

# Samuel Richardson

## Quotes

*Men, Children, Heart, Husband, May, Women, Marriage, People, Wish, Good Man, Thinking, Mind, Wife, Pride, Firsts, World, Eye, Love, Littles, Giving*

Handsome husbands often make a wife's heart ache.

~Samuel Richardson

Sorrow makes an ugly face odious.

~Samuel Richardson

Spiritual pride is the most dangerous and the most arrogant of all sorts of pride.

~Samuel Richardson

'Passion' a word which involves so many feelings. I feel it when we touch; I feel it when we kiss; I feel it when I look at you. For you are my passion; my one true love.

~Samuel Richardson

That dangerous but too commonly received notion, that a reformed rake makes the best husband.

~Samuel Richardson

Where words are restrained, the eyes often talk a great deal.

~Samuel Richardson

To what a bad choice is many a worthy woman betrayed, by that false and inconsiderate notion, That a reformed rake makes the best husband!

~Samuel Richardson

Great allowances ought to be made for the petulance of persons labouring under ill-health.

~Samuel Richardson

Honeymoon lasts not nowadays above a fortnight.

~Samuel Richardson

Every one, more or less, loves Power, yet those who most wish for it are seldom the fittest to be trusted with it.

~Samuel Richardson

To be a clergyman, and all that is compassionate and virtuous, ought to be the same thing.

~Samuel Richardson

Necessity may well be called the mother of invention but calamity is the test of integrity.

~Samuel Richardson

It is better to be thought perverse than insincere.

~Samuel Richardson

A good man, though he will value his own countrymen, yet will think as highly of the worthy men of every nation under the sun.

~Samuel Richardson

Parents sometimes make not those allowances for youth, which, when young, they wished to be made for themselves.

~Samuel Richardson

For the human mind is seldom at stay: If you do not grow better, you will most undoubtedly grow worse.

~Samuel Richardson

Friendship is the perfection of love, and superior to love; it is love purified, exalted, proved by experience and a consent of minds. Love, Madam, may, and love does, often stop short of friendship.

~Samuel Richardson

I have my choice: who can wish for more? Free will enables us to do everything well while imposition makes a light burden heavy.

~Samuel Richardson

If the education and studies of children were suited to their inclinations and capacities, many would be made useful members of society that otherwise would make no figure in it.

~Samuel Richardson

An honest heart is not to be trusted with itself in bad company.

~Samuel Richardson

People of little understanding are most apt to be angry when their sense is called into question.

~Samuel Richardson

Calamity is the test of integrity.

~Samuel Richardson

Love will draw an elephant through a key-hole.

~Samuel Richardson

A beautiful woman must expect to be more accountable for her steps, than one less attractive.

~Samuel Richardson

Women are so much in love with compliments that rather than want them, they will compliment one another, yet mean no more by it than the men do.

~Samuel Richardson

Humility is a grace that shines in a high condition but cannot, equally, in a low one because a person in the latter is already, perhaps, too much humbled.

~Samuel Richardson

Love gratified is love satisfied, and love satisfied is indifference begun.

~Samuel Richardson

It is but shaping the bribe to the taste, and every one has his price.

~Samuel Richardson

What pleasure can those over-happy persons know, who, from their affluence and luxury, always eat before they are hungry and drink before they are thirsty?

~Samuel Richardson

The wisest among us is a fool in some things.

~Samuel Richardson

Air and manners are more expressive than words.

~Samuel Richardson

A widow's refusal of a lover is seldom so explicit as to exclude hope.

~Samuel Richardson

Smatterers in learning are the most opinionated.

~Samuel Richardson

Marriage is the highest state of friendship. If happy, it lessens our cares by dividing them, at the same time that it doubles our pleasures by mutual participation.

~Samuel Richardson

The little words in the Republic of Letters, like the little folks in a nation, are the most useful and significant.

~Samuel Richardson

Nothing in human nature is so God-like as the disposition to do good to our fellow-creatures.

~Samuel Richardson

The companion of an evening, and the companion for life, require very different qualifications.

~Samuel Richardson

What we want to tell, we wish our friend to have curiosity to hear.

~Samuel Richardson

What likelihood is there of corrupting a man who has no ambition.

~Samuel Richardson

Shame is a fitter and generally a more effectual punishment for a child than beating.

~Samuel Richardson

Love before marriage is absolutely necessary.

~Samuel Richardson

A man who flatters a woman hopes either to find her a fool or to make her one.

~Samuel Richardson

She who is more ashamed of dishonesty than of poverty will not be easily overcome.

~Samuel Richardson

Rakes are more suspicious than honest men.

~Samuel Richardson

Evil courses can yield pleasure no longer than while thought and reflection can be kept off.

~Samuel Richardson

Honesty is good sense, politeness, amiableness,--all in one.

~Samuel Richardson

The person who will bear much shall have much to bear, all the world through.

~Samuel Richardson

All human excellence is but comparative " there are persons who excel us, as much as we fancy we excel the meanest.

~Samuel Richardson

An acknowledged love sanctifies every little freedom; and little freedoms beget great ones.

