

In the Arena

Teddy Roosevelt Quotations

“Long may you carry yourselves proudly as citizens of a nation which bears a leading part in the teaching and uplifting of mankind.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

-Teddy Roosevelt

"Be practical as well as generous in your ideals. Keep your eyes on the stars, but remember to keep your feet on the ground."

-Teddy Roosevelt

“Our nation, glorious in youth and strength, looks into the future with eager eyes and rejoices as a strong man to run a race.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

"There are good men and bad men of all nationalities, creeds and colors; and if this world of ours is ever to become what we hope some day it may become, it must be by the general recognition that the man's heart and soul, the man's worth and actions, determine his standing."

-Teddy Roosevelt

"If a man does not have an ideal and try to live up to it, then he becomes a mean, base and sordid creature, no matter how successful."

-Teddy Roosevelt

"There are two things that I want you to make up your minds to: first, that you are going to have a good time as long as you live - I have no use for the sour-faced man - and next, that you are going to do something worthwhile, that you are going to work hard and do the things you set out to do."

-Teddy Roosevelt

"I have a perfect horror of words that are not backed up by deeds."

-Teddy Roosevelt

"To borrow a simile from the football field, we believe that men must play fair, but that there must be no shirking, and that the success can only come to the player who 'hits the line hard.' "

-Teddy Roosevelt

"There is not a man of us who does not at times need a helping hand to be stretched out to him, and then shame upon him who will not stretch out the helping hand to his brother."

-Teddy Roosevelt

"It is true of the Nation, as of the individual, that the greatest doer must also be a great dreamer."

-Teddy Roosevelt

“It’s not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again...who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

“No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his well-being, to risk his body, to risk his life, in a great cause.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

“Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

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

-Teddy Roosevelt

“Do what you can with what you have where you are.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

“With self-discipline most anything is possible.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

“In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

“The most important single ingredient in the formula for success is the knack of getting along with people.”

-Teddy Roosevelt

"Get action. Seize the moment. Man was never intended to become an oyster."

-Teddy Roosevelt