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Quotes about Ability

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Just do what you do best.

- Auerbach, Red

When it is a question of God's almighty Spirit, never say, I can't.

- Chambers, Oswald

I have learnt that I am me, that I can do the things that, as one might put it, me can do, but I cannot do the things that me would like to do.

- Christie, Agatha

Natural ability without education has more often raised a man to glory and virtue than education without natural ability.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Ability without honor is useless.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

I add this, that rational ability without education has oftener raised man to glory and virtue, than education without natural ability.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Aptitude found in the understanding and is often inherited. Genius coming from reason and imagination, rarely.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

To sentence a man of true genius, to the drudgery of a school is to put a racehorse on a treadmill.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

Natural abilities are like natural plants; they need pruning by study.

- Bacon, Francis

The first requisite for success is the ability to apply your physical and mental energies to one problem incessantly without growing weary.

- Edison, Thomas A.

People with great gifts are easy to find, but symmetrical and balanced ones never.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Big jobs usually go to the men who prove their ability to outgrow small ones.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The fox has many tricks. The hedgehog has but one. But that is the best of all.

- Erasmus, Desiderius

There are some people who live in a dream world, and there are some who face reality;
and then there are those who turn one into the other.

- Everett, Douglas

When my horse is running good, I don't stop to give him sugar.

- Faulkner, William

Others have done it before me. I can, too.

- Faunce, Corporal John

I thought he was a young man of promise, but it appears he is a young man of promises.
[Speaking Of Winston Churchill]

- Balfour, Arthur James

Ability will never catch up with the demand for it.

- Forbes, Malcolm S.

Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right!

- Ford, Henry

The question Who ought to be boss? is like as Who ought to be the tenor in the quartet?

Obviously, the man who can sing tenor.

- Ford, Henry

It is all one to me if a man comes from Sing Sing Prison or Harvard. We hire a man, not his history.

- Ford, Henry

As we advance in life we learn the limits of our abilities.

- Froude, James A.

I know I have the ability to do so much more than just stand in front of the camera the rest of my life.

- Garth, Jennie

The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.

- Gibbon, Edward

Our work is the presentation of our capabilities.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

People are so constituted that everybody would rather undertake what they see others do, whether they have an aptitude for it or not.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The person born with a talent they are meant to use will find their greatest happiness in using it.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The really unhappy person is the one who leaves undone what they can do, and starts doing what they don't understand; no wonder they come to grief.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Life has been compared to a race, but the allusion improves by observing, that the most swift are usually the least manageable and the most likely to stray from the course. Great abilities have always been less serviceable to the possessors than moderate ones.

- Goldsmith, Oliver

There is something that is much more scarce, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability.

- Half, Robert

Every person is responsible for all the good within the scope of his abilities, and for no more, and none can tell whose sphere is the largest.

- Hamilton, Gail

Knowing what you can not do is more important than knowing what you can do. In fact,

that's good taste.

- Ball, Lucille

Ability is of little account without opportunity.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

The extent of your consciousness is limited only by your ability to love and to embrace with your love the space around you, and all it contains

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Never tell a young person that anything cannot be done. God may have been waiting centuries for someone ignorant enough of the impossible to do that very thing.

- Holmes, John Andrew

As life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time, at the peril of being not to have lived.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

It is a fine thing to have ability, but the ability to discover ability in others is the true test.

- Hubbard, Elbert

It's pretty hard to be efficient without being obnoxious.

- Hubbard, Kin

To know how to hide one's ability is great skill.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

The height of ability consists in a thorough knowledge of the real value of things, and of the genius of the age in which we live.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Certainly we're not satisfied with just winning games. We've been playing some pretty good hockey, but we think we can play much better.

- Lemieux, Mario

Not many men have both good fortune and good sense.

- Livy, Titus

The Creator has not given you a longing to do that which you have no ability to do.

- Marden, Orison Swett

Analyzing what you haven't got as well as what you have is a necessary ingredient of a career.

- Moore, Grace

Ability hits the mark where presumption overshoots and diffidence falls short.

- Newman, John Henry

Ability is sexless.

- Pankhurst, Christabel

Man cannot live by incompetence alone.

- Peter, Laurence J.

The boy was as useless as rubber lips on a woodpecker.

- Pitts, Earl

Executive ability is deciding quickly and getting somebody else to do the work.

- Pollard, John G.

No great intellectual thing was ever done by great effort.

- Ruskin, John

The principle of all successful effort is to try to do not what is absolutely the best, but what is easily within our power, and suited for our temperament and condition.

- Ruskin, John

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.

- Ruskin, John

Natural abilities can almost compensate for the want of every kind of cultivation, but no cultivation of the mind can make up for the want of natural abilities.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Martyrdom is the only way a man can become famous without ability.

- Shaw, George Bernard

A genius can't be forced; nor can you make an ape an alderman.

- Somerville, Thomas

The abilities of man must fall short on one side or the other, like too scanty a blanket when you are abed. If you pull it upon your shoulders, your feet are left bare; if you thrust it down to your feet, your shoulders are uncovered.

- Temple, Sir William

He is the best sailor who can steer within fewest points of the wind, and exact a motive power out of the greatest obstacles.

- Thoreau, Henry David

I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor.

- Thoreau, Henry David

All endeavor calls for the ability to tramp the last mile, shape the last plan, endure the last hours toil. The fight to the finish spirit is the one...characteristic we must possess if we are to face the future as finishers.

- Unknown, Source

The king is the man who can.

- Carlyle, Thomas

What you see, but can't see over is as good as infinite.

- Carlyle, Thomas

No amount of ability is of the slightest avail without honor.

- Carnegie, Andrew

God does not ask about our ability, but our availability.

- Unknown, Source

Wicked people are always surprised to find ability in those that are good.

- Vauvenargues, Marquis De

They are able because they think they are able.

- Virgil

The world cares very little about what a man or woman knows; it is what a man or woman is able to do that counts.

- Washington, Booker T.

Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good.

Luckily, this is not difficult.

- Whitton, Charlotte

We all have ability. The difference is how we use it.

- Wonder, Stevie

Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

- Wooden, John

Ability is a poor man's wealth.

- Wren, M.

You are the only person on earth who can use your ability.

- Ziglar, Zig



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