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"The great misconception in our day is this: that God isn't concerned to protect His own integrity. He's a kind of wishy-washy deity, who just waves a wand of forgiveness over everybody. No. For God to forgive you is a very costly matter."
-R.C. Sproul

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/6 6:01

"The Bible was written in tears, and to tears it yields its best treasures."
- A.W. Tozer

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/6 9:38

The best prayers have often more groans than words. - John Bunyan

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/6 9:41

Have you noticed how much praying for revival has been going on of late - and how little revival has resulted? I believe the problem is that we have been trying to substitute praying for obeying, and it simply will not work. To pray for revival while ignoring the plain precept laid down in Scripture is to waste a lot of words and get nothing for our trouble. Prayer will become effective when we stop using it as a substitute for obedience. - A.W. Tozer

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/6 9:45

I feel it is far better to begin with God - to see his face first, to get my soul near him before it is near another. - Robert McCheyne

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/6 9:48

Work as if everything depended upon your work, and pray as if everything depended upon your prayer. - William Booth

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/9 22:58

"In heavenly love abiding, no change our hearts shall fear; and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here. The storm may roar without us, our hearts may low be laid; But God is round about us, we cannot be dismayed" -FW Faber

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/1/9 23:12

"The problems in the world today cannot be solved with the level of thinking that created them."
-- Albert Einstein

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/11 13:29

"All we need is need." - John Gertsner

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/13 11:37

"How hard is it sometimes to get leave of hearts to seek God!
Jesus Christ went more willingly to the cross than we do to the
throne of grace." - Thomas Watson

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/13 11:39

"Hell is larger today than it was yesterday, because many of us
have failed to pray." - David Smithers

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/13 16:33

"Of all the duties enjoined by Christianity none is more essential
and yet more neglected than prayer. Most people consider the
exercise a fatiguing ceremony, which they are justified in abridging
as much as possible. Even those whose profession or fears lead
them to pray, pray with such languor and wanderings of mind that
their prayers, far from drawing down blessings, only increase their
condemnation." - Fenelon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/17 19:44

You know, people say that today. "Oh, I am just a saved sinner."
 That is like saying you are a married bachelor. That is like saying you are an honest thief, or a pure harlot. You
can't be a saved sinner. You are either saved or you are a sinner. He came. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus. He sh
all save his people from their sins." He saves us from sins that we have committed and from committing a thousand m
ore that would meet us at the judgment.

-Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/17 19:44

You know, we live in a day when we are more afraid of holiness than we are of sinfulness. We accommodate ourselves
to iniquity not only in the world, but in the fellowships round about.

-Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/17 20:04

"Friend, you will never stumble as long as you are on your knees!"
-Raymond Beasley

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by Swordbearer (), on: 2008/1/17 20:59

Paul Washer speaking on television;

You say to me;
"Oh brother, we are "in the world"
Sure you are, but you don't have to pump it into your living room!!

Garbage in, Garbage out !!!

From "Offering your Bodies"

Re: - posted by Swordbearer (), on: 2008/1/17 21:02

"Is the world still in your heart?" - Kieth Daniel

Galatians 6:14, 1 John 2:15,16

Re: Greast Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/17 21:10

"A baptism of holiness, a demonstration of godly living is the crying need of our day." - Duncan Campbell

Re: Greast Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/17 21:11

"A revival of religion presupposes a declension." - Charles G. Finney

Re: - posted by frazier72, on: 2008/1/17 22:11

To be much for God, we must be much with God. Jesus, that lone figure in the wilderness, knew strong crying, along with tears. Can one be moved with compassion and not know tears? Jeremiah was a sobbing saint. Jesus wept. So did Paul. So did John.... Though there are some tearful intercessors behind the scenes, I grant you that to our modern Christianity, praying is foreign.

Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by frazier72, on: 2008/1/17 22:12

What comes to mind when we think of God is the most important thing about us.

A.W. TOZER

Re: - posted by frazier72, on: 2008/1/17 22:14

If we are devoted to the cause of humanity, we shall soon be crushed and broken hearted, for we shall often meet with more ingratitude from men than we would from a dog; but if our motive is love to God, no ingratitude can hinder us from serving our fellow men.

Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by frazier72, on: 2008/1/17 22:19

A real Christian is an odd number, anyway. He feels supreme love for the One whom he has never seen; talks with familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see; expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another; empties himself in order to be full; admits he is wrong so he can be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest; richest when he is poorest and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible; hears the inaudible and knows that which passeth understanding.

A.W. TOZER

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/17 22:31

“I had this day a great sense of the emptiness and vanity of all things here below. If I had millions and millions of worlds, they would not make me happy. Christ is all in all, in him I find a solid peace.”
-Henry Alline

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2008/1/17 23:36

"I wish you to meet God Himself, in the year which stands before us."

- Richard Wurmbbrand, transcribed from a message titled *Church Triumphant*

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid4522&commentViewItemComments>) Church Triumphant by Richard Wurmbbrand

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/1/18 4:53

Far be it from me to imagine that Zion contains none but Calvinistic Christians within her walls, or that there are none saved who do not hold our views

Spurgeon

Re: - posted by Swordbearer (), on: 2008/1/18 6:55

"I have a passion, and it is He, He only"
Count Zinzendorf

Re: - posted by Swordbearer (), on: 2008/1/18 6:57

"If God is not going to do it, nothing is going to happen"
Gerhard Du Toit

Re: - posted by frazier72, on: 2008/1/18 6:59

Everywhere there is apathy. Nobody cares whether that which is preached is true or false. A sermon is a sermon whatever the subject; only, the shorter the better.

Spurgeon

Re: - posted by frazier72, on: 2008/1/18 7:16

Religion today is not transforming people; rather it is being transformed by the people. It is not raising the moral level of society; it is descending to society's own level, and congratulating itself that it has scored a victory because society is smilingly accepting its surrender.

A.W. TOZER

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/18 10:04

"A man can not lead others where he is not willing to go himself. Therefore, beware of the prayerless church leader who no longer readily admits his own need for more of the person and power of Jesus Christ. Only a seeking, praying heart can truly encourage spiritual HUNGER in others!" Å– David Smithers

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/18 12:29

"Do not we rest in our day too much on the arm of flesh? Cannot the same wonders be done now as of old? Do not the eyes of the Lord still run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those who put their trust in Him? Oh, that God would give me more practical faith in Him! Where is now the Lord God of Elijah? He is waiting for Elijah to call on Him."
- James Gilmour of Mongolia

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/18 12:30

"How shall I feel at the judgment, if multitudes of missed opportunities pass before me in full review, and all my excuses prove to be disguises of my cowardice and pride?" - W. E. Sangster

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/18 13:52

"I have need of nothing." -The Laodicean Church

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"How shall I feel at the judgment, if multitudes of missed opportunities pass before me in full review, and all my excuses prove to be disguises of my cowardice and pride?" - W. E. Sangster

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/1/21 9:09

Forgive me for putting up the same quote and on the same page. It's age. :-)

"The Church has halted somewhere between Calvary and Pentecost." - Joe Brice

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/24 14:51

"Put your confidence in GOd to lead, more than your own confidence to lead!"
-Don Courville.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/24 15:35

"Revival is need when... a spirit of worldliness permeates the church so that it is difficult to distinguish believers from unb elievers."
-Charles Finney

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/27 15:23

"All our problems can be condensed basically down to one of these three areas as the root problem: IMMORALITY, GREED, AND BITTERNESS." -Bill Gothard

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/27 19:45

"God is the Truth. The Bible is the truth about the Truth. The sermons are the truth about the truth about the Truth. Theology, if it is a fundamentalist one, is the truth about the truth about the truth about the Truth. And because of so much scaffolding around the Truth, because of the multitude of words, the truth is drowned. I wish you to meet God Himself, in the year which stands before us."

-Richard Wurmbrand

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/29 11:06

"I have but one passion - it is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ." Send to a friend."

-Count Zinzendorf

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/29 11:21

"Perhaps if there were more of that intense distress for souls that leads to tears, we should more frequently see the results we desire. Sometimes it may be that while we are complaining of the hardness of the hearts of those we are seeking to benefit, the hardness of our own hearts and our feeble apprehension of the solemn reality of eternal things may be the true cause of our want of success."

-Hudson Taylor

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/29 11:36

"A man with God is always in the majority."

-John Knox

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/29 11:47

"We shall have all eternity in which to celebrate our victories, but we have only one swift hour before the sunset in which to win them."

-Robert Moffat

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/29 11:48

"I have seen, at different times, the smoke of a thousand villages - villages whose people are without Christ, without God, and without hope in the world."

-Robert Moffat

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2008/1/29 13:55

Hi Greg...

Quote:

sermonindex wrote:

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-Robert Moffat

Great quote! In fact, it was this quote that inspired Dr. David Livingstone to bring the Gospel to the "dark continent" of Africa (after having previously desired to go to China).

I wonder how many of us can look at (http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/image/earth_night.jpg) a photograph of the world at night and see "the lights of a million villages, towns and cities" where people are without God, and have never seen a true representation of the character of Jesus Christ? May God motivate us all to see a dying world in need of a living Savior!

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Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/2/6 16:03

"Fear and love binds humanity in two golden chains, and the gospel of Jesus Christ never is finished until it goes on to set us free."
- A.W. Tozer

The Deeper Life - Part 1
The Deeper Life - Part 2

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/2/11 21:32

"Your greatest triumphs in Christianity is when you do nothing - that's grace."
- Keith Daniel

The Five Smooth Stones - Keith Daniel

Re: - posted by jgraves11 (), on: 2008/2/11 21:42

"Let wrath deserved be written above the door to hell, and the free gift of grace above the gate of heaven"

Valley of Vision

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/2/13 18:51

"When the Lord's sheep are a dirty grey, all black sheep are more comfortable." - Vance Havner

Getting Used to the Dark - Vance Havner

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/2/15 15:54

"It's Jesus - only Jesus"
- Denny Kenaston

(Christ) The Power of Christ Centered Theology - Part 1
(Christ) The Power of Christ Centered Theology - Part 2

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/2/25 16:37

Soren Kierkegaard said, "O Luther, you had 95 theses . . . The matter is far more terrible—there is only one thesis. The Christianity of the New Testament does not exist at all. Here there is nothing to reform."

