

"Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others. ." - John F. Kennedy

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." - John F. Kennedy

"My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man." - John F. Kennedy

"A nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people." -John F. Kennedy

"We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people." ." -John F. Kennedy

"A nation which has forgotten the quality of courage which in the past has been brought to public life is not as likely to insist upon or regard that quality in its chosen leaders today - and in fact we have forgotten." -John F. Kennedy

"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men." -John F. Kennedy

"Domestic policy can only defeat us; foreign policy can kill us." -John F. Kennedy

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction." -John F. Kennedy

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names." -John F. Kennedy

"Observance of the law is the eternal safeguard of liberty and defiance of the law is the surest road to tyranny." - John F. Kennedy

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. - John F. Kennedy

"Too often we... enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought. " - John F. Kennedy

"Communism has never come to power in a country that was not disrupted by war or corruption, or both. " - John F. Kennedy

"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future." - John F. Kennedy

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." - John F. Kennedy

"A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on." - John F. Kennedy

"Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners, and necessity has made us allies. Those whom God has so joined together, let no man put asunder. " - John F. Kennedy

"The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all. " - John F. Kennedy

"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen. " - John F. Kennedy

"Israel was not created in order to disappear - Israel will endure and flourish. It is the child of hope and the home of the brave. It can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized by success. It carries the shield of democracy and it honors the sword of freedom. " - John F. Kennedy

"The greater our knowledge increases the more our ignorance unfolds. " - John F. Kennedy

"Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly. " - John F. Kennedy

"It is an unfortunate fact that we can secure peace only by preparing for war. " - John F. Kennedy

"The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth. " - John F. Kennedy

"Our growing softness, our increasing lack of physical fitness, is a menace to our security. - John F. Kennedy "

"The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie, deliberate, contrived and dishonest, but the myth, persistent, persuasive and unrealistic. " - John F. Kennedy

"There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction. " - John F. Kennedy

"The very word 'secrecy' is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths, and to secret proceedings. " - John F. Kennedy

"Once you say you're going to settle for second, that's what happens to you in life. " - John F. Kennedy

"Victory has a thousand fathers, but defeat is an orphan. " - John F. Kennedy

"Modern cynics and skeptics... see no harm in paying those to whom they entrust the minds of their children a smaller wage than is paid to those to whom they entrust the care of their plumbing. " - John F. Kennedy

"The tax on capital gains directly affects investment decisions, the mobility and flow of risk capital... the ease or difficulty experienced by new ventures in obtaining capital, and thereby the strength and potential for growth in the economy. " - John F. Kennedy

"Mothers all want their sons to grow up to be president, but they don't want them to become politicians in the process. " - John F. Kennedy

"There is always inequality in life. Some men are killed in a war and some men are wounded and some men never leave the country. Life is unfair. " - John F. Kennedy

"We have the power to make this the best generation of mankind in the history of the world or to make it the last. " - John F. Kennedy

"Man is still the most extraordinary computer of all. " - John F. Kennedy

"We would like to live as we once lived, but history will not permit it. " - John F. Kennedy

"My brother Bob doesn't want to be in government - he promised Dad he'd go straight. " - John F. Kennedy

"The world is very different now. For man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty, and all forms of human life. " - John F. Kennedy

"I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered at the White House - with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone. " - John F. Kennedy

"The courage of life is often a less dramatic spectacle than the courage of a final moment; but it is no less a magnificent mixture of triumph and tragedy. " - John F. Kennedy

"We cannot expect that all nations will adopt like systems, for conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth. " - John F. Kennedy

"When we got into office, the thing that surprised me most was to find that things were just as bad as we'd been saying they were. " - John F. Kennedy

"The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need men who can dream of things that never were." - John F. Kennedy

"I am sorry to say that there is too much point to the wisecrack that life is extinct on other planets because their scientists were more advanced than ours. " - John F. Kennedy

"If anyone is crazy enough to want to kill a president of the United States, he can do it. All he must be prepared to do is give his life for the president's. " - John F. Kennedy

"The United States has to move very fast to even stand still. " - John F. Kennedy

"In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility - I welcome it. " - John F. Kennedy

"To state the facts frankly is not to despair the future nor indict the past. The prudent heir takes careful inventory of his legacies and gives a faithful accounting to those whom he owes an obligation of trust. " - John F. Kennedy

"I don't think the intelligence reports are all that hot. Some days I get more out of the New York Times. " - John F. Kennedy

"Unconditional war can no longer lead to unconditional victory. It can no longer serve to settle disputes... can no longer be of concern to great powers alone. " - John F. Kennedy

"For in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's futures. And we are all mortal. " - John F. Kennedy

"No one has been barred on account of his race from fighting or dying for America, there are no white or colored signs on the foxholes or graveyards of battle. " - John F. Kennedy

"Khrushchev reminds me of the tiger hunter who has picked a place on the wall to hang the tiger's skin long before he has caught the tiger. This tiger has other ideas. " - John F. Kennedy

"There are many people in the world who really don't understand-or say they don't-what is the great issue between the free world and the Communist world. Let them come to Berlin!" - John F. Kennedy