

# Shirley Temple Quotes

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Distance*

Don't forget to tell your favorite people that you love them.

~Shirley Temple

Be brave and clear. Follow your heart and don't be overly influenced by outside factors. Be true to yourself.

~Shirley Temple

Good luck needs no explanation.

~Shirley Temple

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.

~Shirley Temple

Any star can be devoured by human adoration, sparkle by sparkle.

~Shirley Temple

When I was 14, I was the oldest I ever was. I've been getting younger ever since.

~Shirley Temple

You've got to S-M-I-L-E To be H-A-Double-P-Y

~Shirley Temple

Nothing crushes freedom as substantially as a tank.

~Shirley Temple

I don't like to do negatives. There are always pluses to things.

~Shirley Temple

Time is money. Wasted time means wasted money means trouble.

~Shirley Temple

There's nothing like real love. Nothing.

~Shirley Temple

There are many of us who should be in a position to bring peace to the world.

~Shirley Temple

Intentions often melt in the face of unexpected opportunity.

~Shirley Temple

When you're a performer, you have to please a large audience. And when you're in politics, you have to please a large audience, too.

~Shirley Temple

One has to handle these negative experiences alone. You can't get help from your friends or family. You're finally alone with it, and you have to come to grips with misfortune and go on.

~Shirley Temple

I've led three lives: the acting part, wife and mother - which is a career - and international relations. I'm proud of my career, the first one, and I'm proud of the other two, too.

~Shirley Temple

One famous movie executive who shall remain nameless, exposed himself to me in his office. 'Mr X,' I said, 'I thought you were a producer not an exhibitor'.

~Shirley Temple

Make-believe colors the past with innocent distortion, and it swirls ahead of us in a thousand ways - in science, in politics, in every bold intention.

~Shirley Temple

Movies mirror the times, they do not create them.

~Shirley Temple

The U.N. acts as the world's conscience, and over eighty-five percent of the work that is done by the United Nations is in the social, economic, educational and cultural fields.

~Shirley Temple

If you hear someone scream, you shouldn't close the drapes. You should help. You've got to try.

~Shirley Temple

Long ago, I became more interested in the real world than in make-believe.

~Shirley Temple

By the time I was 4, I knew how to hit my mark.

~Shirley Temple

I've always been bossy.

~Shirley Temple

Visiting old haunts is hard on memory. Things shrink, change, and disappear.

~Shirley Temple

Dr. Kissinger was a former child. Jerry Ford was a former child. Even F.D.R. was a former child. I retired from the movies in 1949, and I'm still a former child.

~Shirley Temple

Politicians are actors, too, don't you think? Usually, if you like people and you're outgoing, not a shy little thing, you can do pretty well in politics.

~Shirley Temple

I have one piece of advice for those of you who want to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award: Start early!

~Shirley Temple

We would have to invent the U.N if we did not have it which is not an original thought.

~Shirley Temple

My mother made it seem perfectly normal for thousands of people to be cheering me, as if there was nothing special going on. I thought all children must live as I did.

~Shirley Temple

I liked work shoes and big, working-class hands. The stars would come and go, but the crew on my movies was my extended family.

~Shirley Temple

Many people consider me an old friend.

~Shirley Temple

I ran for Congress, just once.

~Shirley Temple

In the world of movie personalities the distance between popularity and politics is short.

~Shirley Temple

My Chicken can do a special trick! "And what is that?" She can lay an egg! "And what's so special about THAT?!" Well, Can YOU lay an egg?

~Shirley Temple

Some people liked Rudolph Valentino. I liked Rin Tin Tin.

~Shirley Temple

I have always told anyone who would listen that I was available for more public service.

~Shirley Temple

I had a very close family and I couldn't get away with anything.

~Shirley Temple

I work a seventeen hour day, and I'm personally responsible for 108 staff members in the embassy.

~Shirley Temple

[Campaign sign when running for Congress in 1967:] Vote for me or I will hold my breath until I turn blue.

~Shirley Temple

Dr. Kissinger was surprised that I knew where Ghana was.

~Shirley Temple

Sunnybrook Farm is now a parking lot; the petticoats are in the garbage can, where they belong in the modern world; and I detest censorship.

~Shirley Temple

By the time I got to the Fox studio for my first major film, I knew how to hit a mark. I knew how to memorize lines. I knew how to pay attention.

~Shirley Temple

I guess I was an early method actress. I would go to a quiet part of the sound stage with my mother. I wouldn't think of anything sad, I would just make my mind a blank. In a minute I could cry.

~Shirley Temple

Delay and indecision are first weapons in the armory of moviemakers.

~Shirley Temple

Most of the people in Ghana wouldn't know me as an actress. They'd know me for my work at the U.N.

~Shirley Temple

I'm not too proud of the movies I made as a grownup except for 'That Hagen Girl', which nobody remembers but which gave me a chance to act.

~Shirley Temple

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