It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do.

JANE AUSTEN, Sense and Sensibility

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.

JANE AUSTEN, Pride and Prejudice

There is nothing I would not do for those who are really my friends. I have no notion of loving people by halves, it is not my nature.

JANE AUSTEN, Northanger Abbey

There is a stubbornness about me that never can bear to be frightened at the will of others. My courage always rises at every attempt to intimidate me.

JANE AUSTEN, Pride and Prejudice

The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel must be intolerably stupid.

JANE AUSTEN, Northanger Abbey

I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book! -- When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.

JANE AUSTEN, Pride and Prejudice

Vanity and pride are different things, though the words are often used synonymously. A person may be proud without being vain. Pride relates more to our opinion of ourselves, vanity to what we would have others think of us.

JANE AUSTEN, Pride and Prejudice