

# Valentino Rossi

## Quotes

*Sports, Race, Years, Track, Passion, Racing, Motivation, Winning, Fighting, Important, Giving, Strong, Car, Thinking, Careers, Dangerous, Hard Work, Winter, Team, Work Out*

Riding a race bike is an art - a thing that you do because you feel something inside.

~Valentino Rossi

The most important thing is to have a good relationship with the bike... you have to understand what she wants. I think of a motorcycle as a woman, and I know that sounds silly, but it's true.

~Valentino Rossi

To be a great motorbike racer, the most important thing is passion for the bike.

~Valentino Rossi

The speed is something dangerous but very exciting.

~Valentino Rossi

Giving yourself threads doesn't mean you don't believe in yourself in my opinion.

~Valentino Rossi

Maybe the bike is more dangerous, but the passion for the car for me is second to the bike.

~Valentino Rossi

I feel 100% a Yamaha rider in my heart. I had a long career and raced with several factory bikes, but the highlight of my career is undoubtedly with Yamaha.

~Valentino Rossi

I'm Valentino Rossi. And I want to be a person, not an icon.

~Valentino Rossi

Our sport is dangerous. We risk the life out there, so we need to stay calm and focused and leave all the rest out.

~Valentino Rossi

But I could also start F1 or rallying. I love rallying much more.

~Valentino Rossi

How do Ferrari know what I'm doing next year when I don't know what I'm doing next week?

~Valentino Rossi

I race to win. If I am on the bike or in a car it will always be the same.

~Valentino Rossi

I would have probably stolen cars - it would have given me the same adrenaline rush as racing.

~Valentino Rossi

I'm lucky because I don't feel too much pressure - it's only in the last hour before the race, and even then it's good, positive pressure.

~Valentino Rossi

To win the Championship in the first year will be hard. We need time to become competitive and win races.

~Valentino Rossi

I am still here because I like to prove myself. I still like to ride the bike on track and enjoy the races. I still have good reasons to be in racing after so many years.

~Valentino Rossi

It is dangerous and unbelievably fast and entirely different from the kind of track I am used to racing on

~Valentino Rossi

I'm very happy because I won a lot. I've won races and lived in a world

that just gave me joy, so I remember it very positively.

~Valentino Rossi

I am focused on racing. I enjoy it. It's a great feeling to be back fighting for the title.

~Valentino Rossi

Once the races begin it's more difficult and there is never that much time for testing.

~Valentino Rossi

It's a big, big advantage because understanding what changes we might make takes time and it takes time to work out settings and to understand everything about the new machine.

~Valentino Rossi

The great fights with your strongest rivals are always the biggest motivation. When you win easily it's not the same taste.

~Valentino Rossi

I have won on Honda and Yamaha so maybe it is interesting to win with a third team, Ducati, who are Italian.

~Valentino Rossi

We kept on racing, doing something that Luis [Salom] loved. Fortunately or unfortunately, life goes on.

~Valentino Rossi

I never race for records. The motivation to try to beat the record is not enough to continue. You have to enjoy it.

~Valentino Rossi

Fortunately during my career I have won more or less everything, so I need to enjoy it to have the right motivation.

~Valentino Rossi

The work that we do during the winter is very important; we have a new bike and it's important to develop it during this time.

~Valentino Rossi

The tragic incident of Luis Salom reminds us that our sport, our passion, is dangerous. We know it but, in a way, we don't think about it.

~Valentino Rossi

I like physical exercise. I actually like sports in general. I really like snowboarding and playing soccer, too.

~Valentino Rossi

I am completely focused on being strong, riding fast, and enjoying myself. With the new generation of riders, only the chronometer counts. I need to be faster than them on track.

~Valentino Rossi

Maybe if Graziano make another work or another sport I wouldn't have had this passion to be a rider.

~Valentino Rossi

I am able to ride the bike and think clearly about strategy and tyres. I also have positive thinking. I am very constructively critical.

~Valentino Rossi

I don't like being famous - it is like a prison. And driving for Ferrari would make it far worse.

~Valentino Rossi

Also, when I started racing he knew a lot of people and it was more easy for me to find the first bike, so I have a good chance for sure.

~Valentino Rossi

You look at Moto3, the races are very exciting. Moto2 is fantastic, and then MotoGP is boring.

~Valentino Rossi

I was lucky. My father raced bikes. He gave me the passion very early. I had my first bike when I was three or four years old.

~Valentino Rossi

I have so much respect for my opponents; many of them watched the races as little children and were supporting me!

~Valentino Rossi

My approach to the races hasn't changed in my 20-year career. If I have the chance to attack and to pass, I do it, trying to get the best possible result.

~Valentino Rossi

In my opinion we are at the limit now, and 17 races is really too much. With all the testing that we do now, it means we're always on the bike and it's quite difficult.

~Valentino Rossi

I'm done with F1 unfortunately. I'm too old, the train has passed

~Valentino Rossi

However I am looking forward to the two new Grands Prix both Shanghai and Laguna Seca are fantastic tracks and it will be good to race at them.

~Valentino Rossi

You try to do a technical feature: in front of me I had a strong rider who brakes hard and it's difficult to pass.

~Valentino Rossi

I'm really happy, and beating Marc [Marquez] at the very last chicane gives me an extra boost.

~Valentino Rossi

Barcelona is a special track. I have always loved the layout of the circuit, but also the atmosphere and the fans are special. It has always been good fun.

~Valentino Rossi

If I test the car for a year I can be quite competitive the next season.

~Valentino Rossi

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