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There are going to be peaks and valleys in everything - in your marriage, in your job, in your life. So just enjoy the peaks and ride out the valleys. Just try not to do anything too rash.

~Ricky Schroder

I think one of the things that saved me is that I never put all my eggs in one basket.

~Ricky Schroder

I spent my whole childhood wishing I were older and now I'm spending my adulthood wishing I were younger.

~Ricky Schroder

My career was full of struggles and dreams, disappointments and peaks and valleys. But there was no Twitter, no Facebook or TMZ. Young actors could make mistakes and not become the focus of tabloids.

~Ricky Schroder

I always knew I was going to be a family man.

~Ricky Schroder

I weren't an actor, I'd be a wildlife biologist or forest ranger.

~Ricky Schroder

I feel like I'm a fighter. I've fought my whole life to get to where I'm at. I like fight movies. When someone gets knocked down, I like to root for him to succeed.

~Ricky Schroder

I feel cheesy when I see Silver Spoons. Some of it was funny, but some of it was just cheese! My kids love it, but I look at it and cringe.

~Ricky Schroder

I was very outgoing, and a good-looking kid. I started doing all the catalogs. I made 60 commercials by the time I was 6. I must have been a natural, because I never took an acting lesson.

~Ricky Schroder

There have been times I almost got a persecution complex. I felt like people wouldn't let me grow up. They always saw me as a smiling kid or goofy teenager, no matter how much I'd changed.

~Ricky Schroder

Directing, I just feel comfortable. I know what I want. I know what I want from my crew. I lead by example. I have limitless energy as a director.

~Ricky Schroder

I met the Queen, the Pope, and we went all over Europe and Asia. I just wish I was older when I did all this. Then I could appreciate it more.

~Ricky Schroder

In the John Wayne movies, the Indians were savages that were trying to scalp you. That culture has really suffered because of the stereotype you see in those westerns.

~Ricky Schroder

I have a real eclectic taste for work, for movies, for characters and jobs.

~Ricky Schroder

'Silver Spoons' was great memories - absolutely the best.

~Ricky Schroder

I became a country music fan in 1990 when I moved to Colorado. It was my first exposure to it because I'm from a city. I've been a fan of country music ever since.

~Ricky Schroder

I did a lot of gasoline commercials - Hess, Texaco. I was part of the family in the car, the little brat in the back.

~Ricky Schroder

I'm just not a quitter and I just never, ever give up. I was forced to adapt because if I didn't, I was losing inspiration only doing what I was doing.

~Ricky Schroder

Westerns are fun. I wish more of them would be made. When you're out there on a set, carrying a gun, riding a horse, you kind of get lost in that make believe world.

~Ricky Schroder

I love being on set, because I've basically grown up on a set. And now I love to contribute as a director and help steer the ship, if you will.

~Ricky Schroder

I don't know why it is, but sometimes I feel like I'm 60. It's like I've been around for a long time. I felt that way even when I was 8.

~Ricky Schroder

I have a career I am proud of as a child actor. I'm not running away from it or embarassed with anything I did.

~Ricky Schroder

I didn't take the reins of my career until I was about 21, and I've been in charge since then.

~Ricky Schroder

I didn't grow up around wild horses, no. But I've appreciated their beauty and their power ever since I can remember.

~Ricky Schroder

A horrible script 99 percent of the time means a horrible movie. But if

you start with a good script, odds are you're going to have a good movie.

~Ricky Schroder

I can be tough on actors, but I also let them know early on in our relationship what I expect from them.

~Ricky Schroder

My daughter's wanted to be an actress since she was six years old, but I didn't want her to go through the same experiences as I did as a child actor.

~Ricky Schroder

Trying to understand women is a tall order period.

~Ricky Schroder

I've been very blessed. My parents always told me I could be anything I wanted. When you grow up in a household like that, you learn to believe in yourself.

~Ricky Schroder

An actor is like an instrument, tune them, play them the right way.

~Ricky Schroder

I know when an actor is giving it his/her all and when they're just phoning it in.

~Ricky Schroder

I'm very loving and supporting of my actors. I also expect them to show up prepared, happy to be there, and give their all as I do as an actor.

~Ricky Schroder

I always thought I had a problem socially, because I was pulled out of school so early. I had a tough time talking to other kids and being

comfortable with them.

~Ricky Schroder

I have been a huge nerd to my kids. I haven't done the cool movies that they like. With '24,' I gained a lot of respect. '24' is now, it's hip, it's their generation.

~Ricky Schroder

I demand excellence from the people I work with.

~Ricky Schroder

I never thought I was good enough actually to write.

~Ricky Schroder

I play a lot of chess. I probably played 200 games while we were making 'Andromeda.'

~Ricky Schroder

I've found joy, peace and perspective. Those are very good things to have.

~Ricky Schroder

It's difficult being a child actor. I don't think everything beautiful has to be exploited. Some things can be beautiful and left beautiful.

~Ricky Schroder

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