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/2/25 16:50

John Wesley realized that the gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer found:

It does not appear that these extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were common in the Church for more than two or three centuries. We seldom hear of them after that fatal period when the Emperor Constantine called himself a Christian;... From this time they almost totally ceased;... The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ than the other heathens.... This was the real cause why the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian Church; because the Christians were turned Heathens again, and had only a dead form left. (Wesley's Works, vol 7, Sermon 89, pp. 26-27).

Re:, on: 2008/2/25 22:27

"To the degree that I'm willing to submit to God, He is able to change and conform me to the image of Christ."

"God did not save us to make us happy, He saved us to make us holy."

Dr. Jerry Benjamin

Re:, on: 2008/2/25 23:29

Thank you Joy, Sermonindex and Heartsong!!! I kept your Heartsong title as I downloaded these two.

"Be Thou my Vision."

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy Presence, my Light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my High Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou Only, First in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of All.*

Dal-lan For-gaill (translated from the Irish by Ma-ry E. Byrne, Versified by EI-ea-nor H. Hull)

Re: - posted by MisterCheez (), on: 2008/2/29 10:32

The greatest glory Jesus brought to God was not when he walked on the water or prayed for long hours, but when he cried in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and still continued to follow God's will, even though it meant isolation, darkness and the silence of God. Thus, we know that when everything around us fails, when we are destroyed and abandoned, our tears, blood and dead corpses are the greatest worship songs we have ever sung.

Ziya Meral "Bearing the Silence of God"
Christianity Today, March 08

Re: - posted by MisterCheez (), on: 2008/2/29 10:35

From the Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis (one demon writing to another regarding humans and God - the Enemy):

Be not deceived, Wormwood, our cause is never more in jeopardy than when a human, no longer desiring but still intending to do our Enemy's will, looks round upon a universe in which every trace of him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/3/16 15:29

Unbelief is a turning away from God and his Son in order to seek satisfaction in other things.

-John Piper

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/3/16 15:35

In seasons of severe trial, the Christian has nothing on earth that he can trust to, and is therefore compelled to cast himself on God alone. When no human deliverance can avail, he must simply and entirely trust himself to the providence and care of God. Happy storm that wrecks a man on such a rock as this! O blessed hurricane that drives the soul to God--and God alone!

When a man is so poor, so friendless, so helpless that he has nowhere else to turn--he flies into his Father's arms, and is blessedly clasped therein! When he is burdened with troubles so pressing and so peculiar, that he cannot tell them to any but his God, he may be thankful for them; for he will learn more of his Lord then, than at any other time.

Oh, tempest-tossed believer, it is a happy trouble that drives you to your Father!

Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/3/17 14:22

"It is not the thing on which we spend most time that molds us, but the thing that exerts the greatest power. Five minutes with God and His word is worth more than all the rest of the day."

-- Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by HopeinChrist, on: 2008/3/20 19:26

If the enemy can succeed in bringing the Church to viewing benefit as the determinant by which something is judged to be of God, we may well have been brought to the very ground of deception itself.

Art Katz

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/3/24 15:09

"I am much afraid that schools will prove to be **great gates of hell** unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."

-Martin Luther

Re: - posted by revival617 (), on: 2008/3/24 17:08

Some preachers master their subjects; some subjects master the preacher; once in awhile one meets a preacher who is both master of, and also mastered by his subject. The apostle Paul, I am sure, was in that category.

-- Leonard Ravenhill "Why Revival Tarries"

Re: - posted by revival617 (), on: 2008/3/25 19:53

One of these days some simple soul will pick up the book of God, read it, and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed.

--Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/3/25 20:10

The opportunity of a lifetime must be seized within the lifetime of the opportunity." — Leonard Ravenhill

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/3/31 8:36

“Depend upon it, if you are bent on prayer, the devil will not leave you alone. He will molest you, tantalize you, block you, and will surely find some hindrances, big or little or both. And we sometimes fail because we are ignorant of his devices...I do not think he minds our praying about things if we leave it at that. What he minds, and opposes steadily, is the prayer that prays on until it is prayed through, assured of the answer.” - Mary Warburton Booth

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/3/31 8:38

“You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work. And go not only to those that need you, but to those that need you most...It is not your business to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that society; but to save as many souls as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance.” — John Wesley

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/3/31 8:40

“I am born for God only. Christ is nearer to me than father, or mother, or sister - a near relation, a more affectionate Friend; and I rejoice to follow Him, and to love Him. Blessed Jesus! Thou art all I want - a forerunner to me in all I ever shall go through as a Christian, a minister, or a missionary.” - Henry Martyn

Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2008/3/31 18:31

“I repeat my advice to read the Scriptures with prayer, to keep close to the important points, of human depravity, regeneration, the atonement, and the necessity of divine teaching. If a man is born again, hates sin, and depends upon the Savior for life and grace, I care not whether he be an Arminian or a Calvinist. If he be not born again, he is nothing, let him be called by what name he will.” (John Newton)

Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2008/3/31 18:31

“If we once get above our Bibles, and cease making the written Word of God sole rule both as to faith and practice, we shall soon lie open to all manner of delusion, and be in great danger of making shipwreck of faith and a good conscience . Our blessed Lord, though He had the Spirit of God without measure, yet always was governed by, and fought the devil with, 'It is written.'” (George Whitefield)

Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2008/3/31 18:33

“Only they who fulfill God’s commands have a claim on the Lord.” (Leonard Ravenhill)

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/4/2 16:09

"God loves with a great love the man whose heart is bursting with a passion for the IMPOSSIBLE." - William Booth.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/4/2 18:14

Prayer is occupation with my needs,
Praise is occupation with my blessings,
but Worship is occupation with God Himself.
- Leonard Ravenhill

Worship Beyond Prayer and Praise - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/4/3 4:01

“Let Christians remember, that in a season of revival as well as in a season of coldness, the evidence of piety is to be sought in the fruits of the Spirit. And let sinners remember that no degree of attendance on means, no degree of fervor, can be substituted for repentance of sin and faith in the Savior...” - William B. Sprague

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/4/3 22:08

That which lasts forever is reality,
and unless it lasts forever,
God says it is not real.
- Darrel Champlin

Embassadors for the King - Darrel Champlin

Re: Great Quotes 8, on: 2008/4/6 17:44

"Apostolic preaching is not marked by its beautiful diction, or literary polish, or Cleverness of expression, but Operates "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." - Arthur Wallis

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/9 16:38

"I hope some of you will agree with me that it is of far greater importance that we have better Christians than that we have more of them! If we have any spiritual concerns, our most pressing obligation is to do all in our power to obtain a revival that will result in a reformed, revitalized, purified church. Each generation of Christians is the seed of the next, and degenerate seed is sure to produce a degenerate harvest; not a little better than but worse than the seed from which it sprang. Thus the direction will be down until vigorous, effective means are taken to improve the seed. Why is it easier to talk about revival than to experience it? Because followers of Christ must become personally and vitally involved in the death and resurrection of Christ. And this requires repentance, prayer, watchfulness, self-denial, detachment from the world, humility, obedience and cross-carrying.."
-A.W. Tozer

Re:, on: 2008/4/9 16:44

He is no fool who gives away what he can not keep, to gain that which he can not lose.

Author Unknown, but most associated with Jim Elliott.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/4/9 22:33

"Deliverence from believing lies must by by believing truth."

- Jessie Penn-Lewis

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/14 1:38

"Never was a church-wide, heaven-sent revival needed than at this present time. It is the only answer to the spiritual warfare we face in every part of the world. Bombs, bullets and body bags will never stem the tide of terror and horror that threatens human existence. We must recognize that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:4,5)."

-Stephen Olford

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/14 14:06

"God is not looking for brilliant men, is not depending upon eloquent men, is not shut up to the use of talented men in sending His Gospel out in the world. God is looking for the broken men who have judged themselves in the light of the Cross of Christ. When He wants anything done, He takes up men who have come to the end of themselves, whose confidence is not in themselves, but in God."

-H.A. Ironside

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/17 13:10

"Though the cross of Christ has been beautified by the poet and the artist, the avid seeker after God is likely to find it the same savage implement of destruction it was in the days of old. The way of the cross is still the pain-wracked path to spiritual power and fruitfulness. So do not seek to hide from it. Do not accept an easy way. Do not allow yourself to be patte d to sleep in a comfortable church, void of power and barren of fruit. Do not paint the cross nor deck it with flowers. Take it for what it is, as it is, and you will find it the rugged way to death and life. Let it slay you utterly."

-A.W. Tozer

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/4/23 22:30

So much as one person with a contrary spirit to God is enough to affect all the meetings - that the revival fire did not flow until that person broke and confessed, or the Lord removed him.

- Jonathan Goforth

K-033 Extravagant Love - Art Katz

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/4/26 15:17

"I've seen more Christians destroyed by ambition than any other sin - discontent in the heart, always pushing and jockeying - moving for some new thing, some new position . . . It's not what we do, it's that we do what we're called to do and that in it we glorify God" - Carter Conlon

Dying to Glorify God - Carter Conlon

Re:, on: 2008/4/29 20:16

"Being a king, emperor, or president is mighty small potatoes compared to being a mother. Commanding an army is little more than sweeping a street compared with training a boy or girl. The mother of Moses did more for the world than all the kings that Egypt ever had. Oh, you wait until you reach the mountains of eternity, then read the mothers' names in God's Hall of Fame. I tell you women: Fooling away your time, hugging and kissing poodle dogs, drinking a cocktail, and playing cards is mighty small business compared to molding the life of a child!"

~ Billy Sunday

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/30 2:22

"I want the presence of God Himself, or I don't want anything at all to do with religion...I want all that God has or I don't want any."

