

Rutherford B. Hayes

Quotes

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Character, School*

It is a government of the people by the people for the people no longer
it is a government of corporations by corporations for corporations

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Every expert was once a beginner.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Abolish plutocracy if you would abolish poverty. As millionaires
increase, pauperism grows. The more millionaires, the more paupers.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

To vote is like the payment of a debt, a duty never to be neglected, if its
performance is possible.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Must swear off from swearing. Bad habit.

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The President of the United States should strive to be always mindful of
the fact that he serves his party best who serves his country best.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Free government cannot long endure if property is largely in a few
hands, and large masses of people are unable to earn homes,
education, and a support in old age.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

An amazing invention - but who would ever want to use one?

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The bold enterprises are the successful ones. Take counsel of hopes

rather than of fears to win in this business.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Every age has its temptations, its weaknesses, its dangers. Ours is in the line of the snobbish and the sordid.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I would honor the man who give to his country a good newspaper.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

It is the debtor that is ruined by hard times.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

One of the tests of the civilization of people is the treatment of its criminals.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Conscience is the authentic voice of God to you.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Let every man, every corporation, and especially let every village, town, and city, every county and State, get out of debt and keep out of debt. It is the debtor that is ruined by hard times.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Perhaps the happiest moment of my life was then, when I saw that our line didn't break and that the enemy's did.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

My policy is trust peace and to put aside the bayonet.

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Personally I do not resort to force - not even the force of law - to advance moral reforms. I prefer education, argument, persuasion, and

above all the influence of example - of fashion.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The unrestricted competition so commonly advocated does not leave us the survival of the fittest. The unscrupulous succeed best in accumulating wealth.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

We can travel longer, night and day, without losing our spirits than almost any persons we ever met.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Nothing brings out the lower traits of human nature like office-seeking. Men of good character and impulses are betrayed by it into all sorts of meanness.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

In avoiding the appearance of evil, I am not sure but I have sometimes unnecessarily deprived myself and others of innocent enjoyments.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Wars will remain while human nature remains. I believe in my soul in cooperation, in arbitration; but the soldier's occupation we cannot say is gone until human nature is gone.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

No person connected with me by blood or marriage will be appointed to office.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I am a radical in thought (and principle) and a conservative in method (and conduct).

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The truth is, this being errand boy to one hundred and fifty thousand people tires me so by night I am ready for bed instead of soirees.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The filth and noise of the crowded streets soon destroy the elasticity of health which belongs to the country boy.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

It is the desire of the good people of the whole country that sectionalism as a factor in our politics should disappear.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Do not let your bachelor ways crystallize so that you can't soften them when you come to have a wife and a family of your own.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I am not liked as a President by the politicians in office, in the press, or in Congress. But I am content to abide the judgment - the sober second thought - of the people.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Law without education is a dead letter. With education the needed law follows without effort and, of course, with power to execute itself; indeed, it seems to execute itself.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The progress of society is mainly the improvement in the condition of the workingmen of the world.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The independence of all political and other bother is a happiness.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Universal suffrage is sound in principle. The radical element is right.

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The best religion the world has ever known is the religion of the Bible. It builds up all that is good.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I am loaded down to the guards with educational, benevolent, and other miscellaneous public work, I must not attempt to do more. I cannot without neglecting imperative duties.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Virtue is defined to be mediocrity, of which either extreme is vice.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The reform [of the civil service] should be thorough, radical, and complete.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Unjust attacks on public men do them more good than unmerited praise.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Disunion and civil war are at hand; and yet I fear disunion and war less than compromise. We can recover from them. The free States alone, if we must go on alone, will make a glorious nation.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

My hobby more and more is likely to be common school education, or

universal education.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

As friends go it is less important to live.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I have the greatest aversion to being a candidate on a ticket with a man whose record as an upright public man is to be in question--to be defended from the beginning to the end.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I am a freeman and jolly as a beggar.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Both parties are injured by what is going on at Washington. Both are, therefore, more and more disposed to look for candidates outside of that atmosphere.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

One thing you may be sure of, I was not a party to covering up anything.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Shall the railroads govern the country, or shall the people govern the railroads? Shall the interest of railroad kings be chiefly regarded, or shall the interest of the people be paramount?

~Rutherford B. Hayes

It is now true that this is God's Country, if equal rights-a fair start and an equal chance in the race of life are everywhere secured to all.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I too mean to be out of politics. The ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment gives me the boon of equality before the law, terminates

my enlistment, and discharges me cured.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I do not think a revival of business will be greatly postponed by [Samuel J.] Tilden's election. Business prosperity does not, in my judgment, depend on government so much as men commonly think.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

My father and mother in 1817 were forty-nine days on the road with their emigrant wagons [from Vermont] to Ohio. More than two days for each hour that I spent in the same journey.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Youth, however, is a defect that she is fast getting away from and may perhaps be entirely rid of before I shall want her.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

We people in camp are merely big children, wayward and changeable.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The California fever is not likely to take us off.... There is neither romance nor glory in digging for gold after the manner of the pictures in the geography of diamond washing in Brazil.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Busy replying to letters from divers office-seekers. They come by the dozens.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I would strenuously urge a single term of six years.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

General [John] Pope is impulsive and hasty, but energetic, and, what is of most importance, patriotic and sound--perfectly sound. I look for good

results.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

My policy is trust, peace, and to put aside the bayonet. I do not think the wise policy is to decide contested elections in the States by the use of the national army.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

If any of my men kill prisoners, I'll kill them.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

The melancholy thing in our public life is the insane desire to get higher.

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Strikes and boycotting are akin to war, and can be justified only on grounds analogous to those which justify war, viz., intolerable injustice and oppression.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I hope you will be benefitted by your churchgoing. Where the habit does not Christianize, it generally civilizes. That is reason enough for supporting churches, if there were no higher.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

Fighting battles is like courting girls: those who make the most pretensions and are boldest usually win.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

I regard the inflation acts as wrong in all ways. Personally I am one of the noble army of debtors, and can stand it if others can. But it is a wretched business.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

For character, to prepare for the inevitable I recommend selections from [Ralph Waldo] Emerson. His writings have done for me far more than all other reading.

~Rutherford B. Hayes

You know I am given to antiquarian and genealogical pursuits. An old family letter is a delight to my eyes. I can prowl in old trunks of letters by the day with undiminished zest.

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