

Plutarch on Self-Commendation

But those who are forced to speak in their own praise are made more endurable by another procedure as well: not to lay claim to everything, but to unburden themselves, as it were, of honor, letting part of it rest with chance and part with God.

Plutarch, *Moralia*, vol. 7, trans. Philip H. De Lacy and Benedict Einarson, Loeb Classical Library (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1959), §542E (On Praising Oneself Inoffensively 11).