

Terry Goodkind Quotes

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Fighting, Mistake, Giving, Light, Eye, Want, Lying, Choices, Emotion,
Sometimes, Mind*

If the road is easy, you're likely going the wrong way.

~Terry Goodkind

The Wizard's First Rule: People are stupid; given proper motivation almost anyone will believe almost anything.

~Terry Goodkind

Knowledge is a weapon. I intend to be formidably armed.

~Terry Goodkind

We reap a reward merely in the act of helping others. We never know how, or if, that reward will come back to us. Helping is the reward; none other is needed nor better.

~Terry Goodkind

Once you place that crown of liar on your head, you can take it off again, but it leaves a stain for all time.

~Terry Goodkind

Charity, if you have the means, is a personal choice, but charity which is expected or compelled is simply a polite word for slavery.

~Terry Goodkind

Knowing when to fight is just as important as knowing how.

~Terry Goodkind

When the whole world is crazy, it doesn't pay to be sane.

~Terry Goodkind

Fate occasionally touches us all in ways we don't always understand.

~Terry Goodkind

If something is wrong, it matters not if a thousand men are for it; you must still oppose it. If something is just, no amount of popular outcry

should stay you from your course.

~Terry Goodkind

The light of a new day always chases the shadows of the night away, and shows us that the shape of our fears is only the ghost of our own minds.

~Terry Goodkind

Sometimes, making the wrong choice is better than making no choice. You have the courage to go forward, that is rare. A person who stands at the fork, unable to pick, will never get anywhere.

~Terry Goodkind

Never let a beautiful woman pick your path for you when there is a man in her line of sight

~Terry Goodkind

There is nothing that exists that has only one side. Even a piece of paper, thin as it is, has two sides.

~Terry Goodkind

Love is not about what you want. It's about finding happiness for the one you love.

~Terry Goodkind

People are stupid... They will believe a lie because they want to believe it's true, or because they're afraid it might be true.

~Terry Goodkind

In the darkest hours we must believe in ourselves.

~Terry Goodkind

Even a foolish old woman like me knows that lazy people don't think for themselves; they only think about themselves.

~Terry Goodkind

Once lucky, twice confident, and thrice dead.

~Terry Goodkind

The mice think they are right, but my cat eats them anyways. This is the point, reality is nothing, perception is everything.

~Terry Goodkind

Your life is yours and yours alone. Rise up and live it.

~Terry Goodkind

Wizard's Tenth Rule Willfully turning aside from the truth is treason to one's self.

~Terry Goodkind

I felt like I'd been misplaced in the cosmos and I belonged in Maine.

~Terry Goodkind

It does the sheep no good to preach the goodness of a diet of grass, if the wolves are of a different mind.

~Terry Goodkind

The worse you are at thinking, the better you are at drinking.

~Terry Goodkind

Fantasy allows you bend the world and the situation to more clearly focus on the moral aspects of what's happening. In fantasy you can distill life down to the essence of your story.

~Terry Goodkind

Wizard's Fourth Rule There is magic in sincere forgiveness; in the forgiveness you give, but more so in the forgiveness you receive.

~Terry Goodkind

Think of the solution, not the problem

~Terry Goodkind

...Wizard's Fifth Rule: Mind what people do, not only what they say, for deeds will betray a lie.

~Terry Goodkind

We can't live our lives according to what might have been. We have to live by what is.

~Terry Goodkind

Those who have come here to hate should leave now; for in their hate, they only betray themselves.

~Terry Goodkind

Emotions are the end result, the sum, of things learned

~Terry Goodkind

Nothing marks a man's character better than his attraction to intelligence.

~Terry Goodkind

Reality is irrelevant; Perception is everything.

~Terry Goodkind

There is magic in sincere forgiveness - magic to heal.

~Terry Goodkind

Only a fool walks into the future backwards.

~Terry Goodkind

History is rarely made by reasonable men.

~Terry Goodkind

Wizard's Second Rule The greatest harm can result from the best intentions.

~Terry Goodkind

Why should I live my whole life where I don't want to be. [it's a good point - pretty hard to argue with that sort of logic really isn't it!

~Terry Goodkind

Wizard's Ninth Rule A contradiction can not exist in reality. Not in part, nor in whole.

~Terry Goodkind

Admitting that you do not know something is the first step to learning.

~Terry Goodkind

Sometimes that's all life is... One desperate act after another.

~Terry Goodkind

But if used for retribution, magic is vengeance incarnate.

~Terry Goodkind

Sometimes, it is necessary to step beyond what you have known and to reach for something more.

~Terry Goodkind

Kahlan guide me. Kahlan teach me. Kahlan protect me. In your light I thrive. In your mercy I am sheltered. In your wisdom I am humbled. I live only to love you. My life is yours.

~Terry Goodkind

Cara burst into a hearty laugh. She clapped Richard on the back as he walked passed. "I like her, Lord Rahl. You may keep her.

~Terry Goodkind

I've always said fantasy is sort of 'stealth philosophy'.

~Terry Goodkind

Wizard's Sixth Rule The only sovereign you can allow to rule you is reason.

