Quotes on Adversity

Adversity is like a strong wind. It tears away from us all but the things that cannot be torn, so that we see ourselves as we really are. **~Arthur Golden**, *Memoirs of a Geisha*

I owe much to my friends; but, all things considered, it strikes me that I owe even more to my enemies. The real person springs life under a sting even better than under a caress. **~André Gide**

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. ~William Hazlitt

You'll never find a better sparring partner than adversity. ~Walt Schmidt

If you're going through hell, keep going. ~Winston Churchill

A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn. ~Author Unknown

The only thing that overcomes hard luck is hard work. ~Harry Golden

If I had a formula for bypassing trouble, I would not pass it round. Trouble creates a capacity to handle it. I don't embrace trouble; that's as bad as treating it as an enemy. But I do say meet it as a friend, for you'll see a lot of it and had better be on speaking terms with it. **~Oliver Wendell Holmes**

I ask not for a lighter burden, but for broader shoulders. ~Jewish Proverb

If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere. ~Frank A. Clark

We must embrace pain and burn it as fuel for our journey. ~Kenji Miyazawa

You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you. **~Walt Disney**

Sometimes in tragedy we find our life's purpose - the eye sheds a tear to find its focus. ~Robert Brault

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors. ~African Proverb

There is no education like adversity. ~Disraeli

There are some defeats more triumphant than victories. ~Michel de Montaigne

Adversity introduces a man to himself. ~Author Unknown

Defeat may serve as well as victory to shake the soul and let the glory out. ~Edwin Markham

Adversity is the first path to truth. ~Lord Byron

The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter. ~Author Unknown

A problem is a chance for you to do your best. ~Duke Ellington

Convert difficulties into opportunities, for difficulties are divine surgeries to make you better. **~Author Unknown**

Have the courage to face a difficulty lest it kick you harder than you bargained for. **Stanislaus I, Maxims**

Adversity enhances this tale we call life. ~Ever Garrison

To have become a deeper man is the privilege of those who have suffered. ~Oscar Wilde

Life is thickly sown with thorns, and I know no other remedy than to pass quickly through them. The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater is their power to harm us. **~Voltaire**

A man is insensible to the relish of prosperity 'til he has tasted adversity. ~Sa'di (Musharrif-uddin)

The art of living lies less in eliminating our troubles than in growing with them. ~Bernard M. Baruch

Adversity collapses around a true adherent soul. ~Jareb Teague

Watch a man in times of... adversity to discover what kind of man he is; for then at last words of truth are drawn from the depths of his heart, and the mask is torn off. **~Lucretius**, *On the Nature of Things*

When life takes the wind out of your sails, it is to test you at the oars. ~Robert Brault,

There are times in everyone's life when something constructive is born out of adversity... when things seem so bad that you've got to grab your fate by the shoulders and shake it. **~Author Unknown**

Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes, and adversity is not without comforts and hopes. **~Francis Bacon**

Problems are only opportunities with thorns on them. ~Hugh Miller, Snow on the Wind

Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning. ~Bill Gates

I don't like people who have never fallen or stumbled. Their virtue is lifeless and it isn't of much value. Life hasn't revealed its beauty to them. **~Boris Pasternak**

Adversity has the same effect on a man that severe training has on the pugilist: it reduces him to his fighting weight. ~Josh Billings

Let me embrace thee, sour adversity, for wise men say it is the wisest course. **~William Shakespeare**