**The Giver: Important Quotes**

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| * **" I re-experience them again and again. It [memory] is how wisdom comes. And how we shape our future."**
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| * **He rested for a moment, breathing deeply. "I am so weighted with them [the memories]," he said.**
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| * **"…then everyone would be burdened and pained. They don't want that. And that's the real reason The Receiver is so vital to them… to lift that burden from themselves."**
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| * **"The worst part of holding the memories is not the pain. It's the loneliness of it. Memories need to be shared."**
* **“He had taken an apple home.”**
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| * **"What if they were allowed to choose their own mate? And chose *wrong*?"**
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| * **"I liked the feeling of love," he confessed... "Of course," he added quickly, "I do understand that it wouldn't work very well... I can see that it was a *dangerous* way to live.""He could feel that there was *risk* involved, though he wasn't sure how.” (Memory of Christmas)**
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| * **The next morning, for the first time, Jonas did not take his pill. Something within him, something that had grown there through the memories, told him to throw the pill away.**
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| * **"Do you love me?" There was an awkward silence for a moment. Then Father gave a little chuckle. *"Jonas.* You, of all people. Precision of language, *please!"***
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* **“It was as simple as that. Once he had yearned for choice. Then, when he had had a choice, he**
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* **Jonas did not want to go back. He didn't want the memories, didn't want the honor, didn't want the wisdom, didn't want the pain. He wanted his childhood again…because he had been selected, as others before him had, to bear their burden.**
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