

# Pliny the Younger Quotes

*Favors, Book, Men, Finishing, Lying, May, Body, Lovely, Might, Pleading,  
People, Motive, Rectitude, Stronger, Speech, Mean, Our Actions, Doing  
Nothing, Values, Too Much*

However often you may have done them a favour, if you once refuse they forget everything except your refusal.

~Pliny the Younger

The happier time, the quicker it passes

~Pliny the Younger

And as in men's bodies, so in government, that disease is most serious which proceeds from the head.

~Pliny the Younger

It is difficult to retain what you may have learned unless you should practice it. -Difficile est tenere quae acceperis nisi exerceas

~Pliny the Younger

Too much polishing weakens rather than improves a work.

~Pliny the Younger

There is no book so bad that it is not profitable in some part. -Nullus est liber tam malus ut non aliqua parte prosit

~Pliny the Younger

Glory ought to be the consequence, not the motive of our actions.

~Pliny the Younger

It is wonderful how the mind is stirred and quickened into activity by brisk bodily exercise.

~Pliny the Younger

Everyone is prejudiced in favor of his own powers of discernment.

~Pliny the Younger

The erection of a monument is superfluous, our memory will endure if our lives have deserved it.

~Pliny the Younger

That indolent but agreeable condition of doing nothing.

~Pliny the Younger

For however often a man may receive an obligation from you, if you refuse a request, all former favors are effaced by this one denial.

~Pliny the Younger

Honor puts us under an obligation as binding as necessity is for other people.

~Pliny the Younger

Unfinished paintings are more admired than the finished because the artist's actual thoughts are left visible.

~Pliny the Younger

Never do a thing concerning the rectitude of which you are in doubt.

~Pliny the Younger

It is better to excel in any single art than to arrive only at mediocrity in several, so moderate skill in several is to be preferred where one cannot attain to perfection in any.

~Pliny the Younger

Objects which are usually the motives of our travels by land and by sea are often overlooked and neglected if they lie under our eye.

~Pliny the Younger

Generosity, when once set going, knows not how to stop; as the more familiar we are with the lovely form, the more enamored we become of her charms.

~Pliny the Younger

There were some so afraid of death that they prayed for death.

~Pliny the Younger

Literature is both my joy and my comfort: it can add to every happiness and there is no sorrow it cannot console.

~Pliny the Younger

In the pleading of cases nothing pleases so much as brevity.

~Pliny the Younger

Necessity, that excellent master, hath taught me many things.

~Pliny the Younger

The highest of characters is his who is as ready to pardon the moral errors of mankind as if he were every day guilty of them himself; and as cautious of committing a fault as if he never forgave one.

~Pliny the Younger

The living voice is that which sways the soul.

~Pliny the Younger

Everyone must be given something he can grasp and recognize as his own idea.

~Pliny the Younger

They enhance the value of their favors by the words with which they are accompanied.

~Pliny the Younger

Fear is a feeling that is stronger than love.

~Pliny the Younger

He [Pliny the Elder] used to say that 'no book [etc] was so bad but some good might be got out of it'.

~Pliny the Younger

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