

# Robert South Quotes

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Tedium, Father, Armor, Easter, Passion, Argument, Judgment, Life Is,  
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Defeat should never be a source of discouragement but rather a fresh stimulus.

~Robert South

The seven wise men of Greece, so famous for their wisdom all the world over, acquired all that fame, each of them, by a single sentence consisting of two or three words.

~Robert South

Similes prove nothing, but yet greatly lighten and relieve the tedium of argument.

~Robert South

An Aristotle was but the rubbish of an Adam, and Athens but the rudiments of Paradise.

~Robert South

Guilt upon the conscience, like rust upon iron, both defiles and consumes it, gnawing and creeping into it, as that does which at last eats out the very heart and substance of the metal.

~Robert South

Innocence is like polished armor; it adorns and defends.

~Robert South

Much reading is like much eating -wholly useless without digestion.

~Robert South

The covetous person lives as if the world were made altogether for him, and not he for the world.

~Robert South

Abstinence is the great strengthener and clearer of reason.

~Robert South

Most of the appearance of mirth in the world is not mirth, it is art. The wounded spirit is not seen, but walks under a disguise.

~Robert South

An obstacle is often an unrecognized opportunity

~Robert South

Passion is the drunkenness of the mind.

~Robert South

So he that despairs, limits an Infinite Power to a Finite Apprehension, and measures Providence by his own little, contracted Model.

~Robert South

A man's life is an appendix to his heart.

~Robert South

He who has no mind to trade with the Devil should be so wise as to keep from his shop.

~Robert South

Action is the highest perfection and drawing forth of the utmost power, vigor, and activity of man's nature.

~Robert South

Society is built upon trust.

~Robert South

Let a man be but in earnest in praying against a temptation as the tempter is in pressing it, and he needs not proceed by a surer measure.

~Robert South

Folly enlarges men's desires while it lessens their capacities.

~Robert South

Anger is a transient hatred; or at least very like it.

~Robert South

The mind begins to boggle at unnatural substances as things paradoxical and incomprehensible.

~Robert South

Speech was given to the ordinary sort of men, whereby to communicate their mind; but to wise men, whereby to conceal it.

~Robert South

It is the work of fancy to enlarge, but of judgment to shorten and contract; and therefore this must be as far above the other as judgment is a greater and nobler faculty than fancy or imagination.

~Robert South

No man's religion ever survives his morals.

~Robert South

Pain is an outcry of sin.

~Robert South

A true friend is the gift of God, and He only who made hearts can unite them.

~Robert South

Flints may be melted - we see it daily - but an ungrateful heart cannot be; not by the strongest and noblest flame.

~Robert South

He who does a kindness to an ungrateful person, sets his seal to a flint and sows his seed upon the sand; on the former he makes no

impression, and from the latter finds no product.

~Robert South

For he that is a good man, is three quarters of his way towards the being a good Christian, wheresoever he lives, or whatsoever he is called.

~Robert South

There is not the least flower but seems to hold up its head, and to look pleasantly, in the secret sense of the goodness of its Heavenly Maker.

~Robert South

God afflicts with the mind of a father, and kills for no other purpose but that he may raise again.

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