

# Theodore Roosevelt Quotes

*Men, Country, War, People, Mean, Believe, Inspirational, Children, Character,  
President, Political, Presidential, Government, Life, Fighting, Running, Law,  
Strong, Thinking, Peace*

Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground.

~Theodore Roosevelt

A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.

~Theodore Roosevelt

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president.

~Theodore Roosevelt

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

~Theodore Roosevelt

When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer 'Present' or 'Not guilty.'

~Theodore Roosevelt

A man who is good enough to shed his blood for the country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards.

~Theodore Roosevelt

In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Every immigrant who comes here should be required within five years to learn English or leave the country.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right.

~Theodore Roosevelt

No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far.

~Theodore Roosevelt

There is but one answer to terrorism and it is best delivered with a Winchester rifle.

~Theodore Roosevelt

People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. The leader leads, and the boss drives.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind.

~Theodore Roosevelt

I think there is only one quality worse than hardness of heart and that is softness of head.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Courtesy is as much a mark of a gentleman as courage.

~Theodore Roosevelt

A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased; and not impaired in value.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The unforgivable crime is soft hitting. Do not hit at all if it can be avoided; but never hit softly.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant. A brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Big jobs usually go to the men who prove their ability to outgrow small ones.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Life brings sorrows and joys alike. It is what a man does with them - not what they do to him - that is the true test of his mettle.

~Theodore Roosevelt

A good shot must necessarily be a good man since the essence of good marksmanship is self-control and self-control is the essential quality of a good man.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Americanism is a question of principle, of idealism, of character. It is not a matter of birthplace, or creed, or line of descent.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Every reform movement has a lunatic fringe.

~Theodore Roosevelt

We can have no '50-50' allegiance in this country. Either a man is an American and nothing else, or he is not an American at all.

~Theodore Roosevelt

It is essential that there should be organization of labor. This is an era

of organization. Capital organizes and therefore labor must organize.

~Theodore Roosevelt

A typical vice of American politics is the avoidance of saying anything real on real issues.

~Theodore Roosevelt

There were all kinds of things I was afraid of at first, ranging from grizzly bears to 'mean' horses and gun-fighters; but by acting as if I was not afraid I gradually ceased to be afraid.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The only man who makes no mistakes is the man who never does anything. Do not be afraid to make mistakes providing you do not make the same one twice.

~Theodore Roosevelt

To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Most of us tiptoe through life in order to make it safely to death.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Massive potential you have and, in recognition of all this, would you mind having your salary halved.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Do Something Now. If not you, who? If not here, where? If not now, when?

~Theodore Roosevelt

No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his well-being, to risk his body, to risk his life, in a great cause.

~Theodore Roosevelt

We draw the line against misconduct, not against wealth.

~Theodore Roosevelt

A vote is like a rifle; its usefulness depends upon the character of the user.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Get action. Seize the moment. Man was never intended to become an oyster.

~Theodore Roosevelt

I believe in a graduated income tax on big fortunes, and in . . . a graduated inheritance tax on big fortunes, . . . increasing rapidly in amount with the size of the estate.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Comparison is the thief of joy.

~Theodore Roosevelt

We [must] hold the just balance and set ourselves as resolutely against improper corporate influence on the one hand as against demagoguery and mob rule on the other.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Courage, hard work, self-mastery, and intelligent effort are all essential to successful life.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Don't hit at all if it is honorably possible to avoid hitting; but never hit soft.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The only time you really live fully is from thirty to sixty. The young are slaves to dreams; the old servants of regrets. Only the middle-aged have all their five senses in the keeping of their wits.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The man who loves other countries as much as his own stands on a level with the man who loves other women as much as he loves his own wife.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood - the virtues that made America.

~Theodore Roosevelt

No greater wrong can ever be done than to put a good man at the mercy of a bad, while telling him not to defend himself or his fellows; in no way can the success of evil be made surer or quicker.

~Theodore Roosevelt

This country has nothing to fear from the crooked man who fails. We put him in jail. It is the crooked man who succeeds who is a threat to this country.

~Theodore Roosevelt

I took the Canal Zone and let Congress debate; and while the debate goes on, the canal does also.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The best executive is one who has sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from



meddling with them while they do it.

~Theodore Roosevelt

No man who is corrupt, no man who condones corruption in others, can possibly do his duty by the community.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The worst lesson that can be taught to a man is to rely upon others and to whine over his sufferings

~Theodore Roosevelt

All contributions by corporations to any political committee or for any political purpose should be forbidden by law

~Theodore Roosevelt

The one thing I want to leave my children is an honorable name.

~Theodore Roosevelt

A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace.

~Theodore Roosevelt

A grove of giant redwood or sequoias should be kept just as we keep a great and beautiful cathedral.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is more important by far than the successful statesman, or business man, or artist, or scientist.

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Rhetoric is a poor substitute for action, and we have trusted only to rhetoric. If we are really to be a great nation, we must not merely talk; we must act big.

~Theodore Roosevelt

There is not a man of us who does not at times need a helping hand to be stretched out to him, and then shame upon him who will not stretch out the helping hand to his brother.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The wildlife and its habitat cannot speak, so we must and we will.

~Theodore Roosevelt

It is not the critic who counts...The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Honesty first; then courage; then brains - and all are indispensable.

~Theodore Roosevelt

With a great moral issue involved, neutrality does not serve righteousness; for to be neutral between right and wrong is to serve wrong.

~Theodore Roosevelt

It tires me to talk to rich men. You expect a man of millions, the head of a great industry, to be a man worth hearing; but as a rule they don't know anything outside their own business.

~Theodore Roosevelt

So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

~Theodore Roosevelt

I am an American; free born and free bred, where I acknowledge no man as my superior, except for his own worth, or as my inferior, except for his own demerit.

~Theodore Roosevelt

When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Your attitude about who you are and what you have is a very little thing that makes a very big difference.

~Theodore Roosevelt

When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all.

~Theodore Roosevelt

I believe in corporations. They are indispensable instruments of our modern civilization. But I believe they should be so regulated that they shall act for the interests of the community as a whole.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The most practical kind of politics is the politics of decency.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Leave it as it is. The ages have been at work on it and man can only

mar it.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Of all forms of tyranny the least attractive and the most vulgar is the tyranny of mere wealth.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Get action. Do things; be sane; don't fritter away your time; create, act, take a place wherever you are and be somebody; get action.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Make preparations in advance ... you never have trouble if you are prepared for it.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Nothing worth having was ever achieved without effort.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Behind the ostensible government sits enthroned an invisible government owing no allegiance and acknowledging no responsibility to the people.

~Theodore Roosevelt

We will send ships and Marines as soon as possible for the protection of American life and property.

~Theodore Roosevelt

No man is justified in doing evil on the ground of expedience.

~Theodore Roosevelt

He who makes no mistakes makes no progress.

~Theodore Roosevelt

With self-discipline most anything is possible.

~Theodore Roosevelt

The biggest corporation, like the humblest private citizen, must be held to strict compliance with the will of the people as expressed in the fundamental law.

~Theodore Roosevelt

To announce that there must be no criticism of the president... is morally treasonable to the American public.

~Theodore Roosevelt

No educated man can afford to be ignorant of the Bible.

~Theodore Roosevelt

It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.

~Theodore Roosevelt

You can't choose your potential, but you can choose to fulfill it.

~Theodore Roosevelt

I'm as strong as a bull moose and you can use me to the limit.

~Theodore Roosevelt

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