

Pierre Charron Quotes

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The advice of friends must be received with a judicious reserve; we must not give ourselves up to it and follow it blindly, whether right or wrong.

~Pierre Charron

It is certainly much easier wholly to decline a passion than to keep it within just bounds and measures; and that which few can moderate almost anybody may prevent.

~Pierre Charron

Pleasure and pain, though directly opposite are contrived to be constant companions.

~Pierre Charron

He who receives a benefit should never forget it; he who bestows should never remember it.

~Pierre Charron

Wise men mingle mirth with their cares, as a help either to forget or overcome them; but to resort to intoxication for the ease of one's mind is to cure melancholy by madness.

~Pierre Charron

Riches should be admitted into our houses, but not into our hearts; we may take them into our possession, but not into our affections.

~Pierre Charron

All religions are pieced together out of elements which seem so at odds with reason that any intelligence laughs at them.

~Pierre Charron

To owe an obligation to a worthy friend is a happiness, and can be no disparagement.

~Pierre Charron

Wounds and hardships provoke our courage, and when our fortunes are at the lowest, our wits and minds are commonly at the best.

~Pierre Charron

God, Nature, the wise, the world, preach man, exhort him both by word and deed to the study of himself.

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Gratitude is a duty none can be excused from, because it is always at our own disposal.

~Pierre Charron

Great towns are but a large sort of prison to the soul; like cages to birds, or pounds to beasts.

~Pierre Charron

The true science and study of mankind is man.

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The proper Science and Subject for Man's Contemplation is Man himself. [Fr., La vraie science et le vrai etude de l'homme c'est l'homme.]

~Pierre Charron

[Envy not for...] Whatever difference there may appear to be in men's fortunes, there is still a certain compensation of good and ill in all, that makes them equal.

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