# Spencer W. Kimball Quotes

Men, Children, Home, Giving, Mother, Goal, Way, Decision, Marriage, Heart, Jesus, Responsibility, Father, Humility, Attitude, Mind, Blessing, Needs, Soul, Thinking God does watch over us and does notice us, but it usually through someone else that he meets our needs.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Humility is royalty without a crown.

~Spencer W. Kimball

No amount of rationalizing can change God's laws. No amount of fashion designing can turn immodesty into virtue, and no amount of popularity can change sin into righteousness.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Do it. Do it right. Do it right now. ~Spencer W. Kimball

Real craftsmanship, regardless of the skill involved, reflects real caring, and real caring reflects our attitude about ourselves, about our fellowmen, and about life.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Dream beautiful dreams and then work to make those dreams come true.

~Spencer W. Kimball

I am convinced that each of us, at some time in our lives, must discover the scriptures for ourselvesâ€"and not just discover them once, but rediscover them again and again.

~Spencer W. Kimball

There are great challenges ahead of us, giant opportunities to be met. I welcome that exciting prospect and feel to say to the Lord, humbly, 'Give me this MOUNTAIN,' give me these challenges.

The difficulties and hazards of marriage are greatly increased where backgrounds are different

~Spencer W. Kimball

Success is not measured in achievement of goals, but in the stress and strain of meeting those goals

~Spencer W. Kimball

Wherever you have a plot of land, however small, plant a garden. Staying close to the soil is good for the soul.

~Spencer W. Kimball

I am not afraid of death. What I am afraid of is that I will meet the Saviour and He will say, 'You could have done better'

~Spencer W. Kimball

We are not measured by the trials we meet -- only by those we overcome.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Some of the greatest sermons that have ever been preached were preached by the singing of a song.

~Spencer W. Kimball

We are in a position, as musicians, to touch the souls of those who listen.

~Spencer W. Kimball

How could a person possibly become what he is not thinking? Nor is any thought, when persistently entertained, too small to have its effect. The 'divinity that shapes our ends' is indeed ourselves.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Your faith will perform miracles, especially when you get your hands

and feet involved.

Profanity is the effort of a feeble brain to express itself forcibly.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Man must live, not only exist; he must do, not merely be; he must grow, not just vegetate.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Let no family go into eternity without having left their memoirs for their children, their grandchildren, and their posterity.

~Spencer W. Kimball

[Humility is:] Greatness in plain clothes

~Spencer W. Kimball

Preparedness, when properly pursued, is a way of life, not a sudden, spectacular program.

~Spencer W. Kimball

The best way to resist temptation is to avoid it. Prevention is far, far better than repentance.

~Spencer W. Kimball

The more we serve our fellowmen in appropriate ways, the more substance there is to our souls.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Love people, not things; use things, not people. ~Spencer W. Kimball

Suffering can make saints of people as they learn patience, long-suffering and self-mastery.

As we give, we find that sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven, and in the end, we learn that it was no sacrifice at all.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Your life is your own, to develop or to destroy. You can blame others little and yourself almost totally if that life is not a productive, worthy, full, and abundant one.

~Spencer W. Kimball

My life is like my shoes, worn out by service. ~Spencer W. Kimball

Great women and men are always more anxious to serve than to have dominion.

~Spencer W. Kimball

If we live in such a way that the considerations of eternity press upon us, we will make better decisions.

~Spencer W. Kimball

It is not so much what we know that is important, as what we are and what we do.

~Spencer W. Kimball

We must lengthen our stride and must do it now because we over ate and feel fat.

~Spencer W. Kimball

#### True repentance does not permit repetition.

~Spencer W. Kimball

It is in the doing that the real blessing comes. Do it! That's our motto.

The day obedience becomes a quest and not an irritation is the day you gain power.

~Spencer W. Kimball

I am comforted by the assurance that there will be beautiful music in heaven, and for that I am most grateful.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Music can act upon our senses to produce or induce feelings of reverence, humility, fervor, assurance, or other feelings attuned to the spirit of worship.

~Spencer W. Kimball

The leaven of true leadership cannot lift others unless we are with and serve those to be led.

~Spencer W. Kimball

You women are daughters of God. You are precious. You are made in the image of our Heavenly Mother.

~Spencer W. Kimball

A true Latter-day Saint family is a haven against the storms and struggles of life.

~Spencer W. Kimball

One can hardly help another to the top of the hill without climbing there himself.

~Spencer W. Kimball

# Do not pray to marry the one that you love, but to love the one that you marry.

Waste is unjustified, and especially the waste of time limited as that commodity is in our days of probation. One must live, not only exist; he must do, not merely be; he must grow, not just vegetate.

~Spencer W. Kimball

#### We learn to do by doing.

~Spencer W. Kimball

One of the most serious human defects in all ages is procrastination, an unwillingness to accept personal responsibilities now.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Working toward perfection is not a one time decision but a process to be pursued throughout one's lifetime.

~Spencer W. Kimball

There isn't anything else more important than taking the gospel to the world.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Of all treasures of knowledge, the most vital is the knowledge of God, his existence, powers, love, and promises.

~Spencer W. Kimball

How long has it been since you took your children, whatever their size, in your arms and told them that you love them and are glad that they can be yours forever?

