

# Philip Massinger

## Quotes

*Men, Gold, Wise, Fall, Soul, Blessing, Suicide, Vices, Honor, Giving, Innocence,  
Doubt, Ambition, Pleasure, Greatness, Slavery, Kind, Sorrow, Looks, Weak*

To doubt is worse than to have lost; And to despair is but to antedate those miseries that must fall on us.

~Philip Massinger

A willing mind makes a hard journey easy.

~Philip Massinger

Malice scorned, puts out itself; but argued, give a kind of credit to a false accusation.

~Philip Massinger

True dignity is never gained by place, and never lost when honors are withdrawn.

~Philip Massinger

Be wise; soar not too high to fall; but stoop to rise.

~Philip Massinger

It is true fortitude to stand firm against All shocks of fate, when cowards faint and die In fear to suffer more calamity.

~Philip Massinger

Giants in Their promises, but those obtained, weak pigmies In their performance.

~Philip Massinger

How sweetly sounds the voice of a good woman! It is so seldom heard that, when it speaks, it ravishes all senses.

~Philip Massinger

He is not valiant that dares lie; but he that boldly bears calamity.

~Philip Massinger

Thou art figured blind, and yet we borrow our best sight from thee.

~Philip Massinger

We have not an hour of life in which our pleasures relish not some pain,  
our sours, some sweetness.

~Philip Massinger

The soul is strong that trusts in goodness.

~Philip Massinger

Petitions, not sweetened with gold, are but unsavory and oft refused;  
or, if received, are pocketed, not read.

~Philip Massinger

He that would govern others, first should be the master of himself.

~Philip Massinger

If you like not hanging, drown yourself; Take some course for your  
reputation.

~Philip Massinger

Patience, the beggar's virtue, shall find no harbor here.

~Philip Massinger

Conscience and wealth are not always neighbors.

~Philip Massinger

For any man to match above his rank is but to sell his liberty.

~Philip Massinger

Virtue, thou in rags, may challenge more than vice set off with all the  
trim of greatness.

~Philip Massinger

What can innocence hope for, When such as sit her judges are

corrupted!

~Philip Massinger

Cheerful looks make every dish a feast, and it is that which crowns a welcome.

~Philip Massinger

But married once, a man is stak'd or pown'd, and cannot graze beyond his own hedge.

~Philip Massinger

One grain of incense with devotion offer'd 'S beyond all perfumes of Sabaeen spices.

~Philip Massinger

I had not to this time subsisted, but that I was supported by your frequent courtesies and favours.

~Philip Massinger

I have play'd the fool, the gross fool, to believe The bosom of a friend will hold a secret Mine own could not contain.

~Philip Massinger

Like a rough orator, that brings more truth Than rhetoric, to make good his accusation.

~Philip Massinger

Nor custom, nor example, nor cast numbers Of such as do offend, make less the sin.

~Philip Massinger

You may boldly say, you did not plough Or trust the barren and ungrateful sands With the fruitful grain of your religious counsels.

~Philip Massinger

Death hath a thousand doors to let out life.

~Philip Massinger

This is the Jew that Shakespeare drew.

~Philip Massinger

Tis the only discipline we are born for; all studies else are but as circular lines, and death the center where they all must meet.

~Philip Massinger

And, to all married men, be this a caution, Which they should duly tender as their life, Neither to doat too much, nor doubt a wife.

~Philip Massinger

Such as ne'er saw swans May think crows beautiful.

~Philip Massinger

Ill news are swallow-winged, but what is good walks on crutches.

~Philip Massinger

A diamond, though set in horns, is still a diamond, and sparkles in purest gold.

~Philip Massinger

Factions among yourselves; preferring such To offices and honors, as ne'er read The elements of saving policy; But deeply skilled in all the principles That usher to destruction.

~Philip Massinger

What a sea Of melting ice I walk on!

~Philip Massinger

Honour is Virtue's allowed ascent: honour that clasps All perfect justice in her arms; that craves No more respect than that she gives; that does

Nothing but what she'll suffer.

~Philip Massinger

The over curious are not over wise.

~Philip Massinger

He that knows no guilt can know no fear.

~Philip Massinger

I in my own house am an emperor, And will defend what's mine.

~Philip Massinger

O summer friendship, whose flat-tering leaves shadowed us in our prosperity, With the least gust, drop off in the autumn of adversity.

~Philip Massinger

Nay, droop not, fellows; innocence should be bold.

~Philip Massinger

The good needs fear no law, It is his safety and the bad man's awe.

~Philip Massinger

They are only safe That know to soothe the prince's appetite, And serve his lusts.

~Philip Massinger

Black detraction will find faults where they are not.

~Philip Massinger

Pleasures of worse natures Are gladly entertained, and they that shun us Practice in private sports the stews would blush at.

~Philip Massinger

Greatness, with private men Esteem'd a blessing, is to me a curse; And

we, whom, for our high births, they conclude  
The happy freemen, are the only slaves.  
Happy the golden mean!

~Philip Massinger

Quiet night, that brings Best to the labourer, is the outlaw's day,  
In which he rises early to do wrong,  
And when his work is ended dares not sleep.

~Philip Massinger

Oh that thou hadst like others been all words,  
And no performance.

~Philip Massinger

Without good company all dainties  
Lose their true relish, and like painted grapes,  
Are only seen, not tasted.

~Philip Massinger

Detraction's a bold monster, and fears not  
To wound the fame of princes, if it find  
But any blemish in their lives to work on.

~Philip Massinger

He that doth public good for multitudes,  
finds few are truly grateful

~Philip Massinger

From the king To the beggar, by gradation, all are servants;  
And you must grant, the slavery is less  
To study to please one, than many.

~Philip Massinger

Revenge, that thirsty dropsy of our souls,  
makes us covet that which hurts us most.

~Philip Massinger

Ambition, in a private man is a vice,  
is in a prince the virtue.

~Philip Massinger

My dancing days are past.

~Philip Massinger

What pity 'tis, one that can speak so well, Should in his actions be so ill!

~Philip Massinger

Gold--the picklock that never fails.

~Philip Massinger

Virgin me no virgins! I must have you lose that name, or you lose me.

~Philip Massinger

Though the desire of fame be the last weakness Wise men put off.

~Philip Massinger

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