

Wisdom Quotes for 2020

“Who builds for God, and not for fame, will ne’er inscribe the marble with his name.”

– anonymous

“I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble.”

– Helen Keller

“Little by little, one travels far.”

– J. R. R. Tolkien

“When people are inspired and loved, they will do most anything.”

– R. B.

“While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued: but once they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader...if virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security.”

– Samuel Adams

“Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance.”

– Augustine

“No system of education is complete that does not harden the hands and toughen muscles, while it is also develops the intellect and enlarges the heart...only through work do we attain the true symmetry, strength, and glory of godly manhood and womanhood.”

– Alexander Clark 1834-1879

“Beautiful forms and compositions are not made by chance, nor can they ever, in any material, be made at small expense. A composition for cheapness and not excellence of workmanship is the most frequent and certain cause of the rapid decay and entire destruction of arts and manufacturers.”

– Josiah Wedgwood

“If we encounter a man of rare intellect we should ask him what books he reads.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

“What we do in life echoes in eternity.”

– General Maximus Decimus Meridius

“Everyday you are becoming who you will be forever.”

– John Luhmann

“When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.”

– Leonardo da Vinci

“We who preach and write, do so in a manner different from which the Scriptures have been written. We write while we make progress. We learn something new every day. We speak as we still knock for understanding...If anyone criticizes me when I have said what is right, he does me an injustice. But I would be more angry with the one who praises me and takes what I have written for Gospel truth than I would be with the one who criticizes me unfairly.”

– Augustine

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people together to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the sea.”

– Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

“I must judge for myself, but how can I judge, how can any man judge, unless his mind has been opened and enlarged by reading.”

– John Adams

“If you’re early you’re on time, if you’re on time you’re late, if you’re late you’re left behind!”

– anonymous

“There is no force so powerful as error in a godly person’s mouth.”

– Andree Seu

“A cup of sweet water could never spill a drop of bitter water, no matter how heavily it was jolted.”

– Amy Carmichael

“God allows trials to bring the real self to the surface. If you reverse the word self-esteem, you will see that to esteem-self is not the goal for the Christian.”

– anonymous

The true question to ask respecting a book is, ‘has it help’d any human soul.’

– The 1869 Librarian of Congress

“Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.”

– Thomas Jefferson

“I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.”

– Thomas Jefferson

“The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.”

– Thomas Jefferson

“To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.”

– Thomas Jefferson

“Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

“Courtesy is as much a mark of a gentleman as courage.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

“Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

“We need the iron qualities that go with true manhood. We need the positive virtues of resolution, of courage, of indomitable will, of power to do without shrinking the rough work that must always be done.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

“Big jobs usually go to the men who prove their ability to outgrow small ones.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

“Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

“Many times the reading of a book has made the future of a man.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest men of past centuries.”

– Descartes

“The man who does not read good books, has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.”

– Mark Twain

“Next to the Holy Scriptures, the greatest aide to the life of faith may be Christian biographies.”

– A.W. Tozer

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and left untried.”

– G.K. Chesterton

“Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.”

– Augustine

“Don’t only practice your art, but force your way into its secrets, for it and knowledge can raise men into the divine.”

– Ludwig Van Beethoven

“If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, then error will be.”

– Daniel Webster

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this."

– C.S. Lewis

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him"

– John Piper