-A.W. Tozer

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/4/30 14:33

Apparently while preaching one day John Wesley was alarmed to discover several members of his congregation had fallen asleep.

" Fire! Fire! " Wesley suddenly cried whereupon the guilty parishioners jumped with alarm.

Where? They demanded glancing around

Â“In HellÂ” Wesley replied, Â“For those who sleep under the preaching of GodÂ’s Word.Â”

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/4/30 17:09

I like this Quote from Jonathan Edwards;

Holy laughter also occurred in early evangelical and holiness circles. Jonathan Edwards describes the reaction of some who were converted in the Great Awakening revival:

"Their joyful surprise has caused their hearts as it were to leap, so that they have been ready to break forth into laughter, tearing often at the same time issuing like a flood, and intermingling a loud weeping."

Jonathan Edwards

Re: - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2008/4/30 17:26

This is false presumption of the author of the article you quoted that what J. Edwards is describing here is 'holy' laughter. Jonathan Edwards's quote is just the second part of your quote, which has nothing to do with what you call 'holy' laughter. If you quoted only the Jonathan Edwards quote, without any presumption and comments, no one will make conclusion that this is the kind of the 'holy' laughter manifestation that you are trying to pull here on SI.

(http://www.discernment-ministries.org/Holy_Laughter.htm) Holy Laughter or Strong Delusion

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/4/30 22:02

I like this quote from Charles Finney;

Charles Finney wrote that after he testified about his experience of being baptized in the Spirit, a usually serious elder of his church "fell into a most spasmodic laughter. It seemed as if it was impossible for him to keep from laughing from the very bottom of his heart"

Charles Finney

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/5/6 0:03

"Idealism is the last refuge of humanism." - Art Katz

Honor Your Father - Part 1

Honor Your Father - Part 2

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/5/9 20:08

"The reality of Hell needs to be anguished over, and to be understood as a terrible and eternal calamity. Once your life ends, there is no turning back; there is no second chance; there is no way to make amends when you realize that what you have spurned all your living days in those who have preached to you, and witnessed to you is, in fact, true."

-Art Katz

Re: - posted by davym (), on: 2008/5/9 20:29

“Sin is cosmic treason.” - RC Sproul

(http://www.ligonier.org/tabletalk/2008/5/1058_Cosmic_Treason) Article link

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/5/14 13:42

"Revival won't come when many want it - but when a few can't live without it."

- Loran W. Helm -

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/5/14 16:12

"You must come to see that God could damn you for your best prayer."

-George Whitefield

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/5/18 12:05

"None are more unjust in their judgments of others than those who have a high opinion of themselves."

- C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/5/24 1:22

"The issue of truth is the issue of life.
We have as much life as we have truth -
they are one and the same -
as much light as we have life,
as much fellowship as we have light,
as much lifesaving witness as we have fellowship -
that the world might know that the Father hath sent me -
because you are one."
- Art Katz

True Fellowship - Art Katz

Re:, on: 2008/5/24 21:34

Let a man set his heart only on doing the will of God and he is instantly free. No one can hinder him.

Refuse to be average. Let your heart soar as high as it will.

~A.W. Tozer

Re:, on: 2008/5/25 18:09

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

~John Wesley

Re:, on: 2008/5/26 20:27

Watch, therefore, I pray you, O believers, the motions of God's blessed Spirit in your souls, and always try the suggestions or impressions that you may at any time feel, by the unerring rule of God's most holy word: and if they are not found to be agreeable to that, reject them as diabolical and delusive. By observing this caution, you will steer a middle course between the two dangerous extremes many of this generation are in danger of running into; I mean, ENTHUSIASM, on the one hand, and DEISM, and DOWNRIGHT INFIDELITY, on the other.

~George Whitefield

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/5/27 22:54

"Revival will come only to a desperate church, not a contented one. He is ever the Rewarder of those who 'diligently seek Him.' not the mere casual inquirer."

"Most Americans worship their work, work at their play, and play at their worship."

"No one wants revival in the church more than He Who died to purchase her and make her His very own precious, holy Bride!"

"We end up blaming God's sovereignty for the sad state of the church. If there is no revival in the church, we can be very sure that the lack is on our part and not God's!"

"...we want Him as long as He doesn't change what we like. But any person not open to change is NOT open to revival."

"It is far better to drive men away by faithful preaching than to drive the Holy Spirit away by unfaithful preaching!"

"Given the state of the church today, there is no comfortable way to get into the place of genuine revival blessing! It may

be very painful for us."

"We have a great fear of 'losing our dignity' (we mistakenly think that we have some dignity), or having others think that we 'don't have it all together.' This is the essence of the heart of a hypocrite."

"We must come to the place where we can honestly say, 'I'm not afraid of holiness. I'm not going to be afraid of going all the way with God, cost whatever it may.'"

"All throughout the Bible and history, revival has come only as God's people begin to take His word and His promises seriously. Search the scriptures, and let them search you!"

"Discord' is the very opposite of the 'one accord' that we read of in the book of Acts that made her such a mighty vessel of God. Unforgiveness hidden in the church is like a bullet left in the body! Are we more concerned about our opinions and interest than we are the honor of God?"

"The devil wants to lure us into a thousand things that will dull us to the Truth and cause us to become passive and bored with, or distracted from, the deep things of God."

"God will not do, apart from prayer, what He has promised to do in answer to prayer."

"Without the heartbeat of prayer, the body of Christ will resemble a corpse. The church is dying on her feet because she is not living on her knees."

-Al Whittinghill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/5/30 20:12

"We act like pagans in a crisis, only one out of a crowd is daring enough to bank his faith in the character of God."
-Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/6/2 23:20

"Whenever the true message of the cross is abolished, the anger of hypocrites and heretics ceases.. and all things are in peace. This is a sure token that the devil is guarding the entry to the house, and that the PURE doctrine of God's Word has been taken away. The Church then, is in the BEST state, when Satan assaileth it on every side... both with subtle slights, and outright violence. And likewise it is in the WORST state when it is most at peace!"
-Martin Luther

"Whatever is preached in peace is not the gospel."
-Martin Luther

Re: - posted by Alf (), on: 2008/6/5 8:47

"Christianity has not been weighed in the balances and found wanted, it has been tried found difficult and rejected."

- Leonard Ravenhill

from: Are we willing to drink from his cup

Re: - posted by Fuedgedios (), on: 2008/6/5 9:12

“If we try to win the world by being like the world the world will win you!”

-Keith Daniel

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/6/19 3:03

"It doesn't have to be a barrage of information to lead a soul to Christ. Sometimes you just have to speak their name."

Where Have You Taken Jesus? - Carter Conlon

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/6/21 1:28

Christ hath come,
and run away to heaven with my heart and my love,
so that neither heart nor love is mine.

- Samuel Rutherford

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/6/22 9:15

"I get accused occasionally by some of these hard-edged theologians of being a mystic, which I don't deny. A mystic is simply somebody who believes it is possible to commune with God Almighty right now through Jesus Christ in the Spirit and know it and have a sense of heaven all around him and being in the presence of God even when he's in the presence of men. If that's being a mystic then I plead guilty and I am."

(Sermon, "Reformation," Chicago) A.W. Tozer

Great Quotes 8 - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/6/22 9:18

The word “mystic” ... refers to that personal spiritual experience common to the saints of Bible times and well known to multitudes of persons in the post-Biblical era. I refer to the evangelical mystic who has been brought by the gospel into intimate fellowship with the Godhead. His theology is no less and no more than is taught in the Christian Scriptures. He walks the high road of truth where walked of old prophets and apostles, and where down the centuries walked martyrs, reformers, Puritans, evangelists and missionaries of the cross. He differs from the ordinary orthodox Christian only because he experiences his faith down in the depths of his sentient being while the other does not. He exists in a world of spiritual reality. He is quietly, deeply, and sometimes almost ecstatically aware of the Presence of God in his own nature and in the world around him. His religious experience is something elemental, as old as time and the creation. It is immediate acquaintance with God by union with the Eternal Son. It is to know that which passes knowledge.

(*The Christian Book of Mystical Verse*, p.vi) A.W. Tozer

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by Axe1338, on: 2008/6/22 15:36

"The church used to confess its sin, now it confesses its right."

-David Wilkerson from Christ a stranger

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/6/24 19:34

The Holy Spirit did not come to make them of one accord,
He came because they were of one accord.

Music does not come to make your piano come in tune,
it comes because your piano's in tune.

It is not the music that tunes your piano,
it's the tuned piano that makes your music.

The Communion of the Saints - A.W. Tozer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/6/27 11:34

While D.L. Moody was attending a convention in Indianapolis on mass evangelism, he asked his song leader Ira Sankey to meet him at 6 o'clock one evening at a certain street corner. When Sankey arrived, Mr. Moody asked him to stand on a box and sing.

Once a crowd had gathered, Moody spoke briefly and then invited the people to follow him to the nearby convention hall. Soon the auditorium was filled with spiritually hungry people, and the great evangelist preached the gospel to them.

Then the convention delegates began to arrive. Moody stopped preaching and said, "Now we must close, as the brethren of the convention wish to come and discuss the topic, 'How to reach the masses.'"

