

# Plautus Quotes

*Men, Courage, Friendship, Knows, Wisdom, Evil, Lost, Life, Wise, Ifs, Doe,  
Women, Wells, Guilt, Fortune, Littles, Way, Trouble, Shame, Looks*

As long as she is wise and good, a girl has sufficient dowry.

~Plautus

Nothing but heaven itself is better than a friend who is really a friend.

~Plautus

I have taken a wife, I have sold my sovereignty for a dowry. [Lat., Uxorem accepi, dote imperium vendidi.]

~Plautus

You love a nothing when you love an ingrate.

~Plautus

Where there are friends there is wealth.

~Plautus

Spice a dish with love and it pleases every palate.

~Plautus

Good merchandise, even hidden, soon finds buyers.

~Plautus

Good courage in a bad affair is half of the evil overcome.

~Plautus

Things we do not expect, happen more frequently than we wish.

~Plautus

There's no such thing, you know, as picking out the best woman: it's only a question of comparative badness, brother.

~Plautus

Patience is the best remedy for every trouble.

~Plautus

Practice yourself what you preach.

~Plautus

Courage in danger is half the battle.

~Plautus

The day, water, sun, moon, night - I do not have to purchase these things with money.

~Plautus

Nothing is more wretched than the mind of a man conscious of guilt.

~Plautus

If you speak insults you will hear them also.

~Plautus

Courage is what preserves our liberty, safety, life, and our homes and parents, our country and children. Courage comprises all things.

~Plautus

No man is wise enough by himself.

~Plautus

I much prefer a compliment, even if insincere, to sincere criticism.

~Plautus

No guest is so welcome in a friend's house that he will not become a nuisance after three days.

~Plautus

Let us celebrate the occasion with wine and sweet words.

~Plautus

Property is unstable, and youth perishes in a moment. Life itself is held

in the grinning fangs of Death, Yet men delay to obtain release from the world. Alas, the conduct of mankind is surprising.

~Plautus

Conquered, we conquer.

~Plautus

That man is worthless who knows how to receive a favor, but not how to return one.

~Plautus

He is a friend indeed who proves himself a friend in need.

~Plautus

You will stir up the hornets. [Lat., Irritabis crabones.]

~Plautus

A contented mind is the best source for trouble.

~Plautus

Flying without feathers is not easy: my wings have no feathers.

~Plautus

Not by age but by capacity is wisdom acquired.

~Plautus

'He means well' is useless unless he does well.

~Plautus

Nothing is there more friendly to a man than a friend in need.

~Plautus

The Bell never rings of itself; unless some one handles or moves it it is dumb.

~Plautus

It is customary these days to ignore what should be done in favour of what pleases us.

~Plautus

I regard that man as lost, who has lost his sense of shame.

~Plautus

I had much rather be adorned by beauty of character than by jewels. Jewels are the gift of fortune, character comes from within.

~Plautus

The greatest talents often lie buried out of sight.

~Plautus

The mind is hopeful; success is in God's hands. [Lat., Sperat quidem animus: quo eveniat, diis in manu est.]

~Plautus

If you are content, you have enough to live comfortably.

~Plautus

It is wisdom to think upon anything before we execute it.

~Plautus

Every man, however wise, needs the advice of some sagacious friend in the affairs of life.

~Plautus

The poor man who enters into a partnership with one who is rich makes a risky venture.

~Plautus

Men understand the worth of blessings only when they have lost them.

~Plautus

Drink, live like the Greeks, eat, gorge.

~Plautus

In everything the middle course is best: all things in excess bring trouble to men. [Lat., Modus omnibus in rebus, soror, optimum est habitu; Nimia omnia nimium exhibent negotium hominibus ex se.]

~Plautus

And one eye-witness weighs More than ten hear-fays. Seeing is believing, All the world o'er.

~Plautus

If you have overcome your inclination and not been overcome by it, you have reason to rejoice.

~Plautus

He whom the gods love dies young, while he is in health, has his senses and his judgments sound.

~Plautus

Let deeds match words.

~Plautus

Fortitude is a great help in distress.

~Plautus

There are occasions when it is undoubtedly better to incur loss than to make gain.

