

January quotes – Simplicity

January 1. If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself.

Albert Einstein

January 2. Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.

Confucius

January 3. Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. Leonardo da Vinci

January 4. Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius – and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction.

E.F.Schumacher

January 5. Manifest plainness, Embrace simplicity, Reduce selfishness, Have few desires.

Lao Tzu

January 6. There is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness and truth.

Leo Tolstoy

January 7. I believe that a simple and unassuming manner of life is best for everyone, best for both the body and the mind.

Albert Einstein

January 8. One should use common words to say uncommon things.

Arthur Schopenhauer

January 9. Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials.

Lin Yutang

January 10. Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

January 11. Nature is pleased with simplicity. And nature is no dummy.

Issac Newton

January 12. If you stay close to nature, to its simplicity, to the small things hardly noticeable, those things can unexpectedly become great and immeasurable.

Rainer Marie Rilke

January 13. I am not a genius, I am just curious. I ask many questions. When the answer is simple, then God is answering.

Albert Einstein

January 14. The more simple we are, the more complete we become. August Rodin

January 15. A common man marvels at uncommon things. A wise man marvels at the commonplace. Confucius

January 16. The meditative mind sees disagreeable or agreeable things with equanimity, patience, and good-will. Transcendent knowledge is seeing reality in utter simplicity. Jean-Yves Leloup

January 17. In this world in which we live simplicity and kindness are the only magic wands that work wonders. L. Frank Baum

January 18. The world was beautiful when looked at in this way—without any seeking, so simple, so childlike. Hermann Hesse

January 19. Some of the greatest poetry is revealing to the reader the beauty in something that was so simple you had taken it for granted. Neil deGrasse Tyson

January 20. Freedom is the realization that it is sufficient to simply be a human being. Bryant McGill

January 21. I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures. Lao Tzu

January 22. Progress is man's ability to complicate simplicity. Thor Heyerdahl

January 23. The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest. Thomas More

January 24. To find the universal elements enough; to find the air and the water exhilarating; to be refreshed by a morning walk or an evening saunter...to be thrilled by the stars at night; to be elated over a bird's nest or a wildflower in spring – these are some of the rewards of the simple life. John Burroughs

January 25. Maybe a person's time would be as well spent raising food as raising money to buy food. Frank A. Clark

January 26. People overestimate the pleasure they'll get from having more stuff. This does not apply to new rose bushes, crayons, or yarn stashes. Dr. Sun Wolf

January 27. Who is rich? He who rejoices in his portion. The Talmud

January 28. Beware the barrenness of a busy life. Socrates

January 29. A vocabulary of truth and simplicity will be of service throughout your life. Winston Churchill

January 30. Simplicity is the glory of expression. Walt Whitman

January 31. Simplicity and repose are the qualities that measure the true value of any work of art.

Frank Lloyd Wright