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/6/27 14:24

"The Devil's methods of opposition are those of alliance and antagonism, and the only serious one is the first. Let us be ware of it. Do not let us imagine that we can take into our fellowship and enlist under one banner men who simply affirm truth about Jesus, unless in their own lives there is an absolute loyalty to the Lord Christ. Antagonism is the creation of force for the kingdom of God. Put a man in prison for Christ's sake, and the earthquake will surely follow, and the work will spread." - G. Campbell Morgan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/6/27 18:27

"The world doesn't believe the Bible, Christians don't obey the Bible."
- Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/7/7 23:54

"Men will allow God to be everywhere except on His throne!"
-C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/7/8 17:12

"I dare not say but my Lord Jesus hath fully recompensed my sadness with his joys, my losses with his own presence. I find it a sweet and rich thing to exchange my sorrows with Christ's joys, my afflictions with that sweet peace I have with himself." - Samuel Rutherford

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/7/14 19:20

"Speaking the truth without love is accusation." - Alan Martin

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/7/14 19:37

If prayer is not the first thing you do, it will be the last.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/7/17 1:26

The ability to not feel pain conversely, or consequently, reduces your ability to experience joy. - Alan Martin

Preserving Unity - Alan Martin

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/7/17 13:13

Accuracy without faith is cynicism. - Alan Martin

Reigning in Life (Part 2) - Alan Martin

Re:, on: 2008/7/17 16:05

"The prevalency of our inordinate fears on a stormy day is owing to the weakness of our faith, which would be as an anchor to the soul, and would ply the oar of prayer. By faith we might see through the storm to the quiet shore, and encourage ourselves with hope that we shall weather our point."

-Matthew Henry

"It well becomes us to speak sparingly of our own good deeds."

-Matthew Henry

"Whatever our necessities or burdens are, we need no more for supply or support, than a share in the mercy of our Lord Jesus. Whether he heal us or no, if he have mercy on us, we have enough; as to the particular instances and methods of mercy, we may safely and wisely refer ourselves to the wisdom of Christ."

-Matthew Henry

"There is enough in the doctrine of God's providence to silence all the fears of God's people."

-Matthew Henry

"There is many a good truth that we thought was well laid up when we heard it, which yet is out of the way when we have occasion to use it."

-Matthew Henry

"Unbelief is the great obstruction to Christ's favors."

-Matthew Henry

"Though he had so much work to do with others, yet He chose sometimes to be alone, to set us an example."

-Matthew Henry

"When faith is weak, prayer must be strong."

-Matthew Henry

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by boG (), on: 2008/7/17 19:28

The love of Christ is my prayer-book.

-- **Gerhard Tersteegen.**

No erudition, no purity of diction, no width of mental outlook, no flowers of eloquence, no grace of person can atone for the lack of fire. **Prayer ascends by fire.** Flame gives prayer access as well as wings, acceptance as well as energy. There is no incense without fire; no prayer without flame.

-- **E. M. Bounds**

Love is kindled in a flame, and ardency is its life. Flame is the air which true Christian experience breathes. It feeds on fire; it can withstand anything, rather than a feeble flame; but when the surrounding atmosphere is frigid or lukewarm, it dies, chilled and starved to its vitals. **True prayer MUST be aflame.**

-- E. M. Bounds

Tell me in the light of the Cross, isn't it a scandal that you and I live today as we do?

-- Alan Redpath

Well you speak of grace and my love so sweet
How you thrive on milk, but reject My meat
And I can't help weeping of how it will be
If you keep on ignoring My words
Well you pray to prosper and succeed
But your flesh is something I just can't feed!

To obey is better than sacrifice
I want hearts of fire
Not your prayers of ice
And I'm coming quickly
To give back to you
According to what you have done

-- Keith Green, "To Obey is Better than Sacrifice"

Do you see, do you see, all the people sinking down,
Don't you care, don't you care, are you gonna let them drown,
How can you be so numb, not to care if they come,
You close your eyes and pretend the job's done.

Oh Bless me Lord, bless me Lord, you know it's all I ever hear,
No one aches, no one hurts, no one even sheds one tear,
But He cries, He weeps, He bleeds, and He cares for your needs,
And you just lay back and keep soaking it in, **oh, can't you see it's such sin?**

Cause He brings people to your door,
And you turn them away, as you smile and say,
God bless you, be at peace, and all Heaven just weeps,
Cause Jesus came to your door, you've left Him out on the streets.

Open up, open up, and give yourself away,
You've seen the need, you hear the cry, so how can you delay,
God's calling and you're the one, but like Jonah you run,
He's told you to speak, but you keep holding it in,
Oh, can't you see it's such sin?

The world is sleeping in the dark,
That the church can't fight, cause it's asleep in the light,
How can you be so dead, when you've been so well fed,
Jesus rose from the grave, and you, you can't even get out of bed,
Oh, Jesus rose from the dead, come on, get out of your bed!
-- Keith Green, "Asleep in the Light"

The Gospel is not an old, old story, freshly told. It is a fire in the Spirit, fed by the flame of Immortal Love; and woe unto us, if, through our negligence to stir up the Gift of God which is within us, that fire burns low.

-- Dr. R. Moffat Gautrey

To bring fire on earth He came;
Kindled in some hearts it is,
But O that ALL might catch the blaze,
And ALL partake the glorious bliss.
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart the altar, and Thy love the flame.

-- **George Croly**

Come as the fire, and purge our hearts
With sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an offering be
To our Redeemer's Name.

-- **Andrew Reed**

Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry?
Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die?
Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand?
Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you DAMNED?

-- **Leonard Ravenhill**

Give me the love that leads the way,
The faith that nothing can dismay,
The hope no disappointments tire,
The passion that will burn like fire,
Let me not sink to be a clod:
Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.

-- **Amy Wilson Carmichael**

O for a passionate passion for souls,
O for a pity that yearns!
O for the love that loves unto death,
O for the fire that burns!
O for the pure prayer-power that prevails,
That pours itself out for the lost!
Victorious prayer in the Conqueror's Name,
O for a PENTECOST!

-- **Amy Wilson Carmichael**

Their iniquity -- pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness.

-- **Ezekiel 16:49**

Oh! for a heart that is burdened!
Infused with a passion to pray;
Oh! for a stirring within me;
Oh! for His power every day.
Oh! for a heart like my Saviour,
Who, being in an agony, prayed.
Such caring for OTHERS, Lord, give me;
On my heart let burdens be laid.
My Father, I long for this passion,
To pour myself out for the lost--
To lay down my life to save others--
"To pray," whatever the cost.
Lord, teach me, Oh teach me this secret,
I'm hungry this lesson to learn,
This passionate passion for others,
For this, blessed Jesus, I yearn.
Father, this lesson I long for from Thee--
Oh, let Thy Spirit reveal this to me.

-- **Mary Warburton Booth**

Brethren, it is just so much humbug to be waiting for this, night after night, month after month, if we ourselves are not right with God. I must ask myself -- "Is my heart pure? Are my hands clean?"

-- **Comment from the Hebrides Revival**

Re:, on: 2008/7/18 10:58

“If we loved others with the love of God, how much more power there would be in our work, how much more intercession, how much we should sacrifice everything, our formality, our habits. We would do work breathed upon by the love of God.” Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/7/19 3:47

This soul of ours hath love, and cannot but love some fair one; and O,
what a fair One,
what an only One,
what an excellent, lovely, ravishing One is Jesus.

- Samuel Rutherford

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/7/19 22:54

"Doctrine is useless if it is not accompanied by a holy life.
It is worse than useless; it does positive harm.
Something of 'the image of Christ' must be seen
and observed by others in our private life, and
habits, and character, and doings." --J.C. Ryle

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/7/20 20:00

"His will is my hiding place."
-Corrie Ten Boom

"Disobedience costs more than obedience" -Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/7/23 18:29

"If the doctrine of Christian union is true, then division and sectarianism are a great and prodigious evil, and therefore ought to be abolished. Who then will lay the axe to the root of this corrupt tree to help cut it down?"
-D.S. Warner

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/7/28 20:07

“Only fix even the smallest amount you purpose to give of your income, and give this regularly; and as God is pleased to increase your light and grace, and is pleased to prosper you more, so give more. If you neglect in habitual giving, a regular giving, a giving principle based upon Scriptural grounds, and leave it only to feeling and impulse, or particular arousing circumstances, you will certainly be a loser.”
—George Mueller

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/7/28 20:58

"A hare crossing the path is by some more dreaded than a harlot lying in the bed."

- Thomas Watson

Re:, on: 2008/7/29 7:38

The rod is to purge out that vanity and folly that is bound up in the heart of the child. Proverbs 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." The rod is an ordinance, as well as the word; and such parents who use it as an ordinance—praying and weeping over it—shall find it effectual for the chasing away of evil out of their children's heart. **Eli and David were two very choice men, and yet, by their fondness on one hand, and neglect of this ordinance on the other hand, they ruined their sons;** and whether they did not undo their souls, I shall not at this time stand to inquire.

When Moses cast away his rod, it became a serpent; and so, when parents cast away the rod of correction, it is ten to one but that their children become the brood of the serpent: Proverbs 13:24, "He who spares his rod hates his son; but he who loves him chastens him often." Not only the care, but also the cure of the child—so far as the rod will reach—lies upon the hands of the parent.

~Thomas Brooks

Re: - posted by HerelAm, on: 2008/7/29 23:36

"The object of life is not to be on the side of the majority, but to escape finding oneself among the ranks of the insane!"
Marcus Aurelius

Re:, on: 2008/7/30 16:16

"...In keeping with this dignity, preaching has a twofold value: (1) It is instrumental in gathering the church and bringing together all of the elect; (2) It drives away the wolves from the folds of the Lord. Preaching is the flexanima, the allurer of the soul, by which our self-willed minds are subdued and changed from an ungodly and pagan life-style to a life of Christian faith and repentance. It is also the weapon which has shaken the foundations of ancient heresies, and also, more recently cut to pieces the sinews of the Antichrist. So, if anyone asks which spiritual gift is the 'most excellent', undoubtedly the prize must be given to prophesying...."

~William Perkins (1558-1602)

The Art of Prophesying
first published in Latin 1592 and in English 1606

Re:, on: 2008/7/31 18:54

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.

~ Martin Luther

(Luther's Works. Weimar Edition. Briefwechsel , vol. 3, pp. 81f)

Re:, on: 2008/8/1 14:27

One man with God is always in the majority.

- John Knox

Re:, on: 2008/8/1 20:43

...the woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved.

