoughts.

~Luc de Clapiers

Every thought is new when an author expresses it in a manner peculiar to himself.

~Luc de Clapiers

Prosperity makes some friends and many enemies.

~Luc de Clapiers

Ignorance is not lack of intelligence, nor knowledge a proof of genius.

~Luc de Clapiers

Consciousness of our strength increases it.

~Luc de Clapiers

The maxim that men are not to be praised before their death was invented by envy and too lightly adopted by philosophers.

~Luc de Clapiers

You must rouse into people's consciousness their own prudence and strength, if you want to raise their character.

~Luc de Clapiers

All that is unfair, offends us if it's not beneficial for us

~Luc de Clapiers

He who knows how to suffer everything can dare everything.

~Luc de Clapiers

The mind is the soul's eye, not its source of power. That lies in the heart, in other words, in the passions.

~Luc de Clapiers

You must maintain strength of body in order to preserve strength of mind.

~Luc de Clapiers

We are dismayed when we find that even disaster cannot cure us of our faults.

~Luc de Clapiers

The mind of man is more intuitive than logical, and comprehends more than it can coordinate.

~Luc de Clapiers

Whoever has seen the masked at a ball dance amicably together, and take hold of hands without knowing each other, leaving the next moment to meet no more, can form an idea of the world.

~Luc de Clapiers

It is of no use to possess a lively wit if it is not of the right proportion: the perfection of a clock is not to go fast, but to be accurate.

~Luc de Clapiers

We often quarrel with the unfortunate to get rid of pitying them.

~Luc de Clapiers

Constancy is the chimera of love.

~Luc de Clapiers

Our actions are neither so good nor so evil as our impulses.

~Luc de Clapiers

Obscurity is the realm of error.

~Luc de Clapiers

The favorites of fortune or of fame topple from their pedestals before our eyes without diverting us from ambition.

~Luc de Clapiers

Clearness marks the sincerity of philosophers.

~Luc de Clapiers

We are not greatly pleased that our friends should respect our good qualities if they venture to perceive our faults.

~Luc de Clapiers

Hope deceives more men than cunning does.

~Luc de Clapiers

Men sometimes feel injured by praise because it assigns a limit to their merit; few people are modest enough not to take offense that one appreciates them.

~Luc de Clapiers

Necessity moderates more troubles than reason.

~Luc de Clapiers

Servitude degrades people to such a point that they come to like it.

~Luc de Clapiers

We are almost always guilty of the hate we encounter.

~Luc de Clapiers

If our friends do us a service, we think they owe it to us by their title of friend. We never think that they do not owe us their friendship.

~Luc de Clapiers

The idle always have a mind to do something.

~Luc de Clapiers

There are those who are so scrupulously afraid of doing wrong that they seldom venture to do anything.

~Luc de Clapiers



Hatred and dishonesty generally arises from fear of being deceived.

~Luc de Clapiers

Clarity is the counterbalance of profound thoughts.

~Luc de Clapiers

Some are born to invent, others to embellish; but the gilder attracts more attention than the architect.

~Luc de Clapiers

Few men have depth enough to hear or tell the truth.

~Luc de Clapiers

Commerce is the school of cheating.

~Luc de Clapiers

Fools do not understand men of intelligence.

~Luc de Clapiers

Generosity gives assistance, rather than advice.

~Luc de Clapiers

Everyone is born sincere and dies deceivers.

~Luc de Clapiers

Habit is everything, even in love.

~Luc de Clapiers

Great men undertake great things because they are great; fools, because they think them easy.

~Luc de Clapiers

Few maxims are true in every respect.

~Luc de Clapiers

Excessive distrust is not less hurtful than its opposite. Most men become useless to him who is unwilling to risk being deceived.

~Luc de Clapiers

All men are born truthful and die liars.

~Luc de Clapiers

A new principle is an inexhaustible source of new views.

~Luc de Clapiers

He who seeks fame by the practice of virtue asks only for what he deserves.

~Luc de Clapiers

It is good to be firm by temperament and pliant by reflection.

~Luc de Clapiers

The common excuse for those bringing misfortune on others is that they desire their good.

~Luc de Clapiers

If virtue were its own reward, it would no longer be a human quality, but supernatural.

~Luc de Clapiers

Simple truths are a relief from grand speculations.

~Luc de Clapiers

To possess taste, one must have some soul.

~Luc de Clapiers

Sometimes a lengthened period of prosperity melts away in a moment; just as the heat of summer flies before a day of tempest.

~Luc de Clapiers

When an idea is not robust enough to stand expression in simple terms, it is a sign that it should be rejected.

~Luc de Clapiers

Mediocre men sometimes fear great office, and when they do not aim at it, or when they refuse it, all that is to be concluded is that they are aware of their mediocrity.

~Luc de Clapiers

There is nothing that fear and hope does not permit men to do.

~Luc de Clapiers

To achieve great things we must live as though we were never going to die.

~Luc de Clapiers

Man never rises to great truths without enthusiasm.

~Luc de Clapiers

The mind reaches great heights only by spurts.

~Luc de Clapiers

As a house implies a builder, and a garment a weaver, and a door a carpenter, so does the existence of the Universe imply a Creator.

~Luc de Clapiers

Those who fear men like laws.

~Luc de Clapiers

Necessity embitters the evils which it cannot cure.

~Luc de Clapiers

Despair exaggerates not only our misery but also our weakness.

~Luc de Clapiers

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