~Spencer W. Kimball

When one...consciously and determinedly directs his thoughts, controls his acts, and tries to feel and constantly express his love, he becomes a person of love.

I say to everyone within the sound of my voice, 'Do not fail the Lord'. We must accept the truth that the gospel principles are not on trial but that we are.

~Spencer W. Kimball

One of Satan's sharpest tools is alcohol, for it blinds and deafens, numbs and manacles, impoverishes and maims, and kills unfortunate victims.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Always keep good company. Never waste an hour with anyone who doesn't lift you up and encourage you.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Wherever women are true to their feminine natures and magnify their opportunities for loving service, they are learning to become more like God.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Home life, home teaching, parental guidance is the panacea for all the ailments, a cure for all diseases, a remedy for all problems.

~Spencer W. Kimball

One of the best ways to celebrate righteous history is to make more of it, make more righteous history!

~Spencer W. Kimball

Leadership is the ability to encourage the best efforts of others in working toward a desirable goal.

~Spencer W. Kimball

#### Lengthen your stride/go the extra mile

We should be involved in quiet acts of selfless service.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Sickness sometimes is a great blessing. People become angels through sickness.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Goals are good. Laboring with a distant aim sets the mind in a higher key and puts us at our best.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Goals should always be made to a point that will make us reach and strain.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Language is like music; we rejoice in beauty, range, and quality in both, and we are demeaned by the repetition of a few sour notes.

~Spencer W. Kimball

We ought to encourage our children to know their relatives. We need to talk of them, make effort to correspond with them, visit them, join family organizations, etc.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Whatever thing a man sets his heart on...is his god; and if his god doesn't also happen to be the true and living God of Israel that man is laboring in idolatry.

~Spencer W. Kimball

To be sure your life will be full and abundant, you must plan your life. ~Spencer W. Kimball

Every divorce is the result of selfishness on the part of one or both parties to a marriage contract.

We want you to be ready with your personal storehouses filled with at least a year's supply. You don't argue why it cannot be done; you just plan to organize and get it done.

~Spencer W. Kimball

It is an act of extreme selfishness for a married couple to refuse to have children when they are able to do so.

~Spencer W. Kimball

The nation is built upon the foundation of its homes and the home upon its families.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Now is the time to set your life's goals. Now is the time to set your standards firmly and then hold to them throughout your life.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Humility is the beginning virtue of all exaltation.

~Spencer W. Kimball

We know so little. Our judgment is so limited. We judge the Lord's ways from our own narrow view.

~Spencer W. Kimball

There is nothing unholy or degrading about sexuality in itself, for by that means men and women join in a process of creation and in an expression of love

~Spencer W. Kimball

No government may remain strong by ignoring the commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Make certain decisions only once. ~Spencer W. Kimball

The Lord's way builds individual self esteem and develops and heals the dignity of the individual, whereas the world's way depresses the individual's view of himself and causes deep resentment

~Spencer W. Kimball

Sin comes when communication lines are down - it always does, sooner or later.

~Spencer W. Kimball

In the kingdom, the greater our responsibilities, the greater is our need to see ourselves as servants.

~Spencer W. Kimball

If you are going to err, err on the side of mercy.

~Spencer W. Kimball

If you have not done so yet, decide to decide.

~Spencer W. Kimball

There are many upright and faithful who live all the commandments and whose lives and prayers keep the world from destruction.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Strength and struggle travel together.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Procrastination-thou wretched thief of time and opportunity!

~Spencer W. Kimball

Learn all you can. Growth comes from setting your goals high and reaching for the stars.

Peace, sweet peace finally comes to men when they humbly yield to the gentle pressure of the Spirit.

~Spencer W. Kimball

By one means or another, the swiftest method of rejection of the holy prophets has been to find a pretext, however false or absurd, to dismiss the man so that his message could also be dismissed.

~Spencer W. Kimball

He who cannot learn by others' mistakes is stupid. He who cannot learn by his own errors is a fool.

~Spencer W. Kimball

There is no doubt that the life one leads, and the thoughts one thinks are registered plainly in his face.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Time cannot be recycled. When a moment has gone, it is really gone. Wise time management is really wise management of ourselves. ~Spencer W. Kimball

One of the most fallacious doctrines originated by Satan and propounded by man is that man is saved alone by the grace of God; that belief in Jesus Christ alone is all that is needed for salvation ~Spencer W. Kimball

The only way we can keep our freedom is to work at it. Not some of us. All of us. Not some of the time, but all of the time.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Racial prejudice is of ignorance. There is no place for it.

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They who get off on tangents and ride hobby horses to death are they who become fanatic. Let them understand that they must be tolerant of others faults but never accept as justifiable their own.

~Spencer W. Kimball

#### Impoverished is the life fenced in with few friends

~Spencer W. Kimball

The essence of the miracle of forgiveness is that it brings peace to the previously anxious, restless, frustrated, perhaps tormented soul. ~Spencer W. Kimball

Failure to plan brings barrenness and sterility. Fate brushes man with its wings, but we make our own fate largely.

~Spencer W. Kimball

Success should not necessarily be gauged by always reaching the goal set, but by progress and attainment.

~Spencer W. Kimball

I personally regard all of the houses of the Lord as the work of Jehovah, initiated by him, built by him, designed by him, and dedicated to him and his program.

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