

20 Quotes from The Godfather

1. I'll make him an offer he can't refuse.
2. Friendship is everything. Friendship is more than talent. It is more than the government. It is almost the equal of family.
3. Great men are not born great, they grow great.
4. Never hate your enemies. It affects your judgment.
5. Revenge is a dish that tastes best when served cold.
6. A man who doesn't spend time with his family can never be a real man.
7. A friend should always underestimate your virtues and an enemy overestimate your faults.
8. The lawyer with the briefcase can steal more money than the man with the gun.
9. I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse.
10. I don't trust society to protect us, I have no intention of placing my fate in the hands of men whose only qualification is that they managed to con a block of people to vote for them.
11. You cannot say 'no' to the people you love, not often. That's the secret. And then when you do, it has to sound like a 'yes'. Or you have to make them say 'no.' You have to take time and trouble.
12. Italians have a little joke, that the world is so hard a man must have two fathers to look after him, and that's why they have godfathers.
13. Never let anyone know what you are thinking.
14. Accidents don't happen to people who take accidents as a personal insult.
15. Behind every successful fortune there is a crime.
16. Time erodes gratitude more quickly than it does beauty!
17. A man who is not a father to his children can never be a real man.
18. He had long ago learned that society imposes insults that must be borne, comforted by the knowledge that in this world there comes a time when the most humble of men, if he keeps his eyes open, can take his revenge on the most powerful. It was this knowledge that prevented the Don from losing the humility all his friends admired in him.
19. He should be careful. It's dangerous to be an honest man.
20. Lawyers can steal more money with a briefcase than a thousand men with guns and masks.