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Quotes about Envy

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He who goes unenvied shall not be admired.

- Aeschylus

As iron is eaten away by rust, so the envious are consumed by their own passion.

- Antisthenes

None of the affections have been noted to fascinate and bewitch but envy.

- Bacon, Francis

The envied are like bureaucrats; the more impersonal they are, the greater the illusion (for themselves and for others) of their power.

- Berger, John

Envy and wrath shorten the life. [Ecclesiasticus]

- Bible

Let age, not envy, draw wrinkles on thy cheeks.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

I never admire another's fortune so much that I became dissatisfied with my own.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Envy is the tax which all distinction must pay.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Some folks rail against other folks, because other folks have what some folks would be glad of.

- Fielding, Henry

Nothing sharpens sight like envy.

- Fuller, Thomas

Fools may our scorn, not envy, raise. For envy is a kind of praise.

- Gay, John

Men are so constituted that every one undertakes what he sees another successful in, whether he has aptitude for it or not.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The envious die not once, but as oft as the envied win applause.

- Gracian, Baltasar

Helpless, unknown, and unremembered, most human beings, however sensitive, idealistic, intelligent, go through life as passengers rather than chauffeurs. Although we may pretend that it is the chauffeur who is the social inferior, most of us, like Toad of Toad Hall, would not mind a turn at the wheel ourselves.

- Harper, Ralph

Envy among other ingredients has a mixture of the love of justice in it. We are more angry at undeserved than at deserved good-fortune.

- Hazlitt, William

How much better a thing it is to be envied than to be pitied.

- Herodotus

All the world is competent to judge my pictures except those who are of my profession.

- Hogarth, William

He will be loved when dead, who was envied when he was living.

- Horace

His scorn of the great is repeated too often to be real; no man thinks much of that which he despises.

- Johnson, Samuel

The sure mark of one born with noble qualities is being born without envy.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

It is not enough to succeed, others must fail.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Envy is more irreconcilable than hatred.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

There is no sweeter sound than the crumbling of ones fellow man.

- Marx, Groucho

Envy is honors foe.

- Motto

Envy feeds on the living, after death it rests, then the honor of a man protects him.

- Ovid

Envy aims very high.

- Ovid

Rust consumes iron and envy consumes itself.

- Proverb, Danish

Envy eats nothing, but its own heart.

- Proverb, German

They that envy others are their inferiors.

- Saying

Oh, what a bitter thing it is to look into happiness through another man's eyes.

- Shakespeare, William

The envious person grows lean with the fatness of their neighbor.

- Socrates

Man will do many things to get himself loved; he will do all things to get himself envied.

- Twain, Mark

Whenever a friend succeeds, a little something in me dies.

- Vidal, Gore



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