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Quotes by Aesop

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Aesop is famous for his fables: short tales which illustrated truths about life and human nature. Most of his fables feature familiar animals, including "The Grasshopper and the Ant" and "The Tortoise and the Hare." Little is known about the true life of Aesop himself, and some believe that no such person ever really existed. Those who believe Aesop existed generally agree that he lived during the 6th century B.C., lived for some time on the island of Samos, and was for at least part of his life a slave. It's also generally agreed that not all of Aesop's fables were actually created by him; his fame grew so great that many other fables were eventually put in his name.

The possibilities for Aesop's birthplace range from what is now southeastern Europe to northern Africa, including Thrace, Lydia and Phrygia (now Turkey).

Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.

- Aesop

He that is discontented in one place will seldom be content in another.

- Aesop

We often give our enemies the means for our own destruction.

- Aesop

There once was a Bald Man who sat down after work on a hot summer's day. A Fly came up and kept buzzing about his bald pate, and stinging him from time to time. The Man aimed a blow at his little enemy, but - whack - his palm came on his own head instead; again the Fly tormented him, but this time the Man was wiser and said: YOU WILL ONLY INJURE YOURSELF IF YOU TAKE NOTICE OF DISPICABLE ENEMIES.

- Aesop

Enemies promises were made to be broken.

- Aesop

Example is the best precept.

- Aesop

Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.

- Aesop

A farmer who had a quarrelsome family called his sons and told them to lay a bunch of sticks before him. Then, after laying the sticks parallel to one another and binding them, he challenged his sons, one after one, to pick up the bundle and break it. They all tried, but in vain. Then, untying the bundle, he gave them the sticks to break one by one. This they did with the greatest ease. Then said the father, Thus, my sons, as long as you remain united, you are a match for anything, but differ and separate, and you are undone.

- Aesop

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

- Aesop

Appearances are deceptive.

- Aesop

Outside show is a poor substitute for inner worth.

- Aesop

Please all, and you will please none.

- Aesop

We should look to the mind, and not to the outward appearance.

- Aesop

The unhappy derive comfort from the misfortunes of others.

- Aesop

Obscurity brings safety.

- Aesop

Men often applaud an imitation and hiss the real thing.

- Aesop

The injuries we do and the injuries we suffer are seldom weighed on the same scales.

- Aesop

Slow and steady wins the race.

- Aesop

Plodding wins the race.

- Aesop

Fools take to themselves the respect that is given to their office.

- Aesop

It is easy to be brave when far away from danger.

- Aesop

Our insignificance is often the cause of our safety.

- Aesop

Little by little does the trick.

- Aesop

In union there is strength.

- Aesop

Wealth unused might as well not exist.

- Aesop

We would often be sorry if our wishes were granted.

- Aesop

The little reed, bending to the force of the wind, soon stood upright again when the storm had passed over.

- Aesop

Men often bear little grievances with less courage than they do large misfortunes.

- Aesop

Union gives strength.

- Aesop

Affairs are easier of entrance than of exit; and it is but common prudence to see our way out before we venture in.

- Aesop

Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.

- Aesop



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