

# Quintus Curtius Rufus

## Quotes

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Despair is a great incentive to honorable death.

~Quintus Curtius Rufus

A spark neglected has often raised a conflagration. [Lat., Parva saepe scintilla contempta magnum excitavit incendium.]

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Haste is slow. [Lat., Festinatio tarda est.]

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The deepest rivers flow with the least sound.

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The fashions of human affairs are brief and changeable, and fortune never remains long indulgent. [Lat., Breves et mutabiles vices rerum sunt, et fortuna nunquam simpliciter indulget.]

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A cowardly cur barks more fiercely than it bites.

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Nothing can be lasting when reason does not rule.

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The mob has no ruler more potent than superstition.

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Fear makes men believe the worst.

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Posterity pays for the sins of their fathers.

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Necessity when threatening is more powerful than device of man.

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When fear has seized upon the mind, man fears that only which he first began to fear. [Lat., Ubi intravit animos pavor, id solum metuunt, quod primum formidate coeperunt.]

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Habit is stronger than nature.

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Timid dogs more eagerly bark than bite.

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A brave man's country is wherever he chooses his abode. [Lat., Patria est ubicumque vir fortis sedem elegerit.]

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For my own part I am persuaded that everything advances by an unchangeable law through the eternal constitution and association of latent causes, which have been long before predestined.

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Habit is stronger than nature. [Lat., Consuetudo natura potentior est.]

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Nothing is strong that may not be endangered even by the weak.

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When the truth cannot be clearly made out, what is false is increased through fear.

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Nature has placed nothing so high that virtue can not reach it. [Lat., Nihil tam alte natura constituit quo virtus non possit eniti.]

~Quintus Curtius Rufus

Nothing is so secure in its position as not to be in danger from the attack even of the weak.

~Quintus Curtius Rufus

A timid dog barks more violently than it bites. Curtius Canis timidus vehementius latrat quam mordet

~Quintus Curtius Rufus

He is a fool who looks at the fruit of lofty trees, but does not measure their height.

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Doctors cure the more serious diseases with harsh remedies. Curtius Medici graviore morbos asperis remediis curant

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It is often a comfort in misfortune to know our own fate. [Lat., Saepe calamitas solatium est nosse sortem suam.]

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