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Quotes about Misers and Misery

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To the eyes of a miser a guinea is more beautiful than the sun, and a bag worn with the use of money has more beautiful proportions than a vine filled with grapes.

- Blake, William

I am as comfortless as a pilgrim with peas in his shoes -- and as cold as Charity, Chastity or any other Virtue.

- Byron, Lord

To correct a natural indifference I was placed half-way between misery and the sun.

Misery kept me from believing that all was well under the sun, and the sun taught me that history wasn't everything.

- Camus, Albert

'Tis the only comfort of the miserable to have partners in their woes.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Man hoards himself when he has nothing to give away.

- Dahlberg, Edward

Go miser go, for money sell your soul. Trade wares for wares and trudge from pole to

pole, So others may say when you are dead and gone. See what a vast estate he left his son.

- Dryden, John

To long for that which comes not. To lie a-bed and sleep not. To serve well and please not. To have a horse that goes not. To have a man obeys not. To lie in jail and hope not. To be sick and recover not. To lose one's way and know not. To wait at door and enter not, and to have a friend we trust not: are ten such spites as hell hath not.

- Florio, John

People talk about the courage of condemned men walking to the place of execution: sometimes it needs as much courage to walk with any kind of bearing towards another person's habitual misery.

- Greene, Graham

Never was a miser a brave soul.

- Herbert, George

A soul that is reluctant to share does not as a rule have much of its own. Miserliness is here a symptom of meagerness.

- Hoffer, Eric

Do not discourage your children from hoarding, if they have a taste to it; whoever lays up his penny rather than part with it for a cake, at least is not the slave of gross appetite; and

shows besides a preference always to be esteemed, of the future to the present moment.

- Johnson, Samuel

Friends love misery, in fact. Sometimes, especially if we are too lucky or too successful or too pretty, our misery is the only thing that endears us to our friends.

- Jong, Erica

The spendthrift robs his heirs the miser robs himself.

- La Bruyere, Jean De

The sage does not hoard. Having bestowed all he has on others, he has yet more; having given all he has to others, he is richer still.

- Lao-Tzu

Man hands on misery to man. It deepens like a coastal shelf. Get out as early as you can, and don't have any kids yourself.

- Larkin, Philip

Part of every misery is, so to speak, the misery's shadow or reflection: the fact that you don't merely suffer but have to keep on thinking about the fact that you suffer. I not only live each endless day in grief, but live each day thinking about living each day in grief.

- Lewis, C. S.

While the miser is merely a capitalist gone mad, the capitalist is a rational miser.

- Marx, Karl

All man's miseries derive from not being able to sit quietly in a room alone.

- Pascal, Blaise

Maybe men are separated from each other only by the degree of their misery.

- Picabia, Francis

Penny wise is often pound foolish.

- Proverb, French

Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows.

- Shakespeare, William

The only way to avoid being miserable is not to have enough leisure to wonder whether you are happy or not.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Oh, I wish I were a miser; being a miser must be so occupying.

- Stein, Gertrude

Some men have a necessity to be mean, as if they were exercising a faculty which they

had to partially neglect since early childhood.

- Unknown, Source

It was said of old Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, that she never puts dots over her I s, to save ink.

- Walpole, Horace

There are many things that we would throw away if we were not afraid that others might pick them up.

- Wilde, Oscar



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