- Matthew Henry

Re:, on: 2008/8/2 15:34

But is this our life, in these evil and lukewarm times? How many be there that believe in Christ, that they may live as the y list? If to drink, and whore, and scoff, and blaspheme; if to shake a lock, and follow every fond fashion; if to cross and cringe before a piece of wood; if to be weary of the word, and outwardly zealous for long prayers; if to seek purity of ordinances in churches, and to maintain impurity in hearts, in shops, in families; if to set our hearts upon farms and mercandises, and so to be covetous; if to set up our own selves, and parts, and gifts, with a secret disdain of God's ministers; if to cry down learning, and set up ignorance; if to set up Christ, and destroy sanctification and obedience; if to be a sect master of some odd opinions; if to crack the nut of some superlunary and monkish notions and high-flown speculations; if to hear much and do little; if to have a name to live, and yet dead at the heart, — if this be to live the life of love, we have many that live this life; the Lord Jesus wants no love, if this be to love. But O, woe unto you, if you thus requite the Lord, foolish people and unwise.

~Thomas Shepard

Re:, on: 2008/8/8 15:48

"When men do follow eagerly a business that is evil and follow a man or woman in a thing to do hurt to them and follow them eagerly and resolve never to leave till they have got their wills of them, they may be said to persecute these men. For persecution is not merely to do a man hurt. There is a difference between wronging a man and persecuting a man. They may do them wrong in some one act; they may do them wrong accidentally. But now persecution is when, intending to follow a man or woman in a constant way, and resolve never to leave them until they have had their wills of them. Oh, blessed are they that are persecuted, that are followed by the world — those that the persecutors of the world are set upon and are eager to do hurt unto. This is for righteousness. It is not the punishment, but the cause that makes the martyr. Those are not blessed that are followed hard for their sin, for their wickedness — that suffer for wickedness, that suffer for evil doers, for God would not have them suffer so. No. That is a part of the curse of God upon them that as they do evil, so they should suffer evil. Now the saints that are blessed, they labor to be so far from suffering for evil-doing that they would rather suffer all the evil in the world than do the least. There is a great deal of difference between these two."

~Jeremiah Burroughs

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/8 17:32

However matters go, it is our happiness to win new ground daily in Christ's love, and to purchase a new piece of it daily, and to add conquest to conquest, till our Lord Jesus and we be so near the other that Satan shall not draw a straw or a thread betwixt us.

- Samuel Rutherford

Re:, on: 2008/8/9 21:21

"What an honorable thing is it to be fishers of men! How great an honor shouldst thou esteem it, to be a catcher of souls! We are workers together with God, says the apostle. If God has ever so honored thee, O that thou knewest it that thou mightst bless his holy name, that ever made such a poor fool as thee to be a co-worker with him. God has owned thee to do good to those who were before caught. O my soul, bless thou the Lord. Lord, what am I, or what is my father's house, that thou hast brought me to this?"

~Thomas Boston

Re: Quoting - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/8/10 10:42

There is no Christian Gospel if history simply unwinds into a meaningless puddle, if the cosmos simply escapes into a cataclysmic black hole, or if the universe finally dies of exhausted energy. Without belief in a biblical eschatology, there is no Christian hope. Without a sense of perfect moral judgment in the end, the human heart is homeless.

R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

(<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080609/the-end-of-history-the-moral-necessity-of-eschatology.htm>) The End of History - The Moral Necessity of Eschatology

Re: - posted by HopeinChrist, on: 2008/8/10 21:23

Quote from Dr. Paul S. Rees

To be where God is quietly talked about seems a lovely thing. But to be where God really grips us is a risky matter. As long as a Living God is about and given any chance at all, it will be found dangerous to be in His presence. Dangerous, that is, to everything that is more to our liking than it is to His. Church going should be dangerous to our self-esteem and self-satisfaction.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/8/11 22:43

TREASURES FROM TIPTAFT, William Tiptaft, 1803 - 1864

If rich men only knew when they died, how . . .
their relatives would scramble for their money,
the worms for their bodies, and
the devil for their souls,
they would not be so anxious to save money!

Re:, on: 2008/8/15 16:28

I will not judge a person to be spiritually dead whom I have judged formerly to have had spiritual life, though I see him at present in a swoon (faint) as to all evidences of the spiritual life. And the reason why I will not judge him so is this -- because if you judge a person dead, you neglect him, you leave him; but if you judge him in a swoon, (faint) though never so dangerous, you use all means for the retrieving of his life.

John Owen

Re:, on: 2008/8/16 14:57

If we do not abide in prayer, we will abide in temptation. Let this be one aspect of our daily intercession: "God, preserve my soul, and keep my heart and all its ways so that I will not be entangled." When this is true in our lives, a passing temptation will not overcome us. We will remain free while others lie in bondage.

~John Owen

Re: - posted by BrokenOne (), on: 2008/8/17 16:37

The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts. I solemnly state this from the experience of fifty-four years. The first three years after conversion I neglected the Word of God. Since I began to search it diligently, the blessing has been wonderful. I have read the Bible through one hundred times, and all ways with increasing delight. Each time it seems like a new book to me. Great has been the blessing from consecutive, diligent, daily study. I look upon it as a lost day when I have not had a good time over the Word of God.

George Muller

Re:, on: 2008/8/17 21:12

The winter prepares the earth for the spring, so do afflictions sanctified prepare the soul for glory.

~Richard Sibbes

Re:, on: 2008/8/18 7:31

Some have asked whether we shall know one another in heaven? Surely, our knowledge will not be diminished, but increased. The judgement of Luther and Anselm, and many other divines is, that we shall know one another; yea, the saints of all ages, whose faces we never saw; and, when we shall see the saints in glory without their infirmities of pride and passion, it will be a glorious sight.

~Thomas Watson

Re:, on: 2008/8/18 13:38

If our principal treasure be as we profess, in things spiritual and heavenly, and woe unto us if it be not so! on them will our affections, and consequently our desires and thoughts, be principally fixed.

Â—John Owen

A godly man preferreth grace before goods, and wisdom before the world.

Â—Richard Bernard

Build your nest upon no tree here; for you see God has sold the forest to death.

Â—Samuel Rutherford

Let us use worldly things as wise pilgrims do their staves and other necessaries convenient for their journey. So long as they help us forward in our way, let us make use of them, and accordingly esteem them. But if they become troublesome hindrances and cumbersome burdens, let us leave them behind us, or cast them away.

Â—George Downname

Re:, on: 2008/8/19 9:33

"Ministers never write or preach so well as when under the cross; the Spirit of Christ and of glory then rests upon them. was this, no doubt, that made the Puritans... such burning lights and shining lights. When cast out by the black Bartholomew-act and driven from their respective charges to preach in barns and fields, in the highways and hedges, they in an especial manner wrote and preached as men having authority. Though dead, by their writings they yet speak; a peculiar unction attends them to this very hour...."

~George Whitefield

Re:, on: 2008/8/19 18:26

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness.

Â—Martin Luther

I had rather stand against the cannons of the wicked than against the prayers of the righteous.

Â—Thomas Lye

Israel prevailed with God in wrestling with Him, and therefore it is that he prevails with men also. If so be that we will wrestle with God for a blessing, and prevail with Him, then we need not to fear but we shall wrestle the enemies out of it also.

Â—Alexander Henderson

Furnish thyself with arguments from the promises to enforce thy prayers, and make them prevalent with God. The promises are the ground of faith, and faith, when strengthened, will make thee fervent, and such fervency ever speeds and returns with victory out of the field of prayer.... The mightier any is in the Word, the more mighty he will be in prayer.

Â—William Gurnall

Prayer is not appointed for the furnishing of God with the knowledge of what we need, but it is designed as a confession to Him of our sense of the need. In this, as in everything, God's thoughts are not as ours. God requires that His gifts should be sought for. He designs to be honoured by our asking, just as He is to be thanked by us after He has bestowed His blessing.

Â—Arthur W. Pink

Prayer is not intended to change God's purpose, nor is it to move Him to form fresh purposes. God has decreed that certain events shall come to pass through the means He has appointed for their accomplishment.

Â—Arthur W. Pink

Prayer is the way and means God has appointed for the communication of the blessings of His goodness to His people.

—Arthur W. Pink

The prevailing idea seems to be, that I come to God and ask Him for something that I want, and that I expect Him to give me that which I have asked. But this is a most dishonouring and degading conception. The popular belief reduces God to a servant, our servant: doing our bidding, performing our pleasure, granting our desires. No, prayer is a coming to God, telling Him my need, committing my way unto the Lord, and leaving Him to deal with it as seemeth Him best.

—Arthur W. Pink

Real prayer is communion with God, so that there will be common thoughts between His mind and ours. What is needed is for Him to fill our hearts with His thoughts, and then His desires will become our desires flowing back to Him.

—Arthur W. Pink

Prayer is not so much an act as it is an attitude—an attitude of dependency, dependency upon God.

—Arthur W. Pink

I have benefited by my praying for others; for by making an errand to God for them, I have gotten something for myself.

—Samuel Rutherford

Re:, on: 2008/8/20 14:52

To know that nothing hurts the godly, is a matter of comfort; but to be assured that all things which fall out shall cooperate for their good, that their crosses shall be turned into blessings, that showers of affliction water the withering root of the ir grace and make it flourish more; this may fill their hearts with joy till they run over.

—Thomas Watson

God takes away the world, that the heart may cleave more to Him in sincerity.

—Thomas Watson

God sweetens outward pain with inward peace.

—Thomas Watson

Not to be afflicted is a sign of weakness; for, therefore God imposeth no more on me, because he sees I can bear no more.

—Joseph Hall

When we grow careless of keeping our souls, then God recovers our taste of good things again by sharp crosses.

—Richard Sibbes

The winter prepares the earth for the spring, so do afflictions sanctified prepare the soul for glory.

