

# Soren Kierkegaard Quotes

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Heart, Despair, Mean, Order, Religious, Ideas, Truth, Self, Soul, Faith*

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.

~Soren Kierkegaard

There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.

~Soren Kierkegaard

People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use.

~Soren Kierkegaard

I found I had less and less to say, until finally, I became silent, and began to listen. I discovered in the silence, the voice of God

~Soren Kierkegaard

People settle for a level of despair they can tolerate and call it happiness.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The most common form of despair is not being who you are.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.

~Soren Kierkegaard

It is not the path which is the difficulty; rather, it is the difficulty which is the path.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The most painful state of being is remembering the future, particularly the one you'll never have.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

~Soren Kierkegaard

A man prayed, and at first he thought that prayer was talking. But he became more and more quiet until in the end he realized prayer is listening.

~Soren Kierkegaard

For without risk there is no faith, and the greater the risk, the greater the faith.

~Soren Kierkegaard

It is not where we breathe, but where we Love, that we live.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Once you label me you negate me.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Face the facts of being what you are, for that is what changes what you are.

~Soren Kierkegaard

To be a woman is something so strange, so confusing and so complicated that only a woman could put up with it.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Christ has not only spoken to us by his life but has also spoken for us by his death.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The highest and most beautiful things in life are not to be heard about, nor read about, nor seen but, if one will, are to be lived.

~Soren Kierkegaard

It is better to try something and fail than to try nothing and succeed. The result may be the same, but you won't be. We always grow more through defeats than victories.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The question is not "To be or not to be," it is what we should be until we are not.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Most men pursue pleasure with such breathless haste that they hurry past it.

~Soren Kierkegaard

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners.

~Soren Kierkegaard

People understand me so poorly that they don't even understand my complaint about them not understanding me.

~Soren Kierkegaard

To dare is to lose one's footing momentarily. Not to dare is to lose oneself.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Hope is passion for what is possible.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Take a chance and you may lose. Take not a chance and you have lost already.

~Soren Kierkegaard

To cheat oneself out of love is the most terrible deception; it is an eternal loss for which there is no reparation, either in time or in eternity.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Our life always expresses the result of our dominant thoughts.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The object of (Christian) faith is not the teaching but the Teacher.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The more people who believe something, the more apt it is to be wrong. The person who's right often has to stand alone.

~Soren Kierkegaard

It is so hard to believe because it is so hard to obey.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The unhappy person is never present to themselves because they always live in the past or the future.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Who am I? How did I come into the world? Why was I not consulted?

~Soren Kierkegaard

Once you are born in this world you're old enough to die.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Father in Heaven! When the thought of thee wakes in our hearts let it not awaken like a frightened bird that flies about in dismay, but like a child waking from its sleep with a heavenly smile.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The self-assured believer is a greater sinner in the eyes of God than the troubled disbeliever.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The thing that cowardice fears most is decision

~Soren Kierkegaard

If I am capable of grasping God objectively, I do not believe, but precisely because I cannot do this I must believe.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Are you not aware that there comes a midnight hour when everyone must unmask...

~Soren Kierkegaard

Which is more difficult, to awaken one who sleeps or to awaken one who, awake, dreams that he is awake?

~Soren Kierkegaard

A road well begun is the battle half won. The important thing is to make a beginning and get under way.

~Soren Kierkegaard

I'm so misunderstood that people misunderstand me even when I tell them I'm misunderstood.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Confidence is the present tense of hope.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Happiness is the greatest hiding place for despair.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Anxiety is the dizziness of freedom.

~Soren Kierkegaard

God creates everything out of nothing. And everything which God is to use, he first reduces to nothing

~Soren Kierkegaard

What is a poet? An unhappy person who conceals profound anguish in his heart but whose lips are so formed that as sighs and cries pass over them they sound like beautiful music.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The door to happiness opens outward.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Man is spirit. But what is spirit? Spirit is the self. But what is the self? The self is a relation which relates itself to itself.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The deepest form of despair is to choose to be another than himself.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Do it or don't do it - you will regret both.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Love is all, it gives all, and it takes all.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Life is lived forwards, but understood backwards.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The truth is lived before it is understood. It must be fought for, tested, and appropriated. Truth is the way... Anyone will easily understand it if he just gives himself to it.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The human race in the course of time has taken the liberty of softening and softening Christianity until at last we have contrived to make it exactly the opposite of what it is in the New Testament.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Life has its own hidden forces which you can only discover by living.

