

Robert Kennedy Quotes

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Believe, Lying, Courage, Hands, Thinking, Rights, Government, Passion, White,
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There are those that look at things the way they are, and ask why? I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?

~Robert Kennedy

The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better.

~Robert Kennedy

Every time you stand up for an ideal, you send forth a tiny ripple of hope.

~Robert Kennedy

I believe that, as long as there is plenty, poverty is evil. Government belongs wherever evil needs an adversary and there are people in distress.

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While free markets tend to democratize a society, unfettered capitalism leads invariably to corporate control of government.

~Robert Kennedy

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

~Robert Kennedy

Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope.

~Robert Kennedy

Progress is a nice word. But change is its motivator. And change has its

enemies.

~Robert Kennedy

Too often we honor swagger and bluster and the wielders of force; too often we excuse those who are willing to build their own lives on the shattered dreams of others.

~Robert Kennedy

Fear not the path of Truth for the lack of People walking on it.

~Robert Kennedy

It is the essence of responsibility to put the public good ahead of personal gain

~Robert Kennedy

In your hands lies the future of your world and the fulfilment of the best qualities of your own spirit.

~Robert Kennedy

Religion is a salve for confusion and misdirection.

~Robert Kennedy

The future does not belong to those who are content with today Rather, it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason, and courage in a personal commitment.

~Robert Kennedy

Tragedy is a tool for the living to gain wisdom, not a guide by which to live.

~Robert Kennedy

I think there is an obligation on the part of all of us to stay informed and aware.

~Robert Kennedy

Whenever men take the law into their own hands, the loser is the law. And when the law loses, freedom languishes.

~Robert Kennedy

The natural state of a human being is dignity.

~Robert Kennedy

Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total; of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.

~Robert Kennedy

The sharpest criticism often goes hand in hand with the deepest idealism and love of country.

~Robert Kennedy

Every society gets the kind of criminal it deserves. What is equally true is that every community gets the kind of law enforcement it insists on.

~Robert Kennedy

Send forth a tiny ripple of hope.

~Robert Kennedy

Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world.

~Robert Kennedy

What has violence ever accomplished? What has it ever created? No martyr's cause has ever been stilled by an assassin's bullet...

~Robert Kennedy

But suppose God is black? What if we go to Heaven and we, all our lives, have treated the Negro as an inferior, and God is there, and we look up and He is not white? What then is our response?

~Robert Kennedy

It is not enough to understand, or to see clearly. The future will be shaped in the arena of human activity, by those willing to commit their minds and their bodies to the task.

~Robert Kennedy

The future is not a gift: it is an achievement. Every generation helps make its own future. This is the essential challenge of the present

~Robert Kennedy

Always forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

~Robert Kennedy

He tells so many lies that he convinces himself after a while that he's telling the truth. He just doesn't recognize truth or falsehood.

~Robert Kennedy

This much is clear: violence breeds violence, repression brings retaliation, and only a cleansing of our whole society can remove this sickness from our soul.

~Robert Kennedy

I dream of things that are not and ask why not.

~Robert Kennedy

The greatest truth must be recognition that in every man, in every child is the potential for greatness.

~Robert Kennedy

Ultimately, America's answer to the intolerant man is diversity, the very diversity which our heritage of religious freedom has inspired.

~Robert Kennedy

You're happiest while you're making the greatest contribution.

~Robert Kennedy

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It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped.

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Only those who have the courage to fail greatly achieve greatly.

~Robert Kennedy

Industrial agriculture now accounts for over half of America's water pollution.

~Robert Kennedy

Together, we can make ourselves a nation that spends more on books than on bombs, more on hospitals than the terrible tools of war, more on decent houses than military aircraft.

~Robert Kennedy

Don't get mad, get even.

~Robert Kennedy

Perhaps to some extent we have lost sight of the fact that LSD can be very, very helpful in our society if used properly.

~Robert Kennedy

GNP measures neither our courage, our wisdom neither our compassion. It measures everything except what makes life worthwhile

~Robert Kennedy

The enlargement of liberty for individual human beings must be the supreme goal and abiding practice of any western society.

~Robert Kennedy

Now I can go back to being ruthless again.

~Robert Kennedy

It is immoral to see evil and not act on it.

~Robert Kennedy

People say I am ruthless. I am not ruthless. And if I find the man who is calling me ruthless, I shall destroy him.

~Robert Kennedy

All of us will ultimately be judged on the effort we have contributed to building a new world order.

~Robert Kennedy

Too much and too long, we seem to have surrendered community excellence and community values in the mere accumulation of material things.

