

**LIFE QUOTES  
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## Character

Give thy thoughts no tongue, Nor any  
unproportioned thought his act.

- From **Polonius' Advice in Hamlet**

## Importance of Intellect

O judgment, thou art fled to brutish  
beasts,  
And men have lost their reason!

- From **Julius Caesar**

## Familiarity

Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar.

- From **Polonius' Advice in Hamlet**

## Expression of Kindness

I must be cruel only to be kind.

- From **Hamlet**

## Friendship

The friends thou hast, and their adoption  
tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of  
steel;  
But do not dull thy palm with entertainment  
Of each new-hatched, unfledged comrade.

- From **Polonius' Advice in Hamlet**

## Ingratitude

Ingratitude, more strong than traitors'  
arms,  
Quite vanquished him.

- From **Julius Caesar**

## Quarrel

Beware  
Of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in,  
Bear it that the opposed may beware of  
thee.

- From **Polonius' Advice in Hamlet**

## Jealousy

O, beware, my lord, of jealousy!  
It is the green-eyed monster which doth  
mock  
The meat it feeds on.

- From **Othello**

## Introversion

Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice:

Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgement.

- From **Polonius' Advice in Hamlet**

## Renunciation

Who steals my purse steals trash.

- From **Othello**

## Richness

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,  
But not expressed in fancy; rich, not  
gaudy:

- From **Polonius' Advice in Hamlet**

## Reputation

Reputation is an idle and most false  
imposition;  
Oft got without merit, and lost without  
deserving.

- From **Othello**

## Borrowing

Neither a borrower nor a lender be:  
For loan oft loses both itself and friend;

- From **Polonius' Advice in Hamlet**

## Role of an Individual

All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players.

They have their exits and their entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts.

- From **As You Like It**

## Truthfulness

This above all, - to thine own self be true;  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

- From **Polonius' Advice in Hamlet**

## Surrender

There's a Divinity that shapes our ends.

- From **Hamlet**



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