

FINDING DEFINITION

A life in quotes

**I believe one can learn a great deal about a person through the quotations that they treasure.
Here are some of my favorites:**

The measure of a man's life is the well-spending of it, and not the length.
Plutarch, *Consolatis ad Apollonium*

What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies.
Aristotle; *Book IV, sec. 20*

The only way to have a friend is to be one.
Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Essays: Friendship*

In all matters, before beginning, a diligent preparation should be made.
Cicero, De Officiis

A man's greatness should not be measured by the place in which he stands but rather by the place toward which he is striving.
H. Roger Naylor

It is better to wear out than to rust out.
Bishop Richard Cumberland, *Sermon*

Good work makes beautiful things, and good work lasts.
Lord Dunsany, *My Ireland, chptr. 6*

Well done is better than well said.
Benjamin Franklin

That is a good book that is opened with expectation and closed with profit.
A. B. Alcott, *Table Talk*

A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, imbalm'd and treasur'd up on purpose to a life beyond life.
Milton, *Areopagitica, sec. 6*

Never lend books, for no one ever returns them; the only books I have in my library are books that others have lent me.
Anatole France

All true love is founded on esteem.
George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham; *True Love*

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Is love an art? Then it requires knowledge and effort.

Erich Fromm, *The Art of Love*

How it improves people when we begin to love them. It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important.

St. Exupery, *The Little Prince*.

Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character.

J. Lowell, *Among my Books*

It is not enough to acquire wisdom; it is necessary to employ it.

Cicero; *De Finibus, Book I*

Wisdom does not always speak in Greek and Latin.

Thomas Fuller, *Gnomologia, no. 5762*

Some are wise; some are otherwise.

James Howell, *English Proverbs*

Any man more right than his neighbors constitutes a majority of one.

Thoreau, *Civil Disobediance*

He was so learned, he could name a horse in nine language, so ignorant that he bought a cow to ride on.

Benjamin Franklin

The true way to be deceived is to think oneself more clever than others.

Duc de la Rochefoucauld, *Maxim no. 127*

A man does not live until he begins to discipline himself; he merely exists.

James Allen, *As a Man Thinketh*

The hardest victory is victory over self.

Aristotle, *Apothegm*

Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites.... Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere, and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters.

Sir Edmund Burke, *National Assembly*

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He who through faith is righteous shall live.

Romans, 17

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts, XX, 35

You have nothing more from your wealth save what you have spent from it during life.

Algazili; Ethics, Maxim 101

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

Thoreau, Walden

All you need to do is to tell a man he is no good ten times a day, and very soon he begins to believe it himself.

Len Yutang, With Love and Irony

The mind of each man is the man himself.

Cicero, De Republica

O wad some Power the giftie gie us/To see oursels as ithers see us!

Robert Burns, To a Louse

The life which is unexamined is not worth living.

Socrates, Apology

Can we really "know" the universe? My God, it's hard enough finding your way in Chinatown.

Woody Allen, Getting Even

A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.

George Moore, The Brook Kerith

Knowledge is of two kinds---we know a subject ourselves or we know where we can find information on it.

Samuel Johnson, The Life of Samuel Johnson

Thou hast power until the word is spoken; then does it gain mastery over thee.

Saki, Bustan, ch. vii

Edith was a little country, bounded on the north, south, east, and west by Edith.

Martha Ostensa.

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Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

John Ruskin, *The Crown of Wild Olive*

Know Thyself/Do Nothing In Excess

Inscriptions on the pediments of the Sacred Temple of Apollo at Delphi

To escape criticism – do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

Elbert Hubbard

Never esteem anything of advantage to you that shall make you lose your self respect.

Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*

Nothing is so much to be feared as fear.

Thoreau, *Journal*

To a generous mind nothing is so agreeable as to command the works of others, and to be the means of ushering into the world such happy Productions.

Sir Edmund Burke, The Reformer, no. 13

It is a fine thing to have ability, but the ability to discover ability in others is the true test.

Elbert Hubbard.

The height of art is to conceal art.

Quintilian, *Institutiones Oratoriae*

Death is nature's way of telling you to slow down.

Newsweek, April 25, 1960