—Richard Sibbes

Do not even such things as are most bitter to the flesh, tend to awaken Christians to faith and prayer, to a sight of the emptiness of this world, and the fadingness of the best it yield? Doth not God by these things (ofttimes) call our sins to remembrance, and provoke us to amendment of life? How then can we be offended at things by which we reap so much good?.... Therefore if mine enemy hunger, let me feed him; if he thirst, let me give him drink. Now in order to do this, (1) We must see good in that, in which other men can see none. (2) We must pass by those injuries that other men would re

venge. (2) We must show we have grace, and that we are made to bear what other men are not acquainted with. (4) Many of our graces are kept alive, by those very things that are the death of other men's souls.... The devil, (they say) is good when he is pleased; but Christ and His saints, when displeased.

—John Bunyan

As the wicked are hurt by the best things, so the godly are bettered by the worst.

—William Jenkyn

Poverty and affliction take away the fuel that feeds pride.

—Richard Sibbes

I am mended by my sickness, enriched by my poverty, and strengthened by my weakness.... Thus was it with.... Manasseh, when he was in affliction, "He besought the Lord his God": even that king's iron was more precious to him than his gold, his jail a more happy lodging than his palace, Babylon a better school than Jerusalem. What fools are we, then, to fly from our afflictions! These, how crabbed soever, are our best friends. They are not indeed for our pleasure, they are for our profit.

—Abraham Wright

Labour to grow better under all your afflictions, lest your afflictions grow worse, lest God mingle them with more darkness, bitterness and terror.

—John Owen

The secret formula of the saints: When I am in the cellar of affliction, I look for the Lord's choicest wines.

—Samuel Rutherford

The way to be eased is not struggling with it, but meekly to bear it.

There is a fable, but it has its moral for this purpose. A certain ass, laded with salt, fell into a river, and after he had risen, found his burden lighter, for the moisture had made it melt away; whereupon he would ever after lie down in the water as he traveled with his burden, and so ease himself. His owner perceiving this craft, after laded him with Wool. The ass purposing to ease himself, as before, laid himself down in the water, and thinking to have ease, rising again to feel his weight, found it heavier.

—Richard Stock

Look how fears have presented themselves, so have supports and encouragements; yea, when I have started, even as if it were at nothing else but my shadow, yet God, as being very tender of me, hath not suffered me to be molested, but would with one Scripture or another, strengthen me against all; insomuch that I have often said, Were it lawful, I could pray for greater trouble, for the greater comfort's sake.

—John Bunyan

He that rides to be crowned, will not think much of a rainy day.

—John Trapp

God takes a safe course with His children, that they may not be condemned with the world, He permits the world to condemn them, that they may not love the world, the world hates them....

—Richard Sibbes

Afflictions are light when compared with what we really deserve. They are light when compared with the sufferings of the

Lord Jesus. But perhaps their real lightness is best seen by comparing them with the weight of glory which is awaiting us

—Arthur W. Pink

No wise man can expect that...God should diet us with a continual feast. It would neither suit with our health, nor the condition of this pilgrimage. Live, therefore, on your peace of conscience as your ordinary diet; when this is wanting, know that God appointeth you a fast for your health; and when you have a feast of high joys, feed on it and be thankful! But when they are taken from you, gape not after them as the disciples did after Christ at His ascension; but return thankfully to your ordinary diet of peace.

—Richard Baxter

The highest honor that God can confer upon his children is the blood-red crown of martyrdom. The jewels of a Christian are his afflictions. The regalia of the kings that God has made, are their troubles, their sorrows, and their griefs. Griefs exalt us, and troubles lift us.

—Charles Spurgeon

It is the great support and solace of the saints in all the distresses that befall them here, that there is a wise Spirit sitting in all the wheels of motion, and governing the most eccentric creatures and their most pernicious designs to blessed and happy issues.

—John Flavel

Re:, on: 2008/8/21 15:01

Whom God legally saves, He experimentally saves; whom He justifies, them He also sanctifies. Where the righteousness of Christ is imputed to an individual, a principle of holiness is imparted to him; the former can only be ascertained by the latter. It is impossible to obtain a Scriptural knowledge that the merits of Christ's finished work are reckoned to my account, except by proving that the efficacy of the Holy Spirit's work is evident in my soul.

—Arthur W. Pink

It is only in proportion as the Christian manifests the fruit of a genuine conversion that he is entitled to regard himself and be regarded by others as one of the called and elect of God. It is just in proportion as we add to our faith the other Christian graces that we have solid ground on which to rest in the assurance we belong to the family of Christ. It is not those who are governed by self-will, but "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).

—Arthur W. Pink

Sit not down without assurance. Get alone, and bring thy heart to the bar of trial: force it to answer the interrogatories put to it to set the qualifications of the saints on one side, and the qualifications of thyself on the other side, and then judge what resemblance there is between them.... Yet be sure thou judge by a true touchstone, and mistake not the Scripture description of a saint, that thou neither acquit nor condemn thyself by mistake.

—Richard Baxter

Beware, I pray thee, of presuming that thou art saved. If thy heart be renewed, if thou shalt hate the things that thou didst once love, and love the things that thou didst once hate; if thou hast really repented; if there be a thorough change of mind in thee; if thou be born again, then hast thou reason to rejoice: but if there be no vital change, no inward godliness; if there be no love to God, no prayer, no work of the Holy Spirit, then thy saying "I am saved" is but thine own assertion, and it may delude, but it will not deliver thee.

—Charles Spurgeon

The Scripture abounds in commands and cautions for our utmost diligence in our search and inquiry as to whether we are

e made partakers of Christ or not, or whether His Spirit dwells in us or not— which argue both the difficulty of attaining an assured confidence herein, as also the danger of our being mistaken, and yet the certainty of a good issue upon the diligent and regular use of means to that purpose.

—John Owen

We all profess that we are bound for heaven, immortality, and glory: but is it any evidence that we really design it if all our thoughts are consumed about the trifles of this world, which we must leave behind us, and have only occasional thoughts of things above?

—John Owen

Though true grace has various degrees, and there are some that are but babes in Christ, in whom the exercise of the inclination and will, towards divine and heavenly things, is comparatively weak; yet everyone that has the power of godliness in his heart, has his inclinations and heart exercised towards God and divine things, with such strength and vigor that these holy exercises do prevail in him above all carnal or natural affections, and are effectual to overcome them: for every true disciple of Christ "loves him above father or mother, wife and children, brethren and sisters, houses and lands: yea, than his own life."

—Jonathan Edwards

Re:, on: 2008/8/21 16:47

"Nay, but many think they bring forth fruit. Have not heathens spread forth their branches, and brought forth many pleasant fruits of temporal patience, sobriety, magnanimity, prudence, and such like? Do not some civil men many acts of civility profitable to men? Doth not many a man pray and read the scriptures from his youth up? Yes, indeed, these are fruits, but for all that, he is an empty vine, for he brings forth fruit to himself; and so, as in the original, he is a vine emptying the fruit which it gives, Hos. x. 1. All these fruits are but to himself, and from himself; he knows not to direct these to God's glory, but to his own praise or advantage, to make them his ornament; and he knows not his own emptiness, to seek all his furniture and sap from another. What were all these fair blossoms and fruits of heathens? Indeed they were more abundant and better than any now upon the multitude of professed Christians: and yet these were but splendida peccata, shining sins. What is all your praying and fasting, but to yourselves, as the Lord charges the people, Zech. vii. 'Did ye at all fast unto me?' No, ye do it to yourselves."

- Hugh Binning

Re:, on: 2008/8/22 15:31

"Conversion is not a repairing of the old building; but it takes all down, and erects a new structure. It is not the sewing on a patch of holiness; but with the true convert, holiness is woven into all his powers, principles and practice. The sincere Christian is quite a new fabric, from the foundation to the top-stone. He is a new man, a new creature; all things are become new (2 Cor 5:17). Conversion is a deep work, a heart work. It makes a new man in a new world. It extends to the whole man, to the mind, to the members, to the motions of the whole life."

-Joseph Alleine

Re:, on: 2008/8/22 19:29

"What do ye think the man will think within himself, who will stand before God, and be absolved in judgment by Jesus Christ, notwithstanding his provocations above many of them? What will a king then think of his crown and dominions, when he reflects on them? What will the poor persecuted Christian then think of all the glory and perfection of this world, when he looks back upon it? O know, poor foolish men, what madness is in venturing your souls for trifles! Ye run the hazard of all greatest things for a poor moment's satisfaction. Ye will repent it too late, and become wise to judge yourselves fools, when there is no place to mend it."

-Hugh Binning

<http://www.newble.co.uk/hall/binning/sinners.html>

Re:, on: 2008/8/23 22:20

"The very act of prayer is a blessing. To pray is as it were to bathe one's-self in a cool purling stream, and so to escape from the heats of earth's summer sun. To pray is to mount on eagle's wings above the clouds and get into the clear heaven where God dwelleth. To pray is to enter the treasure-house of God and to enrich one's-self out of an inexhaustible storehouse. To pray is to grasp heaven in one's arms, to embrace the Deity within one's soul, and to feel one's body made a temple of the Holy Ghost. Apart from the answer prayer is in itself a benediction. To pray, my brethren, is to cast off your burdens, it is to tear away your rags, it is to shake off your diseases, it is to be filled with spiritual vigour, it is to reach the highest point of Christian health."

~Charles Spurgeon

Re:, on: 2008/8/24 17:40

"A man who loves you the most is the man who tells you the most truth about yourself."

~Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Re:, on: 2008/8/25 9:27

"Out of about 800 souls who, during the months of the Revival, conversed with different ministers in apparent anxiety, no wonder surely if many proved to have been impressed only for a time. President Edwards considered it likely that, in such cases, the proportion of real conversions might resemble the proportion of blossoms in spring, and fruit in autumn. Nor can anything be more unreasonable than to doubt the truth of all, because of the deceit of some. The world itself does not so act in judging of its own. The world reckons upon the possibility of being mistaken in many cases, and yet does not cease to believe that there is honesty and truth to be found. One of themselves, a poet of their own, has said with no less justice than beauty—

"Angels are bright still, though the brightest fell;

And though foul things put on the brows of grace,

Yet grace must still look so."

