

Plutarch Quotes

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I don't need a friend who changes when I change and who nods when I nod; my shadow does that much better.

~Plutarch

The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled.

~Plutarch

An imbalance between rich and poor is the oldest and most fatal ailment of all republics.

~Plutarch

When Demosthenes was asked what was the first part of Oratory, he answered, "Action," and which was the second, he replied, "action," and which was the third, he still answered "Action.

~Plutarch

Know how to listen, and you will profit even from those who talk badly.

~Plutarch

What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality.

~Plutarch

The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits.

~Plutarch

Barba non facit philosophum

~Plutarch

To make no mistakes is not in the power of man; but from their errors and mistakes the wise and good learn wisdom for the future.

~Plutarch

Time is the wisest of all counselors.

~Plutarch

No beast is more savage than man when possessed with power answerable to his rage.

~Plutarch

The richest soil, if uncultivated, produces the rankest weeds.

~Plutarch

Pompey bade Sylla recollect that more worshipped the rising than the setting sun.

~Plutarch

In human life there is constant change of fortune; and it is unreasonable to expect an exemption from the common fate. Life itself decays, and all things are daily changing.

~Plutarch

It is a thing of no great difficulty to raise objections against another man's oration, it is a very easy matter; but to produce a better in it's place is a work extremely troublesome.

~Plutarch

It is a true proverb, that if you live with a lame man, you will learn to limp.

~Plutarch

The whole of life is but a moment of time. It is our duty, therefore to use it, not to misuse it.

~Plutarch

It is part of a good man to do great and noble deeds, though he risk everything.

~Plutarch

No man ever wetted clay and then left it, as if there would be bricks by chance and fortune.

~Plutarch

Demosthenes overcame and rendered more distinct his inarticulate and stammering pronunciation by speaking with pebbles in his mouth.

~Plutarch

Water continually dropping will wear hard rocks hollow.

~Plutarch

The poor go to war, to fight and die for the delights, riches, and superfluities of others.

~Plutarch

Painting is silent poetry, and poetry is painting that speaks.

~Plutarch

God is the brave man's hope, and not the coward's excuse.

~Plutarch

The omission of good is no less reprehensible than the commission of evil.

~Plutarch

A good man will take care of his horses and dogs, not only while they are young, but when old and past service.

~Plutarch

It is no disgrace not to be able to do everything; but to undertake, or pretend to do, what you are not made for, is not only shameful, but extremely troublesome and vexatious.

~Plutarch

There are two sentences inscribed upon the Ancient oracle... "Know thyself" and "Nothing too much"; and upon these all other precepts depend.

~Plutarch

To find fault is easy; to do better may be difficult.

~Plutarch

The talkative listen to no one, for they are ever speaking. And the first evil that attends those who know not to be silent is that they hear nothing.

~Plutarch

Perseverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little.

~Plutarch

For the wise man, every day is a festival.

~Plutarch

For the mind does not require filling like a bottle, but rather, like wood, it only requires kindling to create in it an impulse to think independently and an ardent desire for the truth.

~Plutarch

Vultures are the most righteous of birds: they do not attack even the smallest living creature.

~Plutarch

...To the Dolphin alone, beyond all other, nature has granted what the best philosophers seek: friendship for no advantage

~Plutarch

But for the sake of some little mouthful of flesh we deprive a soul of the sun and light, and of that proportion of life and time it had been born into the world to enjoy.

~Plutarch

As bees extract honey from thyme, the strongest and driest of herbs, so sensible men often get advantage and profit from the most awkward circumstances.

~Plutarch

The measure of a man is the way he bears up under misfortune.

~Plutarch

It is a high distinction for a homely woman to be loved for her character rather than for beauty.

~Plutarch

Neither blame or praise yourself.

~Plutarch

Why does pouring Oil on the Sea make it Clear and Calm? Is it that the winds, slipping the smooth oil, have no force, nor cause any waves?

~Plutarch

Do not speak of your happiness to one less fortunate than yourself.

~Plutarch

Painting is silent poetry.

~Plutarch

Mothers ought to bring up and nurse their own children; for they bring them up with greater affection and with greater anxiety, as loving them from the heart, and so to speak, every inch of them.

~Plutarch

All men whilst they are awake are in one common world: but each of them, when he is asleep, is in a world of his own.

~Plutarch

Our senses through ignorance of Reality, falsely tell us that what appears to be, is. FEAR = False Evidence Appearing Real

~Plutarch

When the strong box contains no more both friends and flatterers shun the door.

~Plutarch

The belly has no ears.

~Plutarch

The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it, and not the length.

