

William Arthur Ward Quotes

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Success, Believe, New Year, Inspiration, Attitude, Blessing, Giving, Teacher,
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Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.

~William Arthur Ward

Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them.

~William Arthur Ward

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

~William Arthur Ward

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.

~William Arthur Ward

Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing.

~William Arthur Ward

When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.

~William Arthur Ward

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.â€• â€”

~William Arthur Ward

Three enemies of personal peace: regret over yesterday's mistakes, anxiety over tomorrow's problems, and ingratitude for today's blessings.

~William Arthur Ward

It is wise to direct your anger towards problems - not people; to focus

your energies on answers - not excuses.

~William Arthur Ward

Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you. Love me and I may be forced to love you.

~William Arthur Ward

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

~William Arthur Ward

Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not envy, to follow but not imitate, to praise but not flatter, and to lead but not manipulate.

~William Arthur Ward

Our words reveal our thoughts; our manners mirror our self-esteem; our actions reflect our character; our habits predict the future.

~William Arthur Ward

Blessed is the person who sees the need, recognizes the responsibility, and actively becomes the answer.

~William Arthur Ward

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say 'thank you?'

~William Arthur Ward

The optimist pleasantly ponders how high his kite will fly; the pessimist woefully wonders how soon his kite will fall.

~William Arthur Ward

A well-developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.

~William Arthur Ward

A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.

~William Arthur Ward

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it.

~William Arthur Ward

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

~William Arthur Ward

A complaining tongue reveals an ungrateful heart.

~William Arthur Ward

Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning.

~William Arthur Ward

To make mistakes is human; to stumble is commonplace; to be able to laugh at yourself is maturity.

~William Arthur Ward

Change, like sunshine, can be a friend or a foe, a blessing or a curse, a dawn or a dusk.

~William Arthur Ward

Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position, or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service, and character.

~William Arthur Ward

Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records.

~William Arthur Ward

Four steps to achievement: Plan purposefully. Prepare prayerfully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently.

~William Arthur Ward

We can choose to throw stones, to stumble on them, to climb over them, or to build with them.

~William Arthur Ward

Each of us will one day be judged by our standard of life, not by our standard of living; by our measure of giving, not by our measure of wealth; by our simple goodness, not by our seeming greatness.

~William Arthur Ward

Success never resides in the world of weak wishes, but in the palace of purposeful plans and prayerful persistence.

~William Arthur Ward

To bear defeat with dignity, to accept criticism with poise, to receive honors with humility - these are marks of maturity and graciousness.

~William Arthur Ward

Nothing limits achievement like small thinking; nothing expands possibilities like unleashed imagination.

~William Arthur Ward

The price of excellence is discipline. The cost of mediocrity is disappointment.

~William Arthur Ward

There is one thing we can do better than anyone else: we can be ourselves.

~William Arthur Ward

Another fresh new year is here. Another year to live! To Banish worry, doubt and fear, to love and give

~William Arthur Ward

Love is more than a noun-it is a verb; it is more than a feeling-it is caring, sharing, helping, sacrificing.

~William Arthur Ward

Failure is delay, but not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead-end street.

~William Arthur Ward

The more we count the blessings we have, the less we crave the luxuries we haven't.

~William Arthur Ward

The pessimist borrows trouble; the optimists lend encouragement.

~William Arthur Ward

Men never plan to be failures; they simply fail to plan to be successful

~William Arthur Ward

Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change.

~William Arthur Ward

Friendship flourishes at the fountain of forgiveness.

~William Arthur Ward

To the optimist all doors have handles and hinges; to the pessimist, all doors have locks and latches.

~William Arthur Ward

Delays, disappointments and defeats cause quitters to give up in resignation; losers, to give in the frustration; winners, to come through with determination.

~William Arthur Ward

Three keys to more abundant living: caring about others, daring for

others, sharing with others.

~William Arthur Ward

We must be silent before we can listen. We must listen before we can learn. We must learn before we can prepare. We must prepare before we can serve. We must serve before we can lead.

~William Arthur Ward

A friend is one with whom you are comfortable, to whom you are loyal, through whom you are blessed, and for whom you are grateful.

~William Arthur Ward

Do more than believe: practice.

~William Arthur Ward

The winner asks, "May I help?" The loser asks, "Do you expect me to do that?"

~William Arthur Ward

Real optimism sees the negatives but accentuates the positive.

~William Arthur Ward

'If only' is the excuse of the loser; 'I can' is the affirmation of the winner.

~William Arthur Ward

Empathy feels these thoughts; your hurt is in my heart, your loss is in my prayers, your sorrow is in my soul, and your tears are in my eyes.

~William Arthur Ward

In the face of unjust criticism we can become bitter or better; upset or understanding; hostile or humble; furious or forgiving.