But, above all, we have the authority of the word of God, declaring that such backslidings are the very tests of the true church: "For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you," I Cor. 11:19. It is not, however, meant that any who had really believed went back to perdition. On the contrary, it is the creed of every sound evangelical church, that those who do go back to perdition were persons who never really believed in Jesus. Their eyes may have been opened to see the dread realities of sin and of the wrath to come; but if they saw not

righteousness for their guilty souls in the Saviour, there is nothing in all Scripture to make us expect that they will continue awake. "Awake, thou that sleepest, and Christ will give thee light," is the call—inviting sinners to a point far beyond mere conviction. One who, for a whole year, went back to folly, said: "Your sermon on the corruption of the heart made me despair, and so I gave myself up to my old ways—attending dances, learning songs," etc. A knowledge of our guilt, and a sense of danger, will not of themselves keep us from falling; nay, these, if alone, may (as in the above case) thrust us down the slippery places. We are truly secure only when our eye is on Jesus, and our hand locked in his hand. So that the history of backslidings, instead of leading us to doubt the reality of grace in believers, will only be found to teach us two great lessons, viz. the vast importance of pressing immediate salvation on awakened souls, and the reasonableness of standing in doubt of all, however deep their convictions, who have not truly fled to the hope set before them."

~Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Re:, on: 2008/8/25 21:49

"Common experience declares how momentary and how useless are those violent fits and gusts of endeavours which proceed from fear and uncertainty, both in things spiritual and things temporal, or civil. Whilst men are under the power of actual impressions from such fears, they will convert to God, yea, they will turn in a moment, and perfect their holiness in an instant; but so soon as that impression wears off (as it will do on every occasion, and upon none at all) such persons are as dead and cold towards God as the lead or iron, which but now ran in a fiery stream, is now when the heat is departed from it."

~John Owen

Re: - posted by madmatg (), on: 2008/9/2 21:21

thanks to the CCEL for this one

Let us not then be disturbed, neither dismayed, when trials befall us. For if the gold refiner sees how long he ought to leave the piece of gold in the furnace, and when he ought to draw it out, and does not allow it to remain in the fire until it is destroyed and burnt up: much more does God understand this, and when He sees that we have become more pure, He releases us from our trials so that we may not be overthrown and cast down by the multiplication of our evils. Let us then not be repining, or faint-hearted, when some unexpected thing befalls us; but let us suffer Him who knows these things accurately, to prove our hearts by fire as long as He pleases: for He does this for a useful purpose and with a view to the profit of those who are tried.

— from "Homily on the Paralytic Let Down Through the Roof," by Chrysostom (c.347—407)

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/9/7 0:32

Be content to wade through the waters betwixt you and glory with him, holding his hand fast; for he knoweth all the fords. Howbeit ye may be ducked, yet ye cannot drown, being in his company. Be not afraid, therefore, when ye come even to the black and swelling river of death to put in your foot and wade after him; the current, how strongsoever, cannot carry you down; the Son of God, his death and resurrection, are stepping-stones and a stay to you; set down your feet by faith upon these stones and go through as on dry land; if ye knew what he is preparing for you, ye would be too glad.

- Samuel Rutherford

Re:, on: 2008/9/12 15:55

There seems to be a notion abroad that if we talk enough and pray enough, revival will set in like a stock market boom or a winning streak on a baseball club. We appear to be waiting for some sweet chariot to swing low and carry us into the Big Rock Candy Mountain of religious experience... a kind of benign miracle, a feverish renaissance of religious activity that will come upon us, leaving us morally as we are now, except that we will be a lot happier and there will be a great many more of us....

-A. W. Tozer

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/9/12 19:12

leapt into the sea of His Father's wrath to save His spouse from drowning.
- Thomas Watson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/9/18 10:35

God is God. Because He is God, He is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in His holy will, a will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what He is up to. ~Elisabeth Elloit

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/9/18 18:23

"There is nothing I can say which is greater or more wonderful than that I am a Christian." -Papyrus (martyred by the Romans)

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/9/18 18:53

You don't need to know the word of God;
you need to know the God of the word.

- Leonard Ravenhill

Where is the Fire? - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/9/20 15:17

Men judge the heart by the actions.
God judges the actions by the heart.

- Thomas Watson

Re:, on: 2008/9/21 20:20

“God's will is hard only when it comes up against our stubbornness, then it is as cruel as a ploughshare and as devastating as an earthquake.”

~Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/9/26 20:22

“Ignorance is Satan’s stronghold.”

- Thomas Watson, Heart Purity

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/9/26 21:52

Among many marks that we are on the journey, and under sail towards heaven, this is one, when the love of God so filleth our hearts that we forget to love and care too much for the having or wanting of other things; as one extreme heat burneth out another.

- Samuel Rutherford

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/9/29 12:51

"Those who abide in Christ, as their heart's delight, shall have, through Christ, their heart's desire." Matthew Henry

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/10/1 21:53

The greatest miracle that God can do today is take an unholy man out of an unholy world, and make him holy, then put him back into that unholy world and keep him holy in it. ~ Leonard Ravenhill

Re: A timely quote - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/10/2 18:55

Wonderful stewardship for these very days.

"Half a dozen men on their knees for 60 minutes waiting upon the Lord with the absolute conviction that they have no answer, that their human ideas and programmes are ineffective and bankrupt - they will accomplish more than 50 men around a table discussing problems for a whole year." -- Alan Redpath

Are there not half a dozen men in Congress?

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/10/9 17:25

"Religion is nothing else than doing the will of God and not our own. Heaven or hell depends on this alone." Susannah Wesley

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/10/10 20:08

It takes spiritual authority to bless others. Many Christians say, "God bless you," but one clearly senses that although the words express a kind wish, they lack real spiritual authority. --M. Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/10/13 2:59

"We are never, never so much in danger of being proud as when we think we are humble."

- C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/10/13 11:16

"The old cross slew men; the new cross entertains them. The old cross condemned; the new cross amuses. The old cross destroyed confidence in the flesh; the new cross encourages it." -A.W. Tozer

Re:, on: 2008/10/13 11:50

Quote:

sermonindex wrote:

"The old cross slew men; the new cross entertains them. The old cross condemned; the new cross amuses. The old cross destroyed confidence in the flesh; the new cross encourages it." -A.W. Tozer

Great quote.

Isaiah 5:2

And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/10/14 14:03

"Revival is when God gets so sick and tired of being misrepresented that He shows Himself" -Leonard Ravenhill

Re: O God show your self!! - posted by Llewellyn (), on: 2008/10/20 7:21

"He is looking for one man"

Will he find him in Atlanta?

<https://www.sermonindex.net/revivalconference.php>

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/10/30 17:15

"Lord...bend me lower, Lord, down at Jesus' feet. Holy Spirit, bend me until your work's complete." Ron Owens

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/10/31 2:05

"The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him. The heaviest obligation lying upon the Christian Church today is to purify and elevate her concept of God until it is once more worthy of Him---and of her."

-A.W. Tozer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/10/31 2:06

"Get a single, solitary thought in your mind, and that thought - the precious love of Jesus. Go and live it out, and come what may, you will be respected though abused. They may say you are an enthusiast, a fanatic, a fool, but those names from the world are titles of praise and glory. The world does not take the trouble to nickname a man unless he is worth it. It will not give you any censure unless it trembles at you. The moment they begin to turn at bay, it is because they feel they have a man to do with."

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/11/11 16:51

"Hell is eternity in the presence of God. And, Heaven is eternity in the presence of God with a Mediator." - R. A. Finlayson

Re:, on: 2008/11/14 20:37

“It was the greatest honor God did to man that he made man in the image of God; but it is the greatest dishonor man has done to God that he has made God in the image of man.” Matthew Henry

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/11/15 12:00

"Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility." St Augustine

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2008/12/3 21:52

"...we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth."

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/4 14:52

"The Lord uses his flail of tribulation to separate the chaff from the wheat." - John Bunyan

Re: - posted by Fuegoedios (), on: 2008/12/4 16:32

"If Christ justifies you, he will sanctify you"
Robert Murray McCheyne.

Re: - posted by Fuegoedios (), on: 2008/12/4 16:36

"Don't be fooled your either known in Hell as a predator or Prey"

-anonymous

Re: - posted by Fuegoedios (), on: 2008/12/4 16:44

"Men will allow God to be everywhere except on his Throne"
-Charles Spurgeon.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/4 18:20

"Light means nothing to a blind man." - A.W. Tozer

"Some preachers ought to put more fire into their sermons or more sermons into the fire." - Vance Havner

"The Bible definitely is infallible, how else could it survive so many years of bad preaching?" - Leonard Ravenhill

"People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste

our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives...and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."

- Nate Saint, missionary martyr

"If you want the Kingdom speeded, go out and speed it yourselves. Only obedience rationalizes prayer. Only Missions can redeem your intercessions from insincerity." - William Carey

"The invasion of the Church by the world is a menace to the extension of Christ's Kingdom. In all ages conformity to the world by Christians has resulted in lack of spiritual life and a consequent lack of spiritual vision and enterprise. A secularized or self-centered Church can never evangelize the world." - John R. Mott

"There is need of a great revival of spiritual life, of truly fervent devotion to our Lord Jesus, of entire consecration to His service. It is only in a church in which this spirit of revival has at least begun, that there is any hope of radical change in the relation of the majority of our Christian people to mission work." - Andrew Murray

"Whenever, in any century, whether in a single heart or in a company of believers, there has been a fresh effusion of the Spirit, there has followed inevitably a fresh endeavor in the work of evangelizing the world." - A. J. Gordon

"If missions languish, it is because the whole life of godliness is feeble. The command to go everywhere and preach to everybody is not obeyed, until the will is lost by self-surrender in the will of God. There is little right giving because there is little right living, and because of the lack of sympathetic contact with God in holiness of heart, there is a lack of effectual contact with him at the Throne of Grace. Living, praying, giving and going will always be found together, and a low standard in one means a general debility in the whole spiritual being." - Arthur T. Pierson

"Depend upon it, if you are bent on prayer, the devil will not leave you alone. He will molest you, tantalize you, block you, and will surely find some hindrances, big or little or both. And we sometimes fail because we are ignorant of his devices...I do not think he minds our praying about things if we leave it at that. What he minds, and opposes steadily, is the prayer that prays on until it is prayed through, assured of the answer." - Mary Warburton Booth

"The neglected heart will soon be a heart overrun with worldly thoughts; the neglected life will soon become a moral chaos; the church that is not jealously protected by mighty intercession and sacrificial labors will before long become the abode of every evil bird and the hiding place for unsuspected corruption. The creeping wilderness will soon take over that church that trusts in its own strength and forgets to watch and pray." - A. W. Tozer

"We have not been men of prayer. The spirit of prayer has slumbered among us. The closet has been too little frequented and delighted in. We have allowed business, study or active labor to interfere with our closet-hours. And the feverish atmosphere in which both the church and the nation are enveloped has found its way into our prayer closets..." - Andrew Bonar

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/12/4 18:50

"Every step you take is treading on chords that will vibrate into all eternity. Every move you make touches keys whose sound will re-echo all over the hills and dales of heaven - and through all the dark caverns and vaults of hell. With every movement of your lives, you are exerting a tremendous influence that will tell on the immortal interests of souls all around you."

