

Zicheng Hong

Quotes

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If those who give are conscious of their own generosity and those who receive feel indebted, they are no longer family but rather strangers doing business.

~Zicheng Hong

There is much meaning in the word endure. For example, when dealing with unstable human feelings and uneven pathways in life, without endurance to hold you up, you may fall into a pit in the brush.

~Zicheng Hong

Those who have come to an impasse should examine their original intentions; those who have succeeded should note where they are heading.

~Zicheng Hong

To notice people's deceptions yet not reveal it in words, to bear people's insults without showing any change of attitude-there is endless meaning in this, and also endless function.

~Zicheng Hong

If a poor house is well kept, or a poor girl well groomed, there is elegance if not beauty. If good people should come upon hard times, why should they immediately give up on themselves?

~Zicheng Hong

Human affairs are like a chess game. Only those who do not take it seriously can be called good players.

~Zicheng Hong

Attention is the mind's feet; if you do not control your attention strictly, it runs into misleading pathways.

~Zicheng Hong

Valuing unusual conduct is not as good as being careful about ordinary

actions.

~Zicheng Hong

In dealing with good people one should be magnanimous; in dealing with bad people one should be strict. In dealing with average people one should combine magnanimity and strictness.

~Zicheng Hong

If the mind is illumined, there is clear blue sky in a dark room. If the thoughts are muddled, there are malevolent ghosts in broad daylight.

~Zicheng Hong

You should be forgiving when others make mistakes, but not when the mistakes are in you. You should be patient under duress yourself, but not when it affects others.

~Zicheng Hong

When the mind is possessed of reality, it feels tranquil and joyous even without music or song, and it produces a pure fragrance even without incense or tea.

~Zicheng Hong

The road of truth is broad; set the mind on it, and you feel expansive openness and broad clarity. The road of human desires is narrow; set foot on it, and you see brambles and mire before you.

~Zicheng Hong

Fishing is a pleasure of retirement, yet the angler has the power to let the fish live or die.

~Zicheng Hong

Those who live simply are often pure, while those who live luxuriously may be slavish and servile. It seems that the will is clarified by plainness, while conduct is ruined by indulgence.

~Zicheng Hong

When you meet silent and inscrutable people, don't tell them what you are thinking. When you meet irritable and self-serving people, be careful what you say.

~Zicheng Hong

A thousand pieces of gold may hardly bring a moment's happiness, but a small favor can cause a lifetime's gratitude. Too much love can turn to enmity, while aloofness can produce joy.

~Zicheng Hong

One of our predecessors said, "Throwing away the inexhaustible treasury of your own home, you go with your bowl from door to door, acting like a beggar"

~Zicheng Hong

If you know that whatever is made inevitable breaks down, you needn't seek too hard for achievement. If you know that all living beings inevitably die, you needn't work too hard on health lore.

~Zicheng Hong

If you do not join the polluted, then you are pure; if you reject society in search of purity, that is not purity but fanaticism.

~Zicheng Hong

Public behavior is nurtured in private; earthshaking measures come from careful steps.

~Zicheng Hong

Don't be too severe in criticizing people's faults; consider how much they can bear. Don't be too lofty in enjoining virtue, so people may be able to follow.

~Zicheng Hong

...people of old deemed freedom from greed precious, and this is how they got beyond the world.

~Zicheng Hong

Compromise to please others is not as good as integrity that annoys others. Rather than be praised without being good, it is better to be slandered without being bad.

~Zicheng Hong

When enlightened people are so poor that they cannot help others, if they speak a word to awaken the confused or to resolve a problem, there is also boundless merit in that.

~Zicheng Hong

Unexpected hardship refines people; if you can accept it, both mind and body will benefit. If you cannot accept it, on the other hand, both mind and body will be harmed.

~Zicheng Hong

Observe people with cool eyes, listen to their words with cool ears. Confront feelings with cool emotions, reflect on principles with a cool mind.

~Zicheng Hong

In the mind engaged in struggling with hardship, one always finds something delightful. The sorrow of disappointment arises in the complacency of satisfaction.

~Zicheng Hong

When people are determined, they can overcome fate; when the will is unified, it can mobilize energy. Enlightened people do not even let nature put them in a set mold.

~Zicheng Hong

When one is not slipshod in small matters, not hypocritical in secret, and not reckless in disappointment, only then is one a true hero.

~Zicheng Hong

Desires that are just are termed Truth. Without desires, Truth cannot be understood.

~Zicheng Hong

A moment of kindness can produce a mood of harmony between heaven and earth. Purity of heart can leave a fine example for a hundred generations.

~Zicheng Hong

If you fear that people will know if you do something bad, then there is something good in bad. If you are eager for people to know when you do something good, then there is something bad in good.

~Zicheng Hong

Virtue is the master of talent, talent is the servant of virtue. Talent without virtue is like a house where there is no master and their servant manages its affairs. How can there be no mischief?

~Zicheng Hong

Blessings often give rise to injury, so be careful when things are going your way. Success may be achieved after failure, so don't just give up when you've been disappointed.

~Zicheng Hong

Our body is a small universe; to regulate emotions and feelings is a way of harmonization.

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