

William Penn

Quotes

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Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it.

~William Penn

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles.

~William Penn

Time is what we want most, but what we use worst.

~William Penn

Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants.

~William Penn

Knowledge is the treasure, but judgment the treasurer, of a wise man.

~William Penn

True silence is the rest of the mind, and is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment.

~William Penn

No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.

~William Penn

They that love beyond the world cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies.

~William Penn

Humility and knowledge in poor clothes excel pride and ignorance in costly attire.

~William Penn

Death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of your sight.

Open your eyes to see more clearly.

~William Penn

No man is fit to command another that cannot command himself.

~William Penn

If it be an evil to judge rashly or untruly any single man, how much a greater sin it is to condemn a whole people.

~William Penn

A true friend freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably.

~William Penn

The adventure of the Christian life begins when we dare to do what we would never tackle without Christ.

~William Penn

O Lord, help me not to despise or oppose what I do not understand.

~William Penn

The country life is to be preferred, for there we see the works of God; but in cities little else but the works of men. And the one makes a better subject for contemplation than the other.

~William Penn

If thou wouldst rule well, thou must rule for God, and to do that, thou must be ruled by him. Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants.

~William Penn

The jealous are troublesome to others, but a torment to themselves.

~William Penn

In marriage do thou be wise: prefer the person before money, virtue before beauty, the mind before the body; then thou hast a wife, a friend, a companion, a second self.

~William Penn

The only fountain in the wilderness of life, where man drinks of water totally unmixed with bitterness, is that which gushes for him in the calm and shady recess of domestic life.

~William Penn

The wisdom of nations lies in their proverbs, which are brief and pithy.

~William Penn

We are inclined to call things by the wrong names. We call prosperity 'happiness', and adversity 'misery' eventhough adversity is the school of wisdom and often the way to eternal happiness.

~William Penn

A good End cannot sanctify evil Means; nor must we ever do Evil, that Good may come of it.

~William Penn

Patience and Diligence, like faith, remove mountains.

~William Penn

It were happy if we studied nature more in natural things; and acted according to nature, whose rules are few, plain, and most reasonable.

~William Penn

Let us see what love can do.

~William Penn

Passion is a sort of fever in the mind, which ever leaves us weaker than it found us.

~William Penn

Covetousness is the greatest of monsters, as well as the root of all evil.

~William Penn

Peace can only be secured by justice; never by force of arms.

~William Penn

Justice is the insurance which we have on our lives and property.
Obedience is the premium which we pay for it.

~William Penn

If we would mend the World, we should mend Ourselves; and teach our Children to be, not what we are, but what they should be.

~William Penn

There can be no friendship where there is no freedom. Friendship loves a free air, and will not be fenced up in straight and narrow enclosures.

~William Penn

Avoid flatterers, for they are thieves in disguise.

~William Penn

Death cannot kill what never dies.

~William Penn

Much reading is an oppression of the mind, and extinguishes the natural candle, which is the reason of so many senseless scholars in the world.

~William Penn

My prison shall be my grave before I will budge a jot; for I owe my conscience to no mortal man.

~William Penn

For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity.

~William Penn

Always remember to bound thy thoughts to the present occasion.

~William Penn

Force may subdue, but love gains, and he that forgives first wins the laurel.

~William Penn

In all debates, let truth be thy aim, not victory, or an unjust interest.

~William Penn

Some are so very studious of learning what was done by the ancients that they know not how to live with the moderns.

~William Penn

Those who live to live forever, never fear dying.

~William Penn

For nothing reaches the heart but what is from the heart, or pierces the conscience but what comes from a living conscience

~William Penn

He that does good for good's sake seeks neither paradise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end.

~William Penn

Friendship is the union of spirits, a marriage of hearts, and the bond thereof virtue

~William Penn

Charity is ... a universal remedy against discord, and an holy cement for mankind.

~William Penn

There can be no Friendship where there is no Freedom.

~William Penn

Avoid popularity; it has many snares, and no real benefit.

~William Penn

Truth often suffers more by the heat of its defenders than the arguments of its opposers.

~William Penn

Never give out while there is hope; but hope not beyond reason, for that shows more desire than judgement.

~William Penn

The best recreation is to do good.

