

# Pericles Quotes

*Men, Mind, Time, Glory, Country, Poverty, Real, Inspirational, Able, Beautiful,  
Needs, Heart, Reality, Life, Memories, Ideas, Mean, Cities, Struggle, Freedom*

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.

~Pericles

Freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it.

~Pericles

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

~Pericles

Those who can think, but cannot express what they think, place themselves at the level of those who cannot think.

~Pericles

I am more afraid of our own mistakes than of our enemies' designs.

~Pericles

We do not say that a man who takes no interest in public affairs is a man who minds his own business. We say he has no business being here at all.

~Pericles

As for poverty, no one need be ashamed to admit it, the real shame is in not taking practical measures to escape from it.

~Pericles

Those who can truly be accounted brave are those who best know the meaning of what is sweet in life and what is terrible, and then go out, undeterred, to meet what is to come.

~Pericles

Better die standing than live kneeling.

~Pericles

Time is the wisest counselor of all.

~Pericles

Having knowledge but lacking the power to express it clearly is no better than never having any ideas at all.

~Pericles

Wait for the wisest of all counselors, Time.

~Pericles

Future ages will wonder at us, as the present age wonders at us now.

~Pericles

Instead of looking on discussion as a stumbling block in the way of action, we think it an indispensable preliminary to any wise action at all.

~Pericles

Just because you are not interested in politics, does not mean that politics is not interested in you.

~Pericles

Trees, though they are cut and loped, grow up again quickly, but if men are destroyed, it is not easy to get them again

~Pericles

Our love of what is beautiful does not lead to extravagance; our love of the things of the mind does not make us soft.

~Pericles

If Athens shall appear great to you, consider then that her glories were purchased by valiant men, and by men who learned their duty.

~Pericles

We do not imitate, but are a model to others.

~Pericles

The whole earth is the tomb of heroic men and their story is not given only on stone over their clay but abides everywhere without visible symbol woven into the stuff of other mens lives.

~Pericles

Who makes the fairest show means most deceit.

~Pericles

The marketplace is democratic.

~Pericles

We do not need the praises of a Homer, or of anyone else whose words may delight us for the moment, but the estimation of facts will fall short of what is really true.

~Pericles

It is difficult to argue with the belly, for it has no ears.

~Pericles

We Athenians hold that it is not poverty that is disgraceful but the failure to struggle against it.

~Pericles

Famous men have the whole earth as their memorial.

~Pericles

For a man's counsel cannot have equal weight or worth, when he alone has no children to risk in the general danger.

~Pericles

Time as he grows old teaches many lessons. - Aeschylus Time is the wisest counselor of all.

~Pericles

Not to be able to bear poverty is a shameful thing, but not to know how to chase it away by work is a more shameful thing yet.

~Pericles

Although only a few may originate a policy, we are all able to judge it.

~Pericles

For grief is felt not so much for the want of what we have never known, as for the loss of that to which we have been long accustomed.

~Pericles

To face calamity with a mind as unclouded as may be, and quickly to react against it-that in a city and in an individual-is real strength.

~Pericles

A woman's greatest glory is to be little talked about by men, whether for good or ill.

~Pericles

Your great glory is not to be inferior to what you have been given by nature, and the greatest glory of a woman is to be least talked about by men, whether they are praising or criticizing you.

~Pericles

She is best who is least spoken of among men, whether for good or evil.

~Pericles

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