

Thomas a Kempis

Quotes

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Out of sight, out of mind. The absent are always in the wrong.

~Thomas a Kempis

He who loves with purity considers not the gift of the lover, but the love of the giver.

~Thomas a Kempis

A life without purpose is a languid, drifting thing; Every day we ought to review our purpose, saying to ourselves: This day let me make a sound beginning, for what we have hitherto done is naught!

~Thomas a Kempis

If you want to learn something that will really help you, learn to see yourself as God sees you and not as you see yourself in the distorted mirror of your own self-importance.

~Thomas a Kempis

To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love.

~Thomas a Kempis

Purity and simplicity are the two wings with which man soars above the earth and all temporary nature.

~Thomas a Kempis

Love feels no burden, regards not labors, strives toward more than it attains, argues not of impossibility, since it believes that it may and can do all things.

~Thomas a Kempis

Don't think so much about who is for or against you, rather give all your care, that God be with you in everything you do.

~Thomas a Kempis

First keep peace with yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

~Thomas a Kempis

Occasions do not make a man either strong or weak but they show what he is.

~Thomas a Kempis

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission; and in the end it shall carry you.

~Thomas a Kempis

Great tranquility of heart is his who cares for neither praise nor blame.

~Thomas a Kempis

Love makes everything that is heavy light.

~Thomas a Kempis

God is able to do more than man can understand.

~Thomas a Kempis

Be assured that if you knew all, you would pardon all.

~Thomas a Kempis

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

~Thomas a Kempis

You will never be an inwardly religious and devout man unless you pass over in silence the shortcomings of your fellow men, and diligently examine your own weaknesses.

~Thomas a Kempis

Always keep a good distance between yourself and lying, quarreling,

detracting, insulting and gossip. The person who can do that will some day learn to enjoy the silence.

~Thomas a Kempis

The more humble and obedient to God a man is, the more wise and at peace he will be in all that he does.

~Thomas a Kempis

Constantly choose rather to want less, than to have more.

~Thomas a Kempis

Set me free from evil passions, and heal my heart of all inordinate affections; that being inwardly cured and thoroughly cleansed, I may be made fit to love, courageous to suffer, steady to persevere.

~Thomas a Kempis

The only safe ruler is he who has learned to obey willingly.

~Thomas a Kempis

Let this be thy whole endeavor, this thy prayer, this thy desire,-that thou mayest be stripped of all selfishness, and with entire simplicity follow Jesus only.

~Thomas a Kempis

Do not try to find a place free from temptations and troubles. Rather, seek a peace that endures even when you are beset by various temptations and tried by much adversity.

~Thomas a Kempis

The reflections on a day well spent furnish us with joys more pleasing than ten thousand triumphs.

~Thomas a Kempis

Wait for the Lord. Behave yourself manfully, and be of good courage.

Do not be faithless, but stay in your place and do not turn back.

~Thomas a Kempis

God often gives in one brief moment that which He has for a long time denied.

~Thomas a Kempis

If God were our one and only desire we would not be so easily upset when our opinions do not find outside acceptance.

~Thomas a Kempis

For nothing, how little soever, that is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God.

~Thomas a Kempis

Do not let your peace depend on what people say of you... True peace and joy is to be found in [Jesus] alone.

~Thomas a Kempis

For a small reward, a man will hurry away on a long journey; while for eternal life, many will hardly take a single step.

~Thomas a Kempis

The devil does not tempt unbelievers and sinners who are already his own.

~Thomas a Kempis

The loftier the building, the deeper must the foundation be laid.

~Thomas a Kempis

Be at peace with yourself first and then you will be able to bring peace to others.

~Thomas a Kempis

All men commend patience, although few are willing to practice it.

~Thomas a Kempis

The acknowledgment of our weakness is the first step in repairing our loss.

~Thomas a Kempis

Do not let your peace depend on the hearts of men; whatever they say about you, good or bad, you are not because of it another man, for as you are, you are.

~Thomas a Kempis

If you carry your cross joyfully, it will carry you.

~Thomas a Kempis

Remember always your end, and that lost time does not return.

~Thomas a Kempis

There is no man in this world without some manner of tribulation or anguish, though he be king or pope.

~Thomas a Kempis

We should have much more peace if we would not busy ourselves with the sayings and doings of others.

~Thomas a Kempis

Learn to humble yourself, you are but earth and clay.

~Thomas a Kempis

Be Yourself -The man who is neither bent upon pleasing his fellows nor afraid of offending them will enjoy great peace.

~Thomas a Kempis

Christ was willing to suffer wrongs and to be despised, and do you dare

to complain of anything?.

~Thomas a Kempis

We usually know what we can do, but temptation shows us who we are.

~Thomas a Kempis

Grace is the mastery of truth, the teacher of discipline, the light of the heart, the comforter of affliction, the banisher of sorrow, the nurse of devotion.

~Thomas a Kempis

When anger enters the mind, wisdom departs.

~Thomas a Kempis

Man sees your actions, but God your motives.

~Thomas a Kempis

Man considers the actions, but God weighs the intentions.

~Thomas a Kempis

When comfort is withdrawn, do not be cast down, but humbly and patiently await the visitation of God. He is able and powerful to give you more grace and more spiritual comfort than you first had.

~Thomas a Kempis

He is truly great who hath a great charity.

~Thomas a Kempis

If you cannot mould yourself entirely as you would wish, how can you expect other people to be entirely to your liking?

