

**austere**

[ɔ:'stiə] *a*

- 1) строгий, суровый  
austere face [look, man] - суровое лицо [-ый взгляд, человек]
  - 2) суровый, аскетический  
austere life - суровый /аскетический/ образ жизни
  - 3) простой, без роскоши  
austere repast - простая пища
  - 4) строгий, чистый (о *стиле*)  
austere chair with a straight back - стул строгих линий с прямой спинкой
2. терпкий, горький  
austere wine - терпкое вино

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**aus-tere** [austere austerer austerest] *BrE* [ɒ'striə(r)] *BrE* [ɒstɪə(r)] *NAmE*

[ɒstɪə] *r* **adjective**

1. simple and plain; without any decorations
  - her austere bedroom with its simple narrow bed
  - Their clothes were always austere.
2. (of a person) strict and serious in appearance and behaviour
  - My father was a distant, austere man.
3. allowing nothing that gives pleasure; not comfortable
  - the monks' austere way of life

Derived Word ↑austerely

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin *austerus*, from Greek *austēros* 'severe'.

Example Bank:

- the austere simplicity of the building
- the lonely, austere beauty of his painting of a station in the snow

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**aus-tere** /ɒstɪə, \$ ɒstɪ/ *BrE* *AmE* **adjective**

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: austerus, from Greek austeros 'severe']

1. plain and simple and without any decoration:  
the church's austere simplicity
2. someone who is austere is very strict and serious – used to show disapproval:  
Her father is a very austere man.
3. an austere way of life is very simple and has few things to make it comfortable or enjoyable:  
Cuthbert led an austere life of prayer and solitude.

—austerely *adverb*

**THESAURUS**

- **plain** without anything added, or without decoration: a plain shirt | The fireplace was plain apart from a small design at the top.
- **simple** not having a lot of decoration or unnecessary things, but attractive: She was wearing a simple black dress. | The accommodation is simple but clean.
- **austere** very plain and with very little decoration, or very little in it – used about a room or place that does not make you feel welcome: He dreaded having dinner in that austere dining room. | The building was grey and a little austere. | the austere beauty and grandeur of mountain scenery
- **spartan** plain and without anything that would make life easier or more comfortable – used especially about rooms, conditions, or ways of living: Her apartment is quite spartan. | They had a very spartan life.
- **stark** very plain in a surprising way, with very little colour or decoration – used about rooms and places: Sam sat looking at the stark white walls. | It is a landscape of stark beauty.
- **bare** empty, or not covered by any decorations: Her office seemed very bare now that her desk had gone. | He was tired of looking at the bare walls of his prison cell.

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