~William Penn

In the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals, step home within yourselves and be still. Wait upon God, and feel His good presence; this will carry you evenly through your day's business.

~William Penn

False-dealing travels a short road, and surely detected.

~William Penn

The truest end of life is to know the life that never ends.

~William Penn

Knowledge is the treasure of a wise man.

~William Penn

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I

can do ... let me do it now.

~William Penn

God is better served in resisting a temptation to evil than in many formal prayers.

~William Penn

Love labor: for if thou dost not want it for food, thou mayest for physic. It is wholesome for thy body and good for thy mind.

~William Penn

If you protect a man from folly, you will soon have a nation of fools.

~William Penn

True godliness does not turn men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it and excites their endeavors to mend it.

~William Penn

A jealous man only sees his own spectrum when he looks upon other men, and gives his character in theirs.

~William Penn

Never despise what you don't understand.

~William Penn

Only trust thyself, and another shall not betray thee.

~William Penn

Perfect love casteth out fear.

~William Penn

Let the people think they govern and they will be governed.

~William Penn

Love is the hardest lesson in Christianity; but, for that reason, it should be most our care to learn it.

~William Penn

Were the superfluities of a nation valued, and made a perpetual tax or benevolence, there would be more alms-houses than poor, schools than scholars, and enough to spare for government besides.

~William Penn

Nor must we always be neutral where our neighbors are concerned: for tho' meddling is a fault, helping is a duty.

~William Penn

Friendship is the union of spirits.

~William Penn

Be sure that religion cannot be right that a man is the worse for having.

~William Penn

A wise neuter joins with neither, but uses both as his honest interest leads him.

~William Penn

And he that is taught to live upon little, owes more to his father's wisdom, than he that has a great deal left him, does to his father's care.

~William Penn

Inquiry is human; blind obedience brutal. Truth never loses by the one but often suffers by the other.

~William Penn

He that lives in love lives in God.

~William Penn

People are more afraid of the laws of Man than of God, because their punishment seems to be nearest.

~William Penn

Death then, being the way and condition of life, we cannot love to live if we cannot bear to die.

~William Penn

Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good.

~William Penn

Where charity keeps pace with gain, industry is blessed.

~William Penn

Love grows, lust wastes by enjoyment.

~William Penn

Kings in this world should imitate God, their mercy should be above their works.

~William Penn

The smaller the drink, the clearer the head, and the cooler the blood.

~William Penn

The humble, meek, merciful, and just are everywhere of one religion; and when death has taken off the mask they will know one another, though the diverse liveries they wear here make them strangers.

~William Penn

Where Example keeps pace with Authority, Power hardly fails to be obey'd.

~William Penn

I shall pass through life but once. Let me show kindness now, as I shall

not pass this way again.

~William Penn

For though Death be a dark passage, it leads to immortality, and that is recompence enough for suffering of it.

~William Penn

He that has more Knowledge than Judgment, is made for another Man's use more than his own.

~William Penn

Sense shines with a double luster when it is set in humility. An able yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom.

~William Penn

We have a call to do good, as often as we have the power and occasion.

~William Penn

Religion itself is nothing else but Love to God and Man. He that lives in Love lives in God, says the Beloved Disciple: And to be sure a Man can live no where better.

~William Penn

We need to stop arguing about Christ and start living like Christ.

~William Penn

We are too careless of posterity; not considering that as they are, so the next generation will be.

~William Penn

It would be far better to be of no church than to be bitter of any.

~William Penn

To do evil that good may come of it is for bunglers in politics as well as morals.

~William Penn

If thou wouldn't conquer thy weakness thou must not gratify it.

~William Penn

Love grows. Lust wastes by Enjoyment, and the Reason is, that one springs from an Union of Souls, and the other from an Union of Sense.

~William Penn

Next to God, thy parents.

~William Penn

Speak properly, and in as few words as you can, but always plainly; for the end of speech is not ostentation, but to be understood.

~William Penn

The tallest Trees are most in the Power of the Winds, and Ambitious Men of the Blasts of Fortune.

~William Penn

Men are generally more careful of the breed of their horses and dogs than of their children.

~William Penn

I know no religion that destroys courtesy, civility, and kindness.

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