~Thomas a Kempis

Know all and you will pardon all.

~Thomas a Kempis

Confidence is the illusion born of accidental success.

~Thomas a Kempis

What else does anxiety about the future bring you but sorrow upon sorrow?

~Thomas a Kempis

Be thankful for the smallest blessing, and you will be worthy to receive greater.

~Thomas a Kempis

There is no creature so small and abject, that it representeth not the goodness of God.

~Thomas a Kempis

What difference does it make to you what someone else becomes, or says, or does? You do not need to answer for others, only for yourself.

~Thomas a Kempis

All men desire peace, but very few desire those things that make for peace.

~Thomas a Kempis

Grant me prudently to avoid him that flatters me, and to endure patiently him that contradicts me.

~Thomas a Kempis

Oh, how great peace and quietness would he possess who should cut off all vain anxiety and place all his confidence in God.

~Thomas a Kempis

All His glory and beauty come from within, and there He delights to

dwell, His visits there are frequent, His conversation sweet, His comforts refreshing; and His peace passing all understanding.

~Thomas a Kempis

How should thy patience be crowned in heaven if none adversity should befall to thee in earth? If thou wilt suffer none adversity how mayest thou be the friend of Christ?

~Thomas a Kempis

But because many endeavor to get knowledge rather than to live well, they are often deceived and reap little or no benefit from their labor.

~Thomas a Kempis

A man that is well ordered in his soul needeth little the unkind demeanor of worldly people nor yet their proud behavior.

~Thomas a Kempis

Intelligence must follow faith, never precede it, and never destroy it.

~Thomas a Kempis

Anyone who thinks hard work will never hurt you has never had to pay to have it done. Jesus now has many lovers of his Heavenly Kingdom, but few bearers of his cross.

~Thomas a Kempis

Activate yourself to duty by remembering your position, who you are, and what you have obliged yourself to be.

~Thomas a Kempis

Whatsoever is done in charity, however small and of no reputation it be, bringeth forth good fruit.

~Thomas a Kempis

If you bear the cross unwillingly, you make it a burden, and load

yourself more heavily; but you must bear it.

~Thomas a Kempis

Praise adds nothing to your holiness, nor does blame take anything from it. You are what you are, and you cannot be said to be better than you are in God's sight.

~Thomas a Kempis

The enemy is more easily overcome if he be not suffered to enter the door of our hearts, but be resisted without the gate at his first knock.

~Thomas a Kempis

If we live in peace ourselves, we in turn may bring peace to others. A peaceable man does more good than a learned one.

~Thomas a Kempis

If thou art willing to suffer no adversity, how wilt thou be the friend of Christ?

~Thomas a Kempis

A book has but one voice, but it does not instruct everyone alike.

~Thomas a Kempis

Do not interfere when your opinion is not sought.

~Thomas a Kempis

Habit is overcome by habit.

~Thomas a Kempis

Love is a great thing, a good above all others, which alone maketh every burden light.

~Thomas a Kempis

All men are frail; but thou shouldst reckon none so frail as thyself.

~Thomas a Kempis

Never be entirely idle; but either be reading, or writing, or praying or meditating or endeavoring something for the public good.

~Thomas a Kempis

What most of all hinders heavenly consolation is that you are too slow in turning yourself to prayer.

~Thomas a Kempis

Scruples, temptations, and fears, and cutting perplexities of the heart, are often the lot of the most excellent persons.

~Thomas a Kempis

The highest in God's esteem are the lowest in their own.

~Thomas a Kempis

Habit is overcome by habit. [Lat., Consuetudo consuetudine vincitur.]

~Thomas a Kempis

Who has a harder fight than he who is striving to overcome himself.

~Thomas a Kempis

Therefore, a man ought to root himself so firmly in God that he will not need the consolations of men.

~Thomas a Kempis

A wise and good man will turn examples of all sorts to his own advantage. The good he will make his patterns, and strive to equal or excel them. The bad he will by all means avoid.

~Thomas a Kempis

All earthly joy begins pleasantly, but at the end it gnaws and kills.

~Thomas a Kempis

For it is the grace of Christ, and not our own virtue, that gives us the power to overcome the flesh and the world.

~Thomas a Kempis

I have sought for happiness everywhere, but I have found it nowhere except in a little corner with a little book.

~Thomas a Kempis

No one is so good that he is immune from temptation. We will never be entirely free from it. . . . There is no order so holy, no place so secret where there will be no temptation.

~Thomas a Kempis

Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads no excuse of impossibility; for it thinks all things lawful for itself, and all things possible.

~Thomas a Kempis

Simplicity is the intention, purity in the affection; simplicity turns to God, purity unites with and enjoys him.

~Thomas a Kempis

Two wings lift a person up from earthly concerns: Simplicity in intention, and Purity in feeling.

~Thomas a Kempis

If you wish to live in peace and harmony with others, you must learn to discipline yourself in many ways.

~Thomas a Kempis

He that seeks here any other thing but simply God and the salvation of his soul, will find nothing but trouble and sorrow.

~Thomas a Kempis

And when he is out of sight, quickly also he is out of mind.

~Thomas a Kempis

Out of two evils, the less is always to be chosen.

~Thomas a Kempis

Gladly we desire to make other men perfect, but we will not amend our own fault.

~Thomas a Kempis

What thou art, that thou art; that God knoweth thee to be and thou canst be said to be no greater.

~Thomas a Kempis

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