

Owen Feltham Quotes

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Every man should study conciseness in speaking; it is a sign of ignorance not to know that long speeches, though they may please the speaker, are the torture of the hearer.

~Owen Feltham

He who would be singular in his apparel had need have something superlative to balance that affectation.

~Owen Feltham

Meditation is the soul's perspective glass.

~Owen Feltham

Negligence is the rust of the soul that corrodes through all her best resolves.

~Owen Feltham

The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of ordinary qualities. These may for the most part be summed up in these two - common sense and perseverance.

~Owen Feltham

Promises may get friends, but it is performance that must nurse and keep them.

~Owen Feltham

It is much safer to reconcile an enemy than to conquer him; victory may deprive him of his poison, but reconciliation of his will.

~Owen Feltham

To trust God when we have securities in our iron chest is easy, but not thankworthy; but to depend on him for what we cannot see, as it is more hard for man to do, so it is more acceptable to God.

~Owen Feltham

There is no belittling worse than to over praise a man.

~Owen Feltham

By gaming we lose both our time and treasure - two things most precious to the life of man.

~Owen Feltham

Where there is plenty, charity is a duty, not a courtesy

~Owen Feltham

Virtue is the truest liberty.

~Owen Feltham

Truth and fidelity are the pillars of the temple of the world; when these are broken, the fabric falls, and crushes all to pieces.

~Owen Feltham

Praise has different effects, according to the mind it meets with; it makes a wise man modest, but a fool more arrogant, turning his weak brain giddy.

~Owen Feltham

Works without faith are like a fish without water, it wants the element it should live in. A building without a basis cannot stand; faith is the foundation, and every good action is as a stone laid.

~Owen Feltham

I love the man that is modestly valiant; that stirs not till he most needs, and then to purpose. A continued patience I commend not.

~Owen Feltham

There is no detraction worse than to overpraise a man, for if his worth proves short of what report doth speak of him, his own actions are ever giving the lie to his honor.

~Owen Feltham

Virtue were a kind of misery if fame were all the garland that crowned her.

~Owen Feltham

It is to be doubted whether he will ever find the way to heaven who desires to go thither alone.

~Owen Feltham

Riches, though they may reward virtues, yet they cannot cause them; he is much more noble who deserves a benefit than he who bestows one.

~Owen Feltham

Meditation is the soul's perspective glass, whereby, in her long remove, she discerneth God, as if He were nearer at hand.

~Owen Feltham

Honesty is a warrant of far more safety than fame.

~Owen Feltham

Perfection is immutable. But for things imperfect, change is the way to perfect them.

~Owen Feltham

Take heed of a speedy professing friend; love is never lasting which flames before it burns.

~Owen Feltham

Gold is the fool's curtain, which hides all his defects from the world.

~Owen Feltham

Contemplation is necessary to generate an object, but action must

propagate it.

~Owen Feltham

A sentence well couched takes both the sense and understanding. I love not those cart-rope speeches that are longer than the memory of man can fathom.

~Owen Feltham

He that despairs degrades the Deity, and seems to intimate that He is insufficient, or not just to His word; and in vain hath read the scriptures, the world, and man.

~Owen Feltham

If ever I should affect injustice, it would be in this, that I might do courtesies and receive none.

~Owen Feltham

The boundary of man is moderation. When once we pass that pale our guardian angel quits his charge of us.

~Owen Feltham

We pick our own sorrows out of the joys of other men, and from their sorrows likewise we derive our joys.

~Owen Feltham

The greatest results in life are usually attained by common sense and perseverance.

~Owen Feltham

It is rare to see a rich man religious; for religion preaches restraint, and riches prompt to unlicensed freedom.

~Owen Feltham

Pleasures can undo a man at any time, if yielded to.

~Owen Feltham

Virtue dwells at the head of a river, to which we cannot get but by rowing against the stream.

~Owen Feltham

When two friends part they should lock up one another's secrets, and interchange their keys.

~Owen Feltham

Zeal without humanity is like a ship without a rudder, liable to be stranded at any moment

~Owen Feltham

Show me the man who would go to heaven alone if he could, and in that man I will show you one who will never be admitted into heaven.

~Owen Feltham

Men are like wine,--not good before the lees of clownishness be settled.

~Owen Feltham

Discontent is like ink poured into water, which fills the whole fountain full of blackness.

~Owen Feltham

That man is but of the lower part of the world that is not brought up to business and affairs.

~Owen Feltham

There is no one subsists by himself alone.

~Owen Feltham

A combed writing will cost both sweat and the rubbing of the brain. And

combed I wish it, not frizzled or curled.

~Owen Feltham

The irresolute man flecks from one egg to another, so hatches nothing.

~Owen Feltham

Shall I speak truly what I now see below? The World is all a carkass,
smoak and vanity, The shadow of a shadow, a play And in one word,
just Nothing.

~Owen Feltham

He that always waits upon God is ready whenever He calls. Neglect not
to set your accounts even; he is a happy man who to lives as that death
at all times may find him at leisure to die.

~Owen Feltham

He that, when he should not, spends too much, shall, when he would
not, have too little to spend.

~Owen Feltham

Knowledge is the treasure of the mind, but discretion is the key to it,
without which it is useless. The practical part of wisdom is the best.

~Owen Feltham

All men will be Peters in their bragging tongue, and most men will be
Peters in their base denial; but few men will be Peters in their quick
repentance.

~Owen Feltham

It is a most unhappy state to be at a distance with God: man needs no
greater infelicity than to be left to himself.

~Owen Feltham

God has made no one absolute.

~Owen Feltham

Reason and right give the quickest despatch.

~Owen Feltham

To be gentle is the test of a lady.

~Owen Feltham

Time is like a ship which never anchors; while I am on board, I had better do those things that may profit me at my landing, than practice such as shall cause my commitment when I come ashore.

~Owen Feltham

In business, three things are necessary: knowledge, temper, and time.

~Owen Feltham

How many would die did not hope sustain them.

~Owen Feltham

Vice is a peripatetic, always in progression.

~Owen Feltham

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