Booker T. Washington Quotes

"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed."

"Associate yourself with people of good quality, for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

"Character is power."

"I shall allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him."

"Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work."

"You can't hold a man down without staying down with him."

"No greater injury can be done to any youth than to let him feel that because he belongs to this or that race he will be advanced in life regardless of his own merits or efforts.

"Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way."

"The Negro has the right to study law, but success will come to the race sooner if it produces intelligent, thrifty farmers, mechanics to support the lawyers."

"Great men cultivate love ... only little men cherish a spirit of hatred."

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."