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# Quotes about Flattery

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Between flattery and admiration there often flows a river of contempt.

- Antrim, Minna

Flattery is a form of hatred.

- Bible

Flattery is like cologne water, to be smelt, not swallowed.

- Billings, Josh

A fool flatters himself, a wise man flatters the fool.

- Bulwer-Lytton, Edward G.

Flattery corrupts both the receiver and the giver.

- Burke, Edmund

The reason that adulation is not displeasing is that, though untrue, it shows one to be of consequence enough, in one way or other, to induce people to lie.

- Byron, Lord

Women who are either indisputably beautiful, or indisputably ugly, are best flattered upon the score of their understandings; but those who are in a state of mediocrity are best flattered upon their beauty, or at least their graces: for every woman who is not absolutely ugly, thinks herself handsome.

- Chesterfield, Lord

We swallow with one gulp the lie that flatters us, and drink drop by drop the truth which is bitter to us.

- Diderot, Denis

For lack of a better term, they've labeled me a sex symbol. It's flattering and it should happen to every bald, overweight guy.

- Franz, Dennis

Look closely at those who patronize you. Half are unfeeling, half untaught.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Just praise is only a debt, but flattery is a present.

- Johnson, Samuel

Nothing flatters a man as much as the happiness of his wife; he is always proud of himself as the source of it.

- Johnson, Samuel

Don't flatter the rich, or appear to willing before the great.

- Kempis, Thomas

Every flatterer lives at the expense of him who listens to him.

- La Fontaine, Jean De

Self-love is the greatest of all flatterers.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

He who says he hates every kind of flattery, and says it in earnest, certainly does not yet know every kind of flattery.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

The more we love our friends, the less we flatter them; it is by excusing nothing that pure love shows itself.

- Moliere

Many lick before they bite.

- Proverb

If we did not flatter ourselves the flattery from others would not harm us.

- Proverb

He that flatters you more than you desire either has deceived you or wishes to deceive.

- Proverb, Italian

Flattery makes friends and truth makes enemies.

- Proverb, Spanish

Flatter not thyself in thy faith in God if thou hast not charity for thy neighbor.

- Quarles, Francis

But it is hard to know them from friends, they are so obsequious and full of protestations;  
for a wolf resembles a dog, so doth a flatterer a friend.

- Raleigh, Sir Walter

To make a man perfectly happy tell him he works too hard, that he spends too much money, that he is misunderstood or that he is different; none of this is necessarily complimentary, but it will flatter him infinitely more than merely telling him that he is brilliant, or noble, or wise, or good.

- Rowland, Helen

I will praise any man that will praise me.

- Shakespeare, William

He that loves to be flattered is worthy of the flatterer.

- Shakespeare, William

What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Baloney is flattery laid on so thick it cannot be true, and blarney is flattery so thin we love it.

- Sheen, Fulton John

None are more taken in by flattery than the proud, who wish to be the first and are not.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

I cannot think of any character below the flatterer, except he who envies him.

- Steele, Sir Richard

Flattery is all right if you don't inhale.

- Stevenson, Adlai E.

A flatterer is one who says things to your face that he wouldn't say behind your back.

- Unknown, Source

The coin that is most current among mankind is flattery: the only benefit of which is that by

hearing what we are not, we may be instructed on what to become.

- Unknown, Source





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