~Samuel Richardson

A prudent person, having to do with a designing one, will always distrust most when appearances are fairest.

~Samuel Richardson

Chastity, like piety, is a uniform grace.

~Samuel Richardson

The World, thinking itself affronted by superior merit, takes delight to bring it down to its own level.

~Samuel Richardson

O! what a Godlike Power is that of doing Good! I envy the Rich and the Great for nothing else!

~Samuel Richardson

The difference in the education of men and women must give the former great advantages over the latter, even where geniuses are equal.

~Samuel Richardson

Nothing dries sooner than tears.

~Samuel Richardson

Prejudices in disfavor of a person fix deeper, and are much more difficult to be removed, than prejudices in favor.

~Samuel Richardson

It is much easier to find fault with others, than to be faultless ourselves.

~Samuel Richardson

Beauty is an accidental and transient good.

~Samuel Richardson

Men will bear many things from a kept mistress, which they would not bear from a wife.

~Samuel Richardson

Those who can least bear a jest upon themselves, will be most diverted with one passed on others.

~Samuel Richardson

Those who have least to do are generally the most busy people in the world.

~Samuel Richardson

Friendly satire may be compared to a fine lancet, which gently breathes a vein for health's sake.

~Samuel Richardson

Quantity in diet is more to be regarded than quality. A full meal is a great enemy both to study and industry.

~Samuel Richardson

Vast is the field of Science... the more a man knows, the more he will



find he has to know.

~Samuel Richardson

The laws were not made so much for the direction of good men, as to circumscribe the bad.

~Samuel Richardson

All our pursuits, from childhood to manhood, are only trifles of different sorts and sizes, proportioned to our years and views.

~Samuel Richardson

What we look upon as our greatest unhappiness in a difficulty we are involved in, may possibly be the evil hastening to its crisis, and happy days may ensue.

~Samuel Richardson

Whom we fear more than love, we are not far from hating.

~Samuel Richardson

It may be very generous in one person to offer what it would be ungenerous in another to accept.

~Samuel Richardson

The mind can be but full. It will be as much filled with a small disagreeable occurrence, having no other, as with a large one.

~Samuel Richardson

The grace that makes every grace amiable is humility.

~Samuel Richardson

There cannot be any great happiness in the married life except each in turn give up his or her own humors and lesser inclinations.

~Samuel Richardson

A man who insults the modesty of a woman, as good as tells her that he has seen something in her conduct that warranted his presumption.

~Samuel Richardson

Women are sometimes drawn in to believe against probability by the unwillingness they have to doubt their own merit.

~Samuel Richardson

As a child is indulged or checked in its early follies, a ground is generally laid for the happiness or misery of the future man.

~Samuel Richardson

All angry persons are to be treated, by the prudent, as children.

~Samuel Richardson

People hardly ever do anything in anger, of which they do not repent.

~Samuel Richardson

The English, the plain English, of the politest address of a gentleman to a lady is, I am now, dear Madam, your humble servant: Pray be so good as to let me be your Lord and Master.

~Samuel Richardson

Good men must be affectionate men.

~Samuel Richardson

The first reading of a Will, where a person dies worth anything considerable, generally affords a true test of the relations' love to the deceased.

~Samuel Richardson

The person who is worthiest to live, is fittest to die.

~Samuel Richardson

Men know no medium: They will either, spaniel-like, fawn at your feet, or be ready to leap into your lap.

~Samuel Richardson

For tutors, although they may make youth learned, do not always make them virtuous.

~Samuel Richardson

What pity that Religion and Love, which heighten our relish for the things of both worlds, should ever run the human heart into enthusiasm, superstition, or uncharitableness!

~Samuel Richardson

The most innocent heart is generally the most credulous.

~Samuel Richardson

Over-niceness may be under-niceness.

~Samuel Richardson

Distresses, however heavy at the time, appear light, and even joyous, to the reflecting mind, when worthily overcome.

~Samuel Richardson

Those who doubt themselves most generally err least.

~Samuel Richardson

We can all be good when we have no temptation or provocation to the contrary.

~Samuel Richardson

The uselessness and expensiveness of modern women multiply bachelors.

~Samuel Richardson

Superstitious notions propagated in infancy are hardly ever totally eradicate, not even in minds grown strong enough to despise the like credulous folly in others.

~Samuel Richardson

Women love to be called cruel, even when they are kindest.

~Samuel Richardson

Parents cannot expect advice to have the same force upon their children as experience has upon themselves.

~Samuel Richardson

The coyest maids make the fondest wives.

~Samuel Richardson

Platonic love is platonic nonsense.

~Samuel Richardson

From sixteen to twenty, all women, kept in humor by their hopes and by their attractions, appear to be good-natured.

~Samuel Richardson

The unhappy never want enemies.

~Samuel Richardson

Women do not often fall in love with philosophers.

~Samuel Richardson

It is a happy art to know when one has said enough. I would leave my hearers wishing me to say more rather than give them cause to show, by their inattention, that I had said too much.

~Samuel Richardson

Tired of myself longing for what I have not

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