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# Quotes by Scott, Sir Walter

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The willow which bends to the tempest, often escapes better than the oak which resists it; and so in great calamities, it sometimes happens that light and frivolous spirits recover their elasticity and presence of mind sooner than those of a loftier character.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Adversity is, to me at least, a tonic and a bracer.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Come he slow or come he fast. It is but death who comes at last.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Death -- the last sleep? No, it is the final awakening.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Is death the last step? No, it is the final awakening.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.

- Scott, Sir Walter

If you once turn on your side after the hour at which you ought to rise, it is all over. Bolt up at once.

- Scott, Sir Walter

There never will exist anything permanently noble and excellent in the character which is a stranger to resolute self-denial.

- Scott, Sir Walter

The faces that have charmed us the most escape us the soonest.

- Scott, Sir Walter

If you have no friends to share or rejoice in your success in life -- if you cannot look back to those whom you owe gratitude, or forward to those to whom you ought to afford protection, still it is no less incumbent on you to move steadily in the path of duty; for your active exertions are due not only to society; but in humble gratitude to the Being who made you a member of it, with powers to save yourself and others.

- Scott, Sir Walter

The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. We cannot exist without mutual help. All therefore that need aid have a right to ask it from their fellow-men; and no one who has the power of granting can refuse it without guilt.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Of all vices, drinking is the most incompatible with greatness.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Ambition breaks the ties of blood, and forgets the obligations of gratitude.

- Scott, Sir Walter

To the timid and hesitating everything is impossible because it seems so.

- Scott, Sir Walter

A lawyer without history or literature is a mechanic, a mere working mason; if he possesses some knowledge of these, he may venture to call himself an architect.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Sound, sound the clarion, fill the fife! To all the sensual world proclaim. One crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age without a name.

- Scott, Sir Walter

When thinking about companions gone, we feel ourselves doubly alone.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Each age has deemed the new-born year the fittest time for festal cheer.

- Scott, Sir Walter

One hour of life, crowded to the full with glorious action, and filled with noble risks, is worth whole years of those mean observances of paltry decorum, in which men steal through existence, like sluggish waters through a marsh, without either honor or observation.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Look back, and smile at perils past.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Breathes there the man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land!

- Scott, Sir Walter

Teach you children poetry; it opens the mind, lends grace to wisdom and makes the heroic virtues hereditary.

- Scott, Sir Walter

A rusty nail placed near a faithful compass, will sway it from the truth, and wreck the argosy.

- Scott, Sir Walter

But with morning cool repentance came.

- Scott, Sir Walter

We build statues out of snow, and weep to see them melt.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Ridicule often checks what is absurd, and folly as often smothers that which is noble.

- Scott, Sir Walter

It is wonderful what strength of purpose and boldness and energy of will are roused by the assurance that we are doing our duty.

- Scott, Sir Walter

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'Twas Christmas broach'd the mightiest ale; 'twas Christmas told the merriest tale; a Christmas gambol oft could cheer the poor man's heart through half the year.

- Scott, Sir Walter

The will to do, the soul to dare.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Credit is like a looking-glass, which when once sullied by a breath, may be wiped clear

again; but if once cracked can never be repaired.

- Scott, Sir Walter

As good play for nothing, you know, as work for nothing.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my  
own, my native land!  
Whose heart hath neer within him burnd,  
As home his footsteps he  
hath turnd,  
From wandering on a foreign strand!

- Scott, Sir Walter





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