

# Wilhelm Steinitz

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Personality, Running, Soul, Playing Chess, Truth, Chess Game, Strategy,  
Gymnastics, Hands, Powerful, Years, Home*

Chess is intellectual gymnastics.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

A win by an unsound combination, however showy, fills me with artistic horror

~Wilhelm Steinitz

Unfortunately, many regard the critic as an enemy, instead of seeing him as a guide to the truth.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

I have never in my life played the French Defence, which is the dullest of all openings

~Wilhelm Steinitz

A sacrifice is best refuted by accepting it

~Wilhelm Steinitz

Only the player with the initiative has the right to attack

~Wilhelm Steinitz

The King is a fighting piece. Use it!

~Wilhelm Steinitz

Fame, I have already. Now I need the money.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

In the ending the king is a powerful piece for assisting his own pawns, or stopping the adverse pawns.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

I may be an old lion, but I can still bite someone's hand off if he puts it in my mouth.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

Chess is so inspiring that I do not believe a good player is capable of having an evil thought during the game.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

Chess is not for timid souls.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

I am fully and entirely concentrated on the board. I never even consider my opponent's personality. So far as I am concerned, my opponent might as well be an abstraction or an automaton.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

I am not a chess historian - I myself am a piece of chess history, which no one can avoid. I will not write about myself, but I am sure that someone will write.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

I would rather die in America than live in England. I would rather lose a match in America than win one in England. I have come to the conclusion that I neither mean to die soon or to lose the match!

~Wilhelm Steinitz

Have you ever seen a monkey examining a watch?

~Wilhelm Steinitz

Chess is difficult, it demands work, serious reflection and zealous research.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

I play my king all over the board. I make him fight!

~Wilhelm Steinitz

Capture of the adverse King is the ultimate but not the first object of the game

~Wilhelm Steinitz

The king pawn and the queen pawn are the only ones to be moved in the early part of the game.

~Wilhelm Steinitz

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