~Plautus

Unexpected results are the rule rather than the exception.

~Plautus

Do you never look at yourself when you abuse another person?

~Plautus

If you do anything well, gratitude is lighter than a feather; if you give offense in anything, people's wrath is as heavy as lead.

~Plautus

In everything the middle road is best.

~Plautus

He gains wisdom in a happy way, who gains it by another's experience.  
[Lat., Feliciter sapit qui alieno periculo sapit.]

~Plautus

It is easier to begin well than to finish well.

~Plautus

Fortune moulds and circumscribes human affairs as she pleases. [Lat., Fortuna humana fingit artatque ut lubet.]

~Plautus

Flame is very near to smoke.

~Plautus

I count him lost, who is lost to shame.

~Plautus

There are games in which it is better to lose than win.

~Plautus

It is the nature of the unfortunate to be spiteful, and to envy those who are well to do.

~Plautus

No man will be respected by others who is despised by his own relatives.

~Plautus

The stronger always succeeds.

~Plautus

To an honest man, it is an honor to have remembered his duty.

~Plautus

Nothing is more annoying than a tardy friend. [Lat., Tardo amico nihil est quidquam iniquius.]

~Plautus

No blessing lasts forever.

~Plautus

All men love themselves.

~Plautus

Courage easily finds its own eloquence.

~Plautus

He who dies for virtue does not perish.

~Plautus

A woman without paint is like food without salt.

~Plautus

A mouse does not rely on just one hole.

~Plautus



To love is human, it is also human to forgive.

~Plautus

This is the great fault of wine; it first trips up the feet: it is a cunning wrestler.

~Plautus

A good disposition I far prefer to gold; for gold is the gift of fortune; goodness of disposition is the gift of nature. I prefer much rather to be called good than fortunate.

~Plautus

How often the highest talent lurks in obscurity.

~Plautus

He who seeks for gain, must be at some expense.

~Plautus

The man who masters his own soul will forever be called conqueror of conquerors.

~Plautus

For enemies carry about slander not in the form in which it took its rise .  
The scandal of men is everlasting; even then does it survive when you would suppose it to be dead.

~Plautus

For nobody is curious, who isn't malevolent.

~Plautus

We can more easily endure that which shames than that which vexes us.

~Plautus

Consider the little mouse, how sagacious an animal it is which never entrusts its life to one hole only.

~Plautus

A woman finds it much easier to do ill than well. [Lat., Mulieri nimio male facere melius est onus, quam bene.]

~Plautus

Arrogance is the outgrowth of prosperity.

~Plautus

Your wealth is where your friends are

~Plautus

Your tittle-tattlers, and those who listen to slander, by my good will should all be hanged - the former by their tongues, the latter by the ears.

~Plautus

To a well deserving person God will show favor. To an ill deserving person He will simply be just.

~Plautus

It is a bitter disappointment when you have sown benefits, to reap injuries.

~Plautus

In everything the middle course is the best; everything in excess brings trouble.

~Plautus

The man who would be fully employed should procure a ship or a woman, for no two things produce more trouble.

~Plautus

It is wretched business to be digging a well just as thirst is mastering you.

~Plautus

He whom the Gods love dies young.

~Plautus

Bad conduct soils the finest ornament more than filth.

~Plautus

Confidence begets confidence. Courage, an independent spark from heaven's bright throne, By which the soul stands raised, triumphant, high, alone. Courage in danger is half the battle.

~Plautus

He whom the gods love dies young, whilst he is full of health, perception, and judgment. [Lat., Quem dii diligunt, Adolescens moritur, dum valet, sentit, sapit.]

~Plautus

To blow and to swallow at the same time is not easy; I cannot at the same time be here and also there. [Lat., Simul flare sorbereque haud facile Est: ego hic esse et illic simul, haud potui.]

~Plautus

Even the whole of life is not sufficient for thorough learning.

~Plautus

It is difficult to fly without wings.

~Plautus

Man proposes, God disposes.

~Plautus

I esteem death a trifle, if not caused by guilt.

~Plautus

You little know what a ticklish thing it is to go to law. [Lat., Nescis tu quam meticulosa res sit ire ad judicem.]

~Plautus

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