

Nelson Mandela Quotes

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Fools multiply when wise men are silent.

~Nelson Mandela

There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return.

~Nelson Mandela

If you want the cooperation of humans around you, you must make them feel they are important - and you do that by being genuine and humble.

~Nelson Mandela

Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.

~Nelson Mandela

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

~Nelson Mandela

Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do.

~Nelson Mandela

Live life as though nobody is watching, and express yourself as though everyone is listening.

~Nelson Mandela

If the ANC does to you what the apartheid government did to you, then you must do to the ANC what you did to the apartheid government.

~Nelson Mandela

Forgiveness liberates the soul. It removes fear. That is why it is such a powerful weapon.

~Nelson Mandela

When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw.

~Nelson Mandela

It is so easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build.

~Nelson Mandela

Lead from the back " and let others believe they are in front.

~Nelson Mandela

A winner is a dreamer who never gives up

~Nelson Mandela

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

~Nelson Mandela

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.

~Nelson Mandela

There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.

~Nelson Mandela

For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.

~Nelson Mandela

It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it.

~Nelson Mandela

If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

~Nelson Mandela

Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings.

~Nelson Mandela

A real leader uses every issue, no matter how serious and sensitive, to ensure that at the end of the debate we should emerge stronger and more united than ever before.

~Nelson Mandela

Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead.

~Nelson Mandela

As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest.

~Nelson Mandela

It is always impossible until it is done.

~Nelson Mandela

One of the most difficult things is not to change society - but to change yourself.

~Nelson Mandela

One cannot be prepared for something while secretly believing it will not happen.

~Nelson Mandela

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.

~Nelson Mandela

It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another.

~Nelson Mandela

My dream would be a multicultural society, one that is diverse and where every man, woman and child are treated equally. I dream of a world where all people of all races work together in harmony.

~Nelson Mandela

The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children.

~Nelson Mandela

A leader. . .is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind.

~Nelson Mandela

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

~Nelson Mandela

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.

~Nelson Mandela

As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison.

~Nelson Mandela

I say to all those leaders, do not look the other way. Do not hesitate... It is within your power to avoid a genocide of humanity.

~Nelson Mandela

You can start changing our world for the better daily, no matter how small the action.

~Nelson Mandela

After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb.

~Nelson Mandela

Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward.

~Nelson Mandela

The brave man is not the one who has no fears, he is the one who triumphs over his fears.

~Nelson Mandela

If the United States of America or Britain is having elections, they don't ask for observers from Africa or from Asia. But when we have elections, they want observers.

~Nelson Mandela

Never, never and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another.

~Nelson Mandela

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life . . .

~Nelson Mandela

We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.

~Nelson Mandela

Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.

~Nelson Mandela

There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered.

~Nelson Mandela

There is no easy walk to freedom anywhere.

~Nelson Mandela

We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians.

~Nelson Mandela

I have never cared very much for personal prizes. A person does not become a freedom fighter in the hope of winning awards.

~Nelson Mandela

Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all.

~Nelson Mandela

Tread softly, Brathe peacefully, Laugh hysterically.

~Nelson Mandela

No one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens but its lowest ones.

~Nelson Mandela

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion.

~Nelson Mandela

Give a child love, laughter and peace, not AIDS.

~Nelson Mandela

If you look at those matters, you will come to the conclusion that the attitude of the United States of America is a threat to world peace.

~Nelson Mandela

I was not born with a hunger to be free, I was born free.

~Nelson Mandela

Political division, based on color, is entirely artificial; and when it disappears, so will the domination of one color group by another.

~Nelson Mandela

It is not the kings and generals that make history, but the masses of the people.

~Nelson Mandela

There is no easy walk to freedom anywhere, and many of us will have to pass through the valley of the shadow of death again and again before we reach the mountaintop of our desires.

~Nelson Mandela

I like friends who have independent minds because they tend to make you see problems from all angles.

~Nelson Mandela

If there is a country that has committed unspeakable atrocities in the world, it is the United States of America.

~Nelson Mandela

We slaughter one another in our words and attitudes. We slaughter one another in the stereotypes and mistrust that linger in our heads, and the words of hate we spew from our lips.

~Nelson Mandela

It never hurts to think too highly of a person; often they become ennobled and act better because of it.

~Nelson Mandela

It only seems impossible until it's done.

~Nelson Mandela

No power on this earth can destroy the thirst for human dignity

~Nelson Mandela

Our human compassion binds us the one to the other - not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future.

~Nelson Mandela

Great peacemakers are all people of integrity, of honesty, but humility.

~Nelson Mandela

Courage is not the absence of fear – it is inspiring others to move beyond it.

~Nelson Mandela

Honour belongs to those who never forsake the truth even when things seem dark and grim, who try over and over again, who are never discouraged by insults, humiliation and even defeat.

~Nelson Mandela

In the end, reconciliation is a spiritual process, which requires more than just a legal framework. It has to happen in the hearts and minds of people.

~Nelson Mandela

I want to sleep for eternity with a broad smile on my face. I want those who remain behind to say this man has done his duty.

~Nelson Mandela

There is nothing more dangerous than a humiliated man.

~Nelson Mandela

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

~Nelson Mandela

An educated, enlightened & informed population is one of the surest ways of promoting the health of a democracy

~Nelson Mandela

No country can really develop unless its citizens are educated.

~Nelson Mandela

True reconciliation does not consist in merely forgetting the past.

~Nelson Mandela

Exercise is the key not only to physical health but to peace of mind.

~Nelson Mandela

Freedom is meaningless if people cannot put food in their stomachs, if they can have no shelter, if illiteracy and disease continue to dog them.

~Nelson Mandela

Rhetoric is not important. Actions are.

~Nelson Mandela

Artists reach areas far beyond the reach of politicians. Art, especially entertainment and music, is understood by everybody, and it lifts the spirits and the morale of those who hear it.

~Nelson Mandela

The most difficult matter is not so much to change the world as yourself.

~Nelson Mandela

Blaming things on the past does not make them better.

~Nelson Mandela

There is no future without forgiveness

~Nelson Mandela

If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner.

~Nelson Mandela

I cannot conceive of Israel withdrawing if Arab states do not recognize Israel, within secure borders.

~Nelson Mandela

Even behind prison walls I can see the heavy clouds and the blue sky over the horizon

~Nelson Mandela

I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities.

~Nelson Mandela

Our task is not to liberate the oppressed, but to liberate the oppressors

~Nelson Mandela

To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.

~Nelson Mandela

Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished

~Nelson Mandela

Love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

~Nelson Mandela

A movement without vision would be a movement without moral foundation.

~Nelson Mandela

Information is a basic human right and the fundamental foundation for the formation of democratic institutions.

~Nelson Mandela

It is not beyond our power to create a world in which all children have access to a good education.

~Nelson Mandela

It is not where you start but how high you aim that matters for success.

~Nelson Mandela

The Good News borne by our risen Messiah who chose not one race, who chose not one country, who chose not one language, who chose not one tribe, who chose all of humankind!

~Nelson Mandela

There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.

~Nelson Mandela

Resentment is like a glass of poison that a man drinks; then he sits down and waits for his enemy to die.

~Nelson Mandela

It enables me to go to bed with an enriching feeling in my soul and the belief that I am changing myself.

~Nelson Mandela

It is in the character of growth that we should learn from both pleasant and unpleasant experiences.

~Nelson Mandela

Only through hardship, sacrifice and militant action can freedom be won. The struggle is my life. I will continue fighting for freedom until the end of my days.

~Nelson Mandela

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