

# Richard Chenevix Trench Quotes

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Amber, Life, Self, Names, Strong, Editing, Shadow, Mills, Longing*

For we must share, if we would keep, that blessing from above; ceasing to give, we cease to have; such is the law of love.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Nothing is true but Love, nor aught of worth; Love is the incense which doth sweeten earth.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Prayer is not getting man's will done in heaven, but getting God's will done on earth. It is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold of God's willingness.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

None but God can satisfy the longings of an immortal soul; that as the heart was made for Him, so He only can fill it.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

We live not in our moments or our years: The present we fling from us like the rind Of some sweet future, which we after find Bitter to taste.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

The sin of pride is the sin of sins; in which all subsequent sins are included, as in their germ; they are but the unfolding of this one.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Sin may be clasped so close, we cannot see its face.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Grammar is the logic of speech, even as logic is the grammar of reason.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Language is the amber in which a thousand precious and subtle thoughts have been safely embedded and preserved.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Common sense meant once something very different from that plain wisdom, the common heritage of men, which we now call by this name.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

The present is only intelligible in the light of the past.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Language is the close-fitting dress of thought.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Best friends might loathe us, if what things perverse we know of our own selves they also knew.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

There is hardly a mistake which in the course of our lives we have committed, but some proverb, had we known and attended to its lesson, might have saved us from it.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Speak but little and well, if you would be esteemed as a man of merit.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

All beautiful things bring sadness, nor alone Sweet music, as our wisest Poet spake, Because in us keen longings they awake.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Oh seize the instant time; you never will With water once passed by impel the mill.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

The love of our own language, what is it, in fact, but the love of our country expressing itself in one particular direction?

~Richard Chenevix Trench

Not all who seem to fail have failed indeed, Not all who fail have therefor worked in vain. There is no failure for the good and brave.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

As shadows attend substances, so words follow upon things.

~Richard Chenevix Trench

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