~Soren Kierkegaard

There is nothing with which every man is so afraid as getting to know how enormously much he is capable of doing and becoming.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Patience is necessary, and one cannot reap immediately where one has sown.

~Soren Kierkegaard

O Luther, you had 95 theses . . . The matter is far more terrible-there is only one thesis. The Christianity of the New Testament does not exist at all. Here there is nothing to reform.

~Soren Kierkegaard

I see it all perfectly; there are two possible situations - one can either do this or that. My honest opinion and my friendly advice is this: do it or do not do it - you will regret both.

~Soren Kierkegaard

A man who as a physical being is always turned toward the outside, thinking that his happiness lies outside him, finally turns inward and discovers that the source is within him.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The more a person limits himself, the more resourceful he becomes.

~Soren Kierkegaard



If you think you understand, it isn't God.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The truth is a trap: you cannot get it without it getting you; you cannot get the truth by capturing it, only by its capturing you.

~Soren Kierkegaard

to have faith is precisely to lose one's mind so as to win God.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Wherever there is a crowd there is untruth.

~Soren Kierkegaard

And this is one of the most crucial definitions for the whole of Christianity; that the opposite of sin is not virtue but faith.

~Soren Kierkegaard

During the first period of a man's life the greatest danger is not to take the risk.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Be that self which one truly is.

~Soren Kierkegaard

We live as if we were unaware of our impending destruction

~Soren Kierkegaard

The tyrant dies and his rule is over, the martyr dies and his rule begins.

~Soren Kierkegaard

On the whole, the longing for solitude is a sign that there still is spirit in a person and is a measure of what spirit there is.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Since my earliest childhood a barb of sorrow has lodged in my heart. As long as it stays I am ironic - if it is pulled out I shall die.

~Soren Kierkegaard

For love is exultant when it unites equals, but it is triumphant when it makes that which was unequal equal in love.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Future is everything that past has forgotten.

~Soren Kierkegaard

All the shrewdness of 'man' seeks one thing: to be able to live without responsibility.

~Soren Kierkegaard

In addition to my other numerous acquaintances, I have one more intimate confidant. ... My depression is the most faithful mistress I have known - no wonder, then, that I return the love.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The minority is always stronger than the majority, because the minority is generally formed by those who really have an opinion.

~Soren Kierkegaard

I have only one confidant, and that is the silence of night.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Faith is the highest passion in a human being. Many in every generation may not come that far, but none comes further.

~Soren Kierkegaard

No one is so terribly deceived as he who does not himself suspect it.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Comparison is the most dangerous acquaintance love can make.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Most people rush after pleasure so fast that they rush right past it.

~Soren Kierkegaard

If anyone on the verge of action should judge himself according to the outcome, he would never begin.

~Soren Kierkegaard

You live life looking forward, you understand life looking backward.

~Soren Kierkegaard

It is the duty of the human understanding to understand that there are things which it cannot understand.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Worldly wisdom thinks that love is a relationship between man and man. Christianity teaches that love is a relationship between man-God-man, that is, that God is the middle term.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Deep within every man there lies the dread of being alone in the world, forgotten by God, overlooked among the tremendous household of millions and millions.

~Soren Kierkegaard

It is very dangerous to go into eternity with possibilities which one has oneself prevented from becoming realities. A possibility is a hint from God. One must follow it.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The truth must essentially be regarded as in conflict with this world; the world has never been so good, and will never become so good that the

majority will desire the truth.

~Soren Kierkegaard

What if everything in the world were a misunderstanding, what if laughter were really tears?

~Soren Kierkegaard

Any truth is only true up to a certain point. When one oversteps the mark, it becomes a non-truth.

~Soren Kierkegaard

What labels me, negates me.

~Soren Kierkegaard

Trouble is the common denominator of living. It is the great equalizer.

~Soren Kierkegaard

A possibility is a hint from God. One must follow it.

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A good decision is our will to do everything we can within our power. It means to serve God with all we've got, be it little or much. Every person can do that.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The more a man can forget, the greater the number of metamorphoses which his life can undergo; the more he can remember, the more divine his life becomes.

~Soren Kierkegaard

A genius may perhaps be a century ahead of his age and hence stands there as a paradox, but in the end, the race will assimilate what was once a paradox, so it is no longer paradoxical.

~Soren Kierkegaard

The Bible is God's love letter to us

~Soren Kierkegaard

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