

# Major Taylor Quotes

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I would advise all youths aspiring to athletic fame or a professional career to practice clean living, fair play and good sportsmanship.

~Major Taylor

I have also noticed that when a rider who had confidence in his ability was defeated, after doing his level best to win, always received an ovation from the gathering.

~Major Taylor

I pray they will carry on in spite of that dreadful monster prejudice, and with patience, courage, fortitude and perseverance achieve success for themselves.

~Major Taylor

Each great athlete must some day bow to that perennial old champion, Father Time, even as I, for Time eventually wins.

~Major Taylor

Modesty should be typical of the success of a champion.

~Major Taylor

Life is too short for any man to hold bitterness in his heart.

~Major Taylor

The moral turpitude of the boys of today appears to center in their failure to concentrate on any particular objective long enough to obtain their maximum results.

~Major Taylor

To these ideals which were instilled in me when I was a youth, I attribute in a large degree the success that was mine on the bicycle tracks of the world.

~Major Taylor

Clean living is the cardinal principle in the lives of the world's greatest athletes, as the phenomenal performances of these outstanding characters will obviously show.

~Major Taylor

Realizing full well that fine condition and confidence will not in themselves make a champion, it is my belief, however, that they are essential factors.

~Major Taylor

I can hardly express in words my deep feeling and sympathy for them, knowing as I do, the many serious handicaps and obstacles that will confront them in almost every walk of life.

~Major Taylor

I do not believe there is any royal road to success as an athlete any more than there is to others in everyday life.

~Major Taylor

There will always be that dreadful monster prejudice to do extra battle against because of their color.

~Major Taylor

An athlete must have ability to reach the top, but many who have ability and who do not live clean lives never have and never will be champions for obvious reasons.

~Major Taylor

I would like to cite an instance which proves the efficacy of clean living on the part of an athlete coupled with the inspiration received from a champion which go a long way to making a champion.

~Major Taylor

There are positively no mental, physical or moral attainments too lofty

for the Negro to accomplish if granted a fair and equal opportunity.

~Major Taylor

It is my thought that clean living and a strict observance of the golden rule of true sportsmanship are foundation stones without which a championship structure cannot be built.

~Major Taylor

In a word I was a pioneer, and therefore had to blaze my own trail.

~Major Taylor

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