~William Arthur Ward

Encourage me, and I will not forget you.

~William Arthur Ward

Faith is knowing there is an ocean because you have seen a brook.

~William Arthur Ward

Once trust is tarnished, it is hard to restore it to its original glow.

~William Arthur Ward

Forgiveness is a funny thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting.

~William Arthur Ward

Everyone has a common, yet unique, responsibility to the future: to make the most of today.

~William Arthur Ward

Today's patience can transform yesterday's discouragements into tomorrow's discoveries. Today's purposes can turn yesterday's defeats into tomorrow's determination.

~William Arthur Ward

Will someone else's life be brighter tomorrow, because of what you have done today?

~William Arthur Ward

Words, like tranquil waters behind a dam, can become reckless and uncontrollable torrents of destruction when released without caution and wisdom.

~William Arthur Ward

I have the opportunity, once more to right some wrongs, to pray for peace, to plant some trees, and sing more joyful songs.

~William Arthur Ward

Wise are those who learn that the bottom line doesn't always have to

be their top priority.

~William Arthur Ward

A friend is one who joyfully sings with you when you are on the mountaintop, and silently walks beside you through the valley.

~William Arthur Ward

Raised voices lower esteem. Hot tempers cool friendships. Loose tongues stretch truth. Swelled heads shrink influence. Sharp words dull respect.

~William Arthur Ward

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings.

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Vow to be valiant. Resolve to be radiant. Determine to be dynamic. Strive to be sincere. Aspire to be attuned.

~William Arthur Ward

Real optimism is aware of problems but recognizes the solutions.

~William Arthur Ward

The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, is nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he cannot learn, feel change, grow or live.

~William Arthur Ward

Before you speak, listen.

~William Arthur Ward

A pinch of praise is worth a pound of scorn. A dash of encouragement is more helpful than a dipper of pessimism. A cup of kindness is better than a cupboard of criticism.

~William Arthur Ward

The essence of life is to care. The beauty of life is to give.

~William Arthur Ward

A life lived without forgiveness is a prison.

~William Arthur Ward

What you believe is more important than what you possess. What you live is more lasting than what you profess. Whom you inspire is more significant than whom you impress.

~William Arthur Ward

Lose yourself in generous service and every day can be a most unusual day, a triumphant day, an abundantly rewarding day!

~William Arthur Ward

Optimists enrich the present, enhance the future, challenge the improbable and attain the impossible

~William Arthur Ward

We are more than what we do... much more than what we accomplish... far more than what we possess.

~William Arthur Ward

The greatest ideas, the most profound thoughts, and the most beautiful poetry are born from the womb of silence

~William Arthur Ward

Commend while others are criticizing, persist while others are quitting

~William Arthur Ward

Today is a most unusual day, because we have never lived it before; we will never live it again; it is the only day we have.

~William Arthur Ward

Real optimism has reason to complain but prefers to smile.

~William Arthur Ward

Enthusiasm is the match that lights the candle of achievement.

~William Arthur Ward

If you would be interesting, be interested, if you would be pleased, be pleasing, if you would be loved, be loveable, if you would be helped be helpful.

~William Arthur Ward

Happiness is an inside job.

~William Arthur Ward

We are most like beasts when we kill. We are most like men when we judge. We are most like God when we forgive.

~William Arthur Ward

Man, like the bridge, was designed to carry the load of the moment, not the combined weight of a year at once.

~William Arthur Ward

The greatest failure is the failure to try.

~William Arthur Ward

Do more than be fair: be kind.

~William Arthur Ward

The more patient we are, the more understanding we become.

~William Arthur Ward

A success is one who decided to succeed and worked. A failure is one who decided to succeed and wished.

~William Arthur Ward

Christmas can be the end of emptiness and waywardness; The beginning of happiness and purposefulness.

~William Arthur Ward

Our greatest challenge-our greatest opportunity-is found in these words: 'Choose ye this day....'.

~William Arthur Ward

Opportunity is often difficult to recognize; we usually expect it to beckon us with beepers and billboards.

~William Arthur Ward

The greatest hazard in life is to risk NOTHING.

~William Arthur Ward

The more generous we are, the more joyous we become.

~William Arthur Ward

Skillful listening is the best remedy for loneliness, loquaciousness, and laryngitis.

~William Arthur Ward

The experienced mountain climber is not intimidated by a mountain - he is inspired by it.

~William Arthur Ward

Forgiveness from others is charity; from God, grace; from oneself, wisdom.

~William Arthur Ward

Real and lasting generosity requires that a person do more than make up his mind to give. He must also make up his heart.

~William Arthur Ward

The optimist lives on the peninsula of infinite possibilities; the pessimist is stranded on the island of perpetual indecision.

~William Arthur Ward

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