

# Robert Baden-Powell Quotes

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Leadership, Games, Responsibility, Time, Character, Trying, Happiness, Play,  
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We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and, when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best

~Robert Baden-Powell

The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.

~Robert Baden-Powell

No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Look wide, beyond your immediate surroundings and limits, and you see things in their right proportion. Look above the level of things around you and see a higher aim and possibility to your work.

~Robert Baden-Powell

A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Look wide, and even when you think you are looking wide - look wider still.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Happiness is not mere pleasure, not the outcome of wealth. It is the result of active work rather than passive enjoyment of pleasure.

~Robert Baden-Powell

A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Girls should be brought up to be comrades and helpers, not to be dolls. They should take a real and not a visionary share in the welfare of the nation.

~Robert Baden-Powell

If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Leave this world a little better than you found it.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Happiness is open to all, since, when you boil it down, it merely consists of contentment with what you have got and doing what you can for other people.

~Robert Baden-Powell

A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances.

~Robert Baden-Powell

The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond.

~Robert Baden-Powell

An individual step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.

~Robert Baden-Powell

The secret of sound education is to get each pupil to learn for himself, instead of instructing him by driving knowledge into him on a stereotyped system.

~Robert Baden-Powell

The uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country.

~Robert Baden-Powell

It is risky to order a boy not to do something; it immediately opens to him the adventure of doing it.

~Robert Baden-Powell

"Be Prepared." "Be prepared for what?" "Why, for any old thing."

~Robert Baden-Powell

Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster's own personal example.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Almost any biography will have its useful suggestions for making life a success, but none better or more unflinching than the biography of Christ.

~Robert Baden-Powell

O God, help me to win, but in thy wisdom if thou wilt me not to win, then O God, make me a good loser.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Yet one more item is needed to complete success, and that is the rendering of service to others in the community. Without this the mere

satisfaction of selfish desire does not reach the top notch.

~Robert Baden-Powell

The Scoutmaster teaches boys to play the game by doing so himself.

~Robert Baden-Powell

When you want a thing done, 'Don't do it yourself' is a good motto for Scoutmasters.

~Robert Baden-Powell

The patrol system leads each boy to see that he has some individual responsibility for the good of his patrol.

~Robert Baden-Powell

A thing that many young fellows don't seem to realism at first is that success depends on oneself and not on a kindly fate, nor on the interest of powerful friends.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Correcting bad habits cannot be done by forbidding or punishment.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Trust should be the basis for all our moral training.

~Robert Baden-Powell

In a difficult situation one never-failing guide is to ask yourself: "What would Christ have done?" Then do it-as nearly as you can.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Your natural inclination is to preach and to warn other travellers of snags in the path, but isn't it better to signal to them some of the joys by the way which they might otherwise miss?

~Robert Baden-Powell

Make good scouts of yourselves, become good rifle shots so that if it becomes necessary that you defend your families and your country that you can do it.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Sunday is a day of rest. Loafing is not rest.

~Robert Baden-Powell

See things from the boy's point of view.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Show me a poorly uniformed troop and I'll show you a poorly uniformed leader.

~Robert Baden-Powell

Loyalty is a feature in a boy's character that inspires boundless hope.

~Robert Baden-Powell

If a man cannot make his point to keen boys in ten minutes, he ought to be shot!

~Robert Baden-Powell

It is the Patrol System that makes the Troop, and all Scouting for that matter, a real co-operative matter.

~Robert Baden-Powell

As Sir Henry Newbolt sums it up: "The real test of success is whether a life has been a happy one and a happy giving one."

~Robert Baden-Powell

The secret of getting successful work out of your trained men lies in one nutshellâ€”in the clearness of the instructions they receive.

~Robert Baden-Powell

A man carries out suggestions the more wholeheartedly when he understands their aim.

~Robert Baden-Powell

"Softly, softly, catchee monkey," is the West African rendering of a very valuable precept. An awful lot of men fail through lack of patient persistence.

~Robert Baden-Powell

To get hold of your boys you must be their friend.

~Robert Baden-Powell

In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed.

~Robert Baden-Powell

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