

# Walter Gropius

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Limitation makes the creative mind inventive.

~Walter Gropius

Our guiding principle was that design is neither an intellectual nor a material affair, but simply an integral part of the stuff of life, necessary for everyone in a civilized society.

~Walter Gropius

The mind is like an umbrella. Its most useful when open.

~Walter Gropius

The Bauhaus fights imitation, inferior craftsmanship and artistic dilettantism

~Walter Gropius

Only work which is the product of inner compulsion can have spiritual meaning.

~Walter Gropius

We want to create the purely organic building, boldly emanating its inner laws, free of untruths or ornamentation.

~Walter Gropius

Society needs a good image of itself. That is the job of the architect.

~Walter Gropius

A modern, harmonic and lively architecture is the visible sign of authentic democracy.

~Walter Gropius

Architecture begins where engineering ends.

~Walter Gropius

Specialists are people who always repeat the same mistakes.

~Walter Gropius

How can we expect our students to become bold and fearless in thought and action if we encase them in sentimental shrines feigning a culture which has long since disappeared?

~Walter Gropius

If your contribution has been vital there will always be somebody to pick up where you left off, and that will be your claim to immortality.

~Walter Gropius

However often the thread may be torn out of your hands, you must develop enough patience to wind it up again and again.

~Walter Gropius

Since art is dead in the actual life of civilized nations, it has been relegated to these grotesque morgues, museums.

~Walter Gropius

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