~Terry Goodkind

Many people believe everything others say, even though what they see with their own eyes, should be enough to tell them otherwise.

~Terry Goodkind

Celebrating faith over reason is merely a way of denying what is, in favor of embracing any whim that strikes your fancy.

~Terry Goodkind

But in the end, we can't live our lives by 'what if' and 'if only.' We can only do the best we can to the best of our ability based on what we know. That's why the truth is so important.

~Terry Goodkind

Knowledge is a destination. Truth, the journey.

~Terry Goodkind

There is no place so dangerous as a world without magic.

~Terry Goodkind

Pity for the guilty is treason to the innocent.

~Terry Goodkind

One of the things that defines our character is how we handle mistakes.

~Terry Goodkind

I had to live this long, have the experiences I've had, to create what I

do. I knew I wanted to write for years, but I had to be ready so I wouldn't blow it. The move to Maine was the final step.

~Terry Goodkind

It's only some rice and beans Captain. It's not like I'm giving you Cara's hand in marriage." - Richard

~Terry Goodkind

Only those you trust can betray you" ~ Nathan

~Terry Goodkind

Wizards First Rule: People are Stupid

~Terry Goodkind

Fate does not seek our consent.

~Terry Goodkind

I wish people had half the honor of dragons.

~Terry Goodkind

To question me once is a simple mistake, Lieutenant. Twice is treason. We execute traitors.-Kahlan

~Terry Goodkind

I am who I am; no more, no less.

~Terry Goodkind

We all can be only who we are, no more, no less.

~Terry Goodkind

Right and wrong are not the product of census.

~Terry Goodkind

Not everyone is willing to embrace liberty; liberty requires not just effort,

but risk. Some people choose to delude themselves and see their chains as protective armor.

~Terry Goodkind

Wizard's Eighth Rule Talga Vassternich. (Deserve Victory)

~Terry Goodkind

Everything is valuable under the right conditions. To a man dying of thirst, water be more precious than gold. To a drowning man, water be of little worth and great trouble.

~Terry Goodkind

Every person's life is theirs by right. An individual's life can and must belong only to to himself, not to any society or community, or he is then but a slave.

~Terry Goodkind

Others made you into who you were. You made yourself into what you have become.

~Terry Goodkind

Laugh all you want. I know my own worth and don't need to prove it to someone who doesn't know theirs.

~Terry Goodkind

Intent is guilt. Failure to successfully carry out the intent does not absolve the guilt.

~Terry Goodkind

I'd rather look a fool than be right and fail to act.

~Terry Goodkind

Wizard's Seventh Rule Life is the future, not the past.

~Terry Goodkind

When you insist someone submit to your will, it is accomplished most easily if you give them a small victory so they can retain their dignity while they do as you insist. ~ Kahlan Mother Confessor

~Terry Goodkind

Knowledge comes as it will. Life's lessons come at the most surprising times.

~Terry Goodkind

That's what friends are for-to be strong for you when you need a moment to find your own strength.

~Terry Goodkind

...think of the solution, not the problem. If your mind was filled only with thoughts of why you were going to lose, then you couldn't think of how to win.

~Terry Goodkind

Books served to keep hard-won knowledge safe. They endured.

~Terry Goodkind

Everyone has an effect on others. Some people inspire others to do great things. Some take people into crime with them. Those with the gift affect those around them even more.

~Terry Goodkind

But emotions when based on valued things can be a faithful and consistant sum of truths.

~Terry Goodkind

They look at me and I kind of back up in case they go for my throat.

~Terry Goodkind

Emotions are the sums created by details, whether those details are

true or not.

~Terry Goodkind

People need an enemy to feel a sense of purpose.

~Terry Goodkind

Wrong doing must be punished. If not, it will proliferate until anarchy wears the robes of tolerance and understanding.

~Terry Goodkind

To love someone means that you sometimes are fulfilled the most by putting thier deepest desires above your own.

~Terry Goodkind

If you are unwilling to defend your right to your own lives, then you are merely like mice trying to argue with owls. You think their ways are wrong. They think you are dinner.

~Terry Goodkind

Being afraid something is true is accepting the possibility. Accepting the possibility is the first step to believing.

~Terry Goodkind

When you're the leader, everything is your fault.

~Terry Goodkind

It is said that the greatest cruelty is drawn from those with the kindest hearts.

~Terry Goodkind

Once you teach me something, it's mine to use.

~Terry Goodkind

Enemies,' the wizard said, 'are the price of honour.

~Terry Goodkind

Dancing with death meant being committed to killing, committed with your heart and soul.

~Terry Goodkind

Dance with me, Death, I am ready.

~Terry Goodkind

Everybody knows it. Wizards are supposed to have beards. It's common knowledge.

~Terry Goodkind

Fools who won't see the truth are deadly.

~Terry Goodkind

You can destroy those who speak the truth, but you cannot destroy the truth itself

~Terry Goodkind

Cut the attacker down, to cut them down to their very soul

~Terry Goodkind

Standing for truth is everything. Truth is power. Don't ever forget that.

~Terry Goodkind

Hesitation is a mistake that invites defeat. I would not be Mord-Sith had I not hesitated when I was young." - Cara

~Terry Goodkind

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