~Plutarch

Nothing is harder to direct than a man in prosperity; nothing more easily managed than one in adversity.

~Plutarch

If you hate your enemies, you will contract such a vicious habit of mind that it will break out upon those who are your friends, or those who are indifferent to you.

~Plutarch

Socrates said he was not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world.

~Plutarch

The state of life is most happy where superfluities are not required and necessities are not wanting.

~Plutarch

The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.

~Plutarch

Medicine to produce health must examine disease; and music, to create harmony must investigate discord.

~Plutarch

For man is a plant, not fixed in the earth, nor immovable, but heavenly, whose head, rising as it were from a root upwards, is turned towards heaven.

~Plutarch

Grief is like a physical pain which must be allowed to subside somewhat on its own before medical treatment is applied.

~Plutarch

Abstruse questions must have abstruse answers.

~Plutarch

To fail to do good is as bad as doing harm.

~Plutarch

Wisdom is neither gold, nor silver, nor fame, nor wealth, nor health, nor strength, nor beauty.

~Plutarch

Those who aim at great deeds must also suffer greatly.

~Plutarch

Fate, however, is to all appearance more unavoidable than unexpected.

~Plutarch

I had rather men should ask why my statue is not set up, than why it is.

~Plutarch

A fool cannot hold his tongue.

~Plutarch

Learn to be pleased with everything...because it could always be worse, but isn't!

~Plutarch

The drop hollows out the stone not by strength, but by constant falling.

~Plutarch

Nothing is cheap which is superfluous, for what one does not need, is dear at a penny.

~Plutarch

Come back with your shield - or on it

~Plutarch

In words are seen the state of mind and character and disposition of the speaker.

~Plutarch

Either is both, and Both is neither.

~Plutarch

It was not important how many enemies there are, but where the enemy is

~Plutarch

When Demaratus was asked whether he held his tongue because he

was a fool or for want of words, he replied, "A fool cannot hold his tongue.

~Plutarch

Vos vestros servate, meos mihi linquite mores You keep to your own ways, and leave mine to me

~Plutarch

Cato used to assert that wise men profited more by fools than fools by wise men; for that wise men avoided the faults of fools, but that fools would not imitate the good examples of wise men.

~Plutarch

Not by lamentations and mournful chants ought we to celebrate the funeral of a good man, but by hymns, for in ceasing to be numbered with mortals he enters upon the heritage of a diviner life.

~Plutarch

A prating barber asked Archelaus how he would be trimmed. He answered, "In silence."

~Plutarch

Knavery is the best defense against a knave.

~Plutarch

Anger turns the mind out of doors and bolts the entrance.

~Plutarch

Character is simply habit long continued.

~Plutarch

Character is long-standing habit.

~Plutarch

A lover's soul lives in the body of his mistress.

~Plutarch

The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education.

~Plutarch

He (Cato) never gave his opinion in the Senate upon any other point whatever, without adding these words, "And, in my opinion Carthage should be destroyed." ["Delenda est Carthago."]

~Plutarch

It is wise to be silent when occasion requires, and better than to speak, though never so well.

~Plutarch

Courage stands halfway between cowardice and rashness, one of which is a lack, the other an excess of courage.

~Plutarch

Silence at the proper season is wisdom, and better than any speech.

~Plutarch

Rest is the sweet sauce of labor.

~Plutarch

I see the cure is not worth the pain.

~Plutarch

They fought indeed and were slain, but it was to maintain the luxury and the wealth of other men.

~Plutarch

Prosperity is no just scale; adversity is the only balance to weigh friends.

~Plutarch

He who cheats with an oath acknowledges that he is afraid of his enemy, but that he thinks little of God.

~Plutarch

To be ignorant of the lives of the most celebrated men of antiquity is to continue in a state of childhood all our days.

~Plutarch

A warrior carries his shield for the sake of the entire line.

~Plutarch

Music, to create harmony, must investigate discord.

~Plutarch

The new king [Alexander the Great] should perform acts so important and glorious as would make the poets and musicians of future ages labour and sweat to describe and celebrate him.

~Plutarch

The man who first brought ruin upon the Roman people was he who pampered them by largesses and amusements.

~Plutarch

Democritus said, words are but the shadows of actions.

~Plutarch

The superstitious man wishes he did not believe in gods, as the atheist does not, but fears to disbelieve in them.

~Plutarch

The man who is completely wise and virtuous has no need of glory, except so far as it disposes and eases his way to action by the greater

trust that it procures him.

~Plutarch

What All The World Knows Water is the principle, or the element, of things. All things are water.

~Plutarch

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