

AVIATION SAYINGS

1. *There is no problem so complex that it cannot simply be blamed on the pilot. ~ Dr Earl Weiner*
2. *To invent an airplane is nothing. To build one is something. To fly is everything. ~ Otto Lilienthal*
3. *Safety second is my motto. ~ Locklear*
4. *Speed is life, altitude is life insurance.*
5. *The man who flies an airplane ... must believe in the unseen. ~ Richard Bach*
6. *There is no excuse for an airplane unless it will fly fast! ~ Roscoe Turner*
7. *The ships hung in the sky in much the same way that bricks don't. ~ Douglas Adams*
8. *Aviation is proof, that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible. ~ Rickenbacker*
9. *Flying is like sex —I've never had all I wanted but occasionally I've had all I could stand. ~ Stephen Coonts*
10. *The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise. ~ Cornelius Tacitus (circa AD 56)*
11. *Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect.*
12. *Lady, you want me to answer you if this old airplane is safe to fly? Just how in the world do you think it got to be this old? ~ Jim Tavenner*
13. *If you are looking for perfect safety, you will do well to sit on a fence and watch the birds; but if you really wish to learn, you must mount a machine and become acquainted with its tricks by actual trial. ~ Wilbur Wright, 1901.*
14. *The highest art form of all is a human being in control of himself and his airplane in flight, urging the spirit of a machine to match his own. ~ Richard Bach, 'A Gift Of Wings'*
15. *The greatest danger in flying is starving to death. ~ Earl C. Reed of the T-L-R Flying Circus*
16. *When the weight of the paper equals the weight of the airplane, only then you can go flying. ~ Donald Douglas*
17. *In flying I have learned that carelessness and overconfidence are usually far more dangerous than deliberately accepted risks. ~ Wilbur Wright, September 1900.*
18. *I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things. ~ Antoine de St-Exupéry*
19. *Any damned fool can criticize, but it takes a genius to design it in the first place. ~ Edgar Schmued*
20. *When asked by someone how much money flying takes: Why, all of it! ~ Gordon Baxter*
21. *The important thing in aeroplanes is that they shall be speedy. ~ Baron Manfred Von Richthofen*
22. *The aeroplane will never fly. ~ Lord haldane, Minister of War, Britain, 1907*
23. *What freedom lies in flying, what Godlike power it gives to men... I lose all consciousness in this strong unmortal space crowded with beauty, pierced with danger. ~ Charles A. Lindbergh*
24. *It is hard enough for anyone to map out a course of action and stick to it, particularly in the face of the desires of one's friends; but it is doubly hard for an aviator to stay on the ground waiting for just the right moment to go into the air. ~ Glenn Curtiss, 1909.*
25. *To put your life in danger from time to time... breeds a saneness in dealing with day-to-day trivialities. ~ Nevil Shute*
26. *Aviation records don't fall until someone is willing to mortgage the present for the future. ~ Amelia Earhart*
27. *Real planes use only a single stick to fly. This is why bulldozers & helicopters—in that order —need two. ~ Paul Slattery*
28. *Airplanes are near perfect, all they lack is the ability to forgive ~ Richard Collins*
29. *The exhilaration of flying is too keen, the pleasure too great, for it to be neglected as a sport. ~ Orville Wright*
30. *The Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you. ~ Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot*
31. *The bulk of mankind is as well equipped for flying as thinking. ~ Jonathon Swift*