

43 Sophie Quotes for Bookmarks

I am by character neither suspicious nor exacting; if only while doing wrong one had thought to do good, I ask nothing more.

The work of the Divine Heart breathes only charity.

To influence our world we must understand it.

Be kindled with holy ardor, and may others see in your actions the fire of divine love.

Every undertaking, even the best, is marked with a sign of imperfection.

We should do as few stupid things as possible; but to wait for a time when we would do none would be the stupidest thing of all.

A poor superior more than ordinarily busy and with imperfect subjects needs much gentleness, forbearance, and patience.

You keep looking at yourself too closely; there must be more spontaneity, more generosity.

We don't live with angels; we have to put up with human nature and forgive it.

For the sake of peace, I try to put myself in their place and only judge them by looking through their spectacles.

I am more tranquil now for having recognized the impossibility of pleasing everybody and of acting without imperfection.

Calm minds, check imprudence, and show by charity how to meet a crisis.

The greatest opposition breaks against that brazen wall, that unconquerable rampart of divine charity.

Times change, and we must change too, and modify our views.

Come close to me; I don't like empty spaces.

Personal pretensions spoil everything.

Beware! The best is sometimes the enemy of the good.

The new decrees, bear[. . .] the marks of haste, rigidity and a certain insensitivity to the traditions of a living organism.

Be eager for that perfection which is all the higher for not appearing to be so, and of which God alone knows the merit.

To hold to routine for fear of innovation is weakness of mind.

Before making any change take counsel. . . . Prudence and a wise slowness are necessary in the beginning.

If we are faithful and generous, nothing can harm us; we shall be strong with the strength of Jesus Christ.

I think you should not have begun by being in such a hurry and acting on impulse.

In extraordinary times, extraordinary virtues are called for.

Be calm, sleep, take enough food, take care of your body. When it is off tone everything suffers.

One acquires a wonderful ease in walking on without stopping, for it is only the beginning of the road that is painful.

More is gained by indulgence than by severity.

The poor are the blessing of this house; I am at peace because they are well received here.

Lose yourself in the nothingness of your being, or better, in the immensity of the Heart of Jesus.

Never waste time or talk needlessly, and yet be always willing to listen, answer, encourage and enlighten.

You will find deficiencies everywhere; creatures rarely realize and respond to what is done for them.

What a doctor suffering is! How it teaches us and convinces us!

A generous heart that loves Jesus for Himself alone and not for His consolations, is always faithful.

Among my slight and rare virtues constancy of affection is perhaps the most marked.

We can only bring to fruition our work for souls if the instrument is united to the source of grace.

If we do not watch over ourselves with the greatest care, we undertake work beyond our strength and time, and . . . the interior life suffers.

Education is the divine art, . . . a work of progressive development, leading to that harmonious unfolding of nature which favors the action of grace.

We must know how to inspire in our pupils a passion for the beautiful.

Speak little, pray much, go onward always, let passing things pass by, holding only to what is eternal.

What difference does it make how you pray, provided that your heart is seeking the One whom you love?

I understand silence better than words. . . . Let us pray like that, and we shall love.

True ecstasy is that which carries us out of ourselves by self-forgetfulness.

The essential thing is to keep interior spirit in the midst of all this fracas.