

Thaddeus Stevens

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I don't hold with equality in all things only with equality before the law and nothing more.

~Thaddeus Stevens

No government can be free that does not allow all its citizens to participate in the formation and execution of her laws.

~Thaddeus Stevens

I wished that I were the owner of every southern slave, that I might cast off the shackles from their limbs, and witness the rapture which would excite them in the first dance of their freedom.

~Thaddeus Stevens

The whole fabric of southern society must be changed, and never can it be done if this opportunity is lost. Without this, this government can never be, as it never has been, a true republic.

~Thaddeus Stevens

The greatest measure of the nineteenth century was passed by corruption, aided and abetted by the purest man in America.

~Thaddeus Stevens

The freedom of a government does not depend on the quality of its laws, but upon the power that has the right to create them.

~Thaddeus Stevens

I wish the Indians had newspapers of their own. If they had, you would have horrible pictures of the cold-blooded murders of inoffensive Indians.

~Thaddeus Stevens

Retain, even in opposition, your capacity for astonishment.

~Thaddeus Stevens

I answer, because I live among men and not among angels.

~Thaddeus Stevens

There can be no fanatics in the cause of genuine liberty. Fanaticism is excessive zeal. There may be, and have been fanatics in false religion; in the bloody religions of the heathen.

~Thaddeus Stevens

The future condition of the conquered power depends on the will of the conquerer.

~Thaddeus Stevens

I care not whether the soldiers are of Milesian, Teutonic, African or Angelo-Saxon descent. I despise the principle that make a difference between them in the hour of battle and of death.

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