

Come what come may, time and the hour runs through the roughest day.
(Shakespeare)

The attempt and not the deed confounds us. (Shakespeare)

A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it: it would be hell on earth. (George Bernard Shaw)

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. (Sir Richard Steele)

A child should always say what's true, / And speak when he is spoken to, /
And behave mannerly at table: / At least as far as he is able. (Robert Louis Stevenson)

The world is full of happy things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings. (R.L. Stevenson)

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. (Alfred, Lord Tennyson)

It takes two to speak the truth, one to speak, and another to hear. (Henry David Thoreau)

Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to. (Mark Twain)

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. (Oscar Wilde)

Be wise with speed; a fool at forty is a fool indeed. (Edward Young)

Procrastination is the thief of time. (Edward Young)

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A friend in power is a friend lost (Henry Adams)

If we may believe our logicians, man is distinguished from all other creatures by the faculty of laughter. (Joseph Addison)

For what do we live, but to make sport for our neighbours, and laugh at them in our turn? (Jane Austen)

Silence is the virtue of fools. (Francis Bacon)

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. (Francis Bacon)

Studies serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability. (Francis Bacon)

It is the wisdom of the crocodiles, that shed tears when they would devour. (Francis Bacon)

Your little hands were made to take / the better things and leave the worse ones: / They also may be used to shake / the massive paws of elder persons. (Hilaire Belloc)

Oh! Let us never, never doubt / What nobody is sure about! (Hilaire Belloc)

There is no man so friendless but what he can find a friend sincere enough to tell him disagreeable truths. (E. G. B. Lytton)

What ever sceptic could inquire for; / For every why he had a therefore. (Samuel Butler)

I don't pretend to understand the Universe - it's a great deal bigger than I am ... / People ought to be modester. (Thomas Carlyle)

Do as you would be done is the surest method that I know of pleasing. (Earl of Chesterfield)

I recommend you to take care of the minutes: for hours will take care of themselves. (Earl of Chesterfield)

Wear your learning, like your watch in a private pocket: and do not merely pull it out and strike it; merely to show that you have one. (Earl of Chesterfield)

Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well. (Earl of Chesterfield)

Perfect freedom is reserved for the man who lives by his own work, and in that work does what he wants to do. (R.G. Collingwood)

When you have nothing to say, say nothing. (Charles Caleb Colton)

No people do so much harm as those who go about doing good. (Bishop Mandell Creighton)

It is better to wear out than to rust out. (Bish. Richard Cumberland)

Genius is one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration. (Thomas A. Edison)

The bodies of those that made such a noise and tumult when alive, when dead, lie as quietly among the graves of their neighbours as any others. (Jonathan Edward)

When it is not necessary to change, it is necessary not to change. (Lucius Cary, Viscount Falkland)

O Friend unseen, unborn, unknown, / Student of our sweet English tongue, / Read out my words at night, alone: / I was a poet, I was young. (James E. Flecker)

'Tis virtue, and not birth that makes us noble: Great actions speak great minds, and such should govern. (John Fletcher)

The best way to get the better of temptation is just to yield to it. (Clementina Stirling Graham)

Whoever would lie usefully should lie seldom. (Lord Hervey)

Live all you can; it's a mistake not to. It doesn't so much matter what you do in particular, so long as you have your life. If you haven't had that what have you had? (Henry James)

Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them.

If each would sweep before his own door, we should have a clean city.

He's not fit to command others that cannot command himself.

If you'd have it done, go; if not, send. (Benjamin Franklin)

To err, is human; to forgive, divine. (Alexander Pope)

The end must justify the means. (Matthew Prior)

What is written without effort is in general read without pleasure. (Samuel Johnson)

I have had playmates, I have had companions, in my days of childhood, in my joyful school-days, - all, all are gone, the old familiar faces. (Charles Lamb)

Two men look out through the same bars; / One sees the mud, and one the stars. (Frederick Langbridge)

Nothing, like something, happens anywhere. (Philip Larkin)

Take care of the pence, and the pounds will take care of themselves. (William Lowndes)

The dust of exploded beliefs may make a fine sunset. (Geoffrey Madan)

Words are men's daughters, but God's sons are things. (Samuel Madden)

He that would govern others, first should be the master of himself. (Philip Massinger)

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything. (Edward John Phelps)

Unlimited power is apt to corrupt the minds of those who possess it. (William Pitt, Earl of Chatham)

A little learning is a dang'rous thing; / Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring: / There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain, / And drinking largely sobers us again. (Alexander Pope)

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday. (Alexander Pope)

Better by far you should forget and smile / Than that you should remember and be sad. (Christina Rossetti)

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, / Than are dreamt of in our philosophy. (Shakespeare)

There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so. (Shakespeare)