**Duty**

**To be good, and to do good, is the whole duty of man comprised in a few words. *(Abigail Adams, second first lady)***

**Men do less than they ought, unless they do all that they can. *(Thomas Carlyle)***

**A duty dodged is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred, and we must come back and settle the account at last. *(Joseph F. Newton)***

**Never mind your happiness; do your duty. *(Will Durant)***

**The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another. *(George Eliot)***

**You will always find those who think they know what is your duty better then you know it. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Who escapes a duty, avoids a gain*. (Theodore Parker)***

**He who is false to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and you will see the effect when the weaving of a lifetime is unravelled. *(William Ellery Channing)***

**What a fearful object a long-neglected duty gets to be! *(Chauncey Wright)***

**When it was time for me to be sworn in as a U.S. citizen, I anxiously drove to the country courthouse. I had trouble finding a parking space but eventually joined about 50 or 60 other nervous people f or a beautiful ceremony. It culminated with our standing to take the oath of citizenship, including our promise to obey the laws of the United States. About a dozen of us then left the courthouse and did our first duty as Americans -- we went to pay our parking tickets. (*Tom McArdle, in Reader's Digest)***

**It is the duty of the government to make a difficult for people to do wrong , easy to do right. *(William E. Gladstone)***

**Today, there is an inescapable duty to make ourselves the neighbor of every individual, without exception. *(St. Elizabeth of Hungary)***

**Only aim to do your duty, and mankind will give you credit where you fail. (*Thomas Jefferson)***

**Knowledge of our duties is the most essential part of the philosophy of life. If you escape duty you avoid action. The world demands results. *(George W. Goethals)***

**Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, in the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle, and knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that, the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world. (*Theodore Parker)***

**New occasions teach new duties. *(James Russell Lowell)***

**A man who neglects his duty as a citizen is not entitled to his rights as a citizen. *(Tiorio)***

**There is only one basic human right, the right to do as you please unless it causes others harm. With it comes the only basic human duty, the duty to take the consequences. *(P. J. O'Rourke, from a speech)***

**A sense of duty is useful in work, but offensive in personal relations. *(Bertrand Russell, philosopher)***

**When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Sickness and disease are in weak minds the sources of melancholy; but that which is painful to the body, may be profitable to the soul. Sickness puts us in mind of our mortality, and, while we drive on heedlessly in the full career of worldly pomp and jollity, kindly pulls us by the ear, and brings us to a proper sense of our duty. *(Richard E. Burton)***

**For strength to bear is found in duty alone, and he is blest indeed who learns to make the joy of others cure his own heartache*. (Drake)***

**Sufficient to each day are the duties to be done and the trials to be endured. God never built a Christian strong enough to carry today's duties and tomorrow's anxieties piled on top of them. (*Theodore Ledyard Cuyler)***

**A duty is a task we look forward to with distaste, perform with reluctance, and brag about afterwards. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain. *(Mark Twain)***

**Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected. *(George Washington)***

**Duty is what one expects from others. (*Oscar Wilde)***

**It is just as hard to do your duty when men are sneering at you as when they are shooting at you. *(Woodrow Wilson)***

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