~Robert Kennedy

Goethe tells us in his greatest poem that Faust lost the liberty of his soul when he said to the passing moment, 'Stay, thou art so fair.

~Robert Kennedy

Nations around the world look to us for the leadership not merely by strength of arms but by strength of our convictions.

~Robert Kennedy

All of us might wish at times that we lived in a more tranquil world, but

we don't. And if our times are difficult and perplexing, so are they challenging and filled with opportunity.

~Robert Kennedy

GDP does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play

~Robert Kennedy

Some men see what is, and ask 'Why?' I see what might be, and ask 'Why Not?'

~Robert Kennedy

Victims of the violence are black and white, rich and poor, young and old, famous and unknown. They are most important of all, human beings whom other human beings loved and needed.

~Robert Kennedy

If you never quit, you'll never fail.

~Robert Kennedy

The free way of life proposes ends, but it does not prescribe means.

~Robert Kennedy

We develop the kind of citizens we deserve.

~Robert Kennedy

I am not one of those who think that coming in second or third is winning.

~Robert Kennedy

We know that if one man's rights are denied, the rights of all are endangered.

~Robert Kennedy

If freedom makes social progress possible, so social progress strengthens and enlarges freedom. The two are inseparable partners in the great adventure of humanity.

~Robert Kennedy

One-fifth of the people are against everything all the time.

~Robert Kennedy

I'm tired of chasing people.

~Robert Kennedy

We in Government have begun to recognize the critical work which must be done at all levels-local, State and Federal-in ending the pollution of our waters.

~Robert Kennedy

I run because I am convinced that this country is on a perilous course and I have such strong feelings about what must be done.

~Robert Kennedy

I believe that in this generation those with the courage to enter the conflict will find themselves with companions in every corner of the world.

~Robert Kennedy

I love this city. If I am elected, I'll move the White House to San Francisco. Everybody's so friendly.

~Robert Kennedy

My views on birth control are somewhat distorted by the fact that I was seventh of nine children.

~Robert Kennedy

Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a

world which yields most painfully to change.

~Robert Kennedy

Every dictatorship has ultimately strangled in the web of repression it wove for its people, making mistakes that could not be corrected because criticism was prohibited.

~Robert Kennedy

[The overthrow of the Castro regime] is the top priority of the US government. - all else is secondary - no time, no effort, or manpower is to be spared.

~Robert Kennedy

Your life can be anything you want it to be.

~Robert Kennedy

Each generation makes it's own accounting to its children.

~Robert Kennedy

The Gross National Product measures everything except that which makes life worthwhile.

~Robert Kennedy

Oh no, oh no... don't lift me, don't lift me.

~Robert Kennedy

Men and women with freed minds may often be mistaken, but they are seldom fooled. They may be influenced, but they cannot be intimidated. They may be perplexed, but they will never be lost.

~Robert Kennedy

What happens to the country, to the world, depends on what we do with what others have left us.

~Robert Kennedy

You knew that what is given or granted can be taken away, that what is begged can be refused; but that what is earned is kept.

~Robert Kennedy

In my judgment, the slogan "black power" and what has been associated with it has set the civil rights movement back considerably in the United States over the period of the last several months.

~Robert Kennedy

I now know how Tojo felt when he was planning Pearl Harbor.

~Robert Kennedy

It will help erase the idea that politics is a second-rate profession and a dirty business.

~Robert Kennedy

I was the seventh of nine children. When you come from that far down you have to struggle to survive.

~Robert Kennedy

After all, a bank without assets is hardly a bank at all.

~Robert Kennedy

Courage is the most important attribute of a lawyer.

~Robert Kennedy

Since the days of Greece and Rome the word 'citizen' was a title of honor. We have often seen more emphasis put on the rights of citizenship than on its responsibilities.

~Robert Kennedy

I thought they'd get one of us, but Jack, after all he's been through, never worried about it I thought it would be me.

~Robert Kennedy

I believe that as long as a single man may try, any unjustifiable barrier against his efforts is a barrier against mankind.

~Robert Kennedy

Killing one man is murder. Killing millions is a statistic

~Robert Kennedy

Prejudice exists and probably will continue to `but we have tried to make progress and we are making progress. We are not going to accept the status quo.'

~Robert Kennedy

If communist unions ever gain a position to exercise influence in the transport lanes of the world, the free world will have suffered a staggering blow.

~Robert Kennedy

In Massachusetts they [Democratic politicians] steal, in California they feud, and in New York they lie.

~Robert Kennedy

Punishment is not prevention. History offers cold comfort to those who think grievance and despair can be subdued by force.

~Robert Kennedy

A life without criticism is not worth living.

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