- Charles Finney

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/4 22:28

"When you're safe on eternity's shore will you wish you could live your life o'er? When He asks for the fruit of your labors will you offer Him idle hands?"

-anonymous

Great Quotes 8 - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/12/5 0:35

"The disputes causing many denominations and the divisions causing many sects are advanced in the name of "bearing testimony for the truth"! The soulish Christian often exaggerates differences, creating a disparity of opinions, resulting in divisions in the church of God. Jude testified of the same thing: "These are those who make divisions, soulish, having no spirit" (v. 19). This word refers to unregenerated people. However, the fact that soulish men cause separations is seen among believers also. The characteristic of a soulish believer is that he is often the instigator of separations and rivalry."

-Watchman Nee

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/5 10:42

"The old cross slew men; the new cross entertains them. The old cross condemned; the new cross amuses. The old cross destroyed confidence in the flesh; the new cross encourages it." -A.W. Tozer

Re: - posted by Fuegodedios (), on: 2008/12/5 14:31

"Prayer is a slender nerve that moves the muscle of omnipotence".

-John MacArthur

Re: - posted by paulamicela (), on: 2008/12/5 14:41

"There is nothing so permanent as a short-term compromise." Ron Bailey

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/8 10:26

Oh to fully realize the littleness of time and greatness of eternity! - Thomas Chalmers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/8 23:26

"Idle hands? But the Master is calling for thee! Art thou willing His call to receive? Are you idly willing life's hours away? Will you go that they might believe?"

-Anonymous

Re: - posted by Mikey_da_rev (), on: 2008/12/9 6:05

The one thing that is said to have surprised God is that the voice of intercession had ceased. "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor" (Isaiah 59:16). His delivering mercy depends upon intercessors, who will put their shoulders under the burdens of others... The normal function of prayer is to make intercession with God for others. - Samuel Chadwick (The Path of Prayer)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/9 18:00

"Christ is the gain we aim at, living and dying. We live to glorify Him in all the actions and affairs of life...Christ is the centre, in which all the lines of life and death do meet. This is true Christianity which makes Christ all in all." Matthew Henry

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/9 22:57

"Western culture has things a little backwards right now. We think that if we had every comfort available to us, we'd be happy. We equate comfort with happiness. And now we're so comfortable we're miserable. There's no struggle in our lives. No sense of adventure. We get in a car, we get in an elevator, it all comes easy. What I've found is that I'm never more alive than when I'm pushing and I'm in pain, and I'm struggling for high achievement, and in that struggle I think there's a magic." - Dean Karnaze

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/10 15:10

“My life, my blood, I here present, If for Thy truth they may be spent, Fulfill Thy sovereign counsel, Lord! Thy will be done, Thy Name adored!” Johann Winkler

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/12 11:58

“Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart with boundless charity divine, So shall I all strength exert, And love them with a zeal like Thine, And lead them to Thy open side, The sheep for whom the Shepherd died.” Charles Wesley

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2008/12/12 19:11

If you find a perfect church, don't go there - you'll spoil it! John Wimber

Re: - posted by BVO (), on: 2008/12/12 21:13

Just saw this on a friend's e-mail

To know what you believe, look at what you do

Profound.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/13 10:29

"Joy is love exultant, peace is love in repose, and long suffering is love enduring. It is all love, you see, a gentleness is love in society, and goodness is love in action, and faith is love on the battle-field, and meekness is love at school, and temperance is love in training." -D.L. Moody

Re: - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2008/12/13 10:39

Reply to BVO

Amen Brother, a wise friend in deed.

Eddie

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/13 14:32

"Oh, that the world might taste and see the riches of his grace! The arms of love that compass me would all mankind embrace." Charles Wesley

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by iamhis, on: 2008/12/14 8:29

God loves you
Therefore
Seek Him diligently
pray to Him earnestly
read His words constantly

Yours in the Gospel

Evan Roberts

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by iamhis, on: 2008/12/14 8:44

The Holy Ghost does not come upon methods, but upon men. He does not anoint machinery, but men. He does not work through organizations, but through men. He does not dwell in buildings, but men. He indwells the Body of Christ, directs its activities, distributes its forces, empowers its members.

Samuel Chadwick, The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/14 14:54

The real attitude of sin in the heart towards God is that of being without God; it is pride, the worship of myself, that is the great atheistic fact in human life. —Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/14 19:11

"Today Christianity is all about the money and everybody has lost sight of Eternity." -anonymous

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/12/14 23:39

"Providence is like a curious piece of tapestry made up of a thousand shreds which, singly, we know not what to make of, but put together and stitched up in orderly fashion they represent a beautiful history to the eye." - John Flavel

Great Quotes 8 - posted by mission101 (), on: 2008/12/17 10:08

If you have men who will only come if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all.

--David Livingstone, 1813-1873, Scottish explorer and missionary

Re: Great Quotes 8 - Worship - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/12/17 13:38

THE GIFT OF BELIEF
THE REMOVAL OF SIN
IT IS BEYOND MY POWER TO COMPREHEND

SO I WORSHIP

— A note from Miss Crawford, an older Saint who sits in front of me during the service of worship.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/18 22:27

"The abiding consciousness of the presence and power of my Savior preserved me from losing my reason...I had my nearest and dearest glimpses of the Face and smile of my blessed Lord in those dread moments when musket, club, or spear was being levelled at my life." John G. Paton

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/21 21:10

"The more grace Christians have, the more clearly they can see the contrast between holiness and sin. This will necessarily lead them to pray more often, earnestly, and fervently, give them a disrelish for the vanities of the world, and a sincere and hearty desire to devote all they have to Christ and to serve Him entirely." - Ann "Nancy" Judson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/22 20:21

I too have found a secret and I hope it will prove the defining point of my life. It is not so much where I am, or what I am doing, rather it is all about WHO is with me.~ Alan Martin

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/22 21:10

“I hope that my curiosity for the things of the Word of God never leaves me; if it does I might as well just get out of here .” A.E. Graff, 86 year old man

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/25 13:17

“You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father's face and tell him you have received his Christmas gift.” John R. Rice

“The very purpose of Christ's coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as a sacrifice for the sins of men . He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas.” Rev. Billy Graham

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/26 12:06

"I figured up yesterday where my time went per week and found that about thirty-five hours are wasted somehow. I am going to see if I can't systematize, so as to get the most use of them." William Borden

Re: - posted by paulamicela (), on: 2008/12/26 21:07

Charles Spurgeon's first words at the Tabernacle:

I would propose that the subject of the ministry in this house, as long as this platform shall stand, and as long as this house shall be frequented by worshippers, shall be the person of Jesus Christ. I am never ashamed to avow myself a Calvinist; I do not hesitate to take the name of Baptist; but if I am asked what is my creed, I reply, "It is Jesus Christ." My venerated predecessor, Dr. Gill, has left a Body of Divinity, admirable and excellent in its way; but the Body of Divinity to which I would pin and bind myself forever, God helping me, is not his system, or any other human treatise; but Christ Jesus, who is the sum and substance of the Gospel, who is in himself all theology, the incarnation of every precious truth, the all-glorious personal embodiment of the way, the truth, and the life.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/27 16:47

"'Tis but a little while you will have to testify for Christ here. Eternity won't be too long for us to praise Him! Surely "the little while" is not too long for us to serve Him!" Taken from Apples of Gold, Pictures of Silver

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/12/27 18:49

"If the whole Church goes off into deception, that will in no way excuse us for not following Christ." - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/27 21:21

Consider how immense the sum of the sins of the world must be! The sins that one of us commits in one day are very numerous. If all our proud thoughts could be known, and all our rebellious feelings against God could be exposed, how vast would be the amount! But consider what millions of millions of men have lived on this earth; what treachery, what blasphemy, what murders, what idolatry, have defiled it in every place, at every moment. Yet all these multiplied crimes Jesus can take away; so great is the power of his blood. O that all the world would come to the Lamb of God, that they might all be cleansed from their innumerable transgressions.

-Favell Lee Mortimer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/29 11:12

"Whatever else you fail of, do not fail of the influence of the Holy Spirit; that is the only way you can handle the consciences of men." David Brainerd

Re: , on: 2008/12/29 15:09

“ Do not feed a man who is not willing to work.” –speaking of Christians

“..God honoring labor is a mark of biblical manhood..”

“..and it’s not just individuals who are not willing to work..again..my point here is not that you have a man who doesn’t like work..or is just unwilling to work..I mean it’s also if a man doesn’t like to work. If he is not committed to finding all that his hands find to do and sees that as honoring God. ..”

-Voddie Baucham

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/29 20:48

"True faith recognizes the need of time and rests in God." Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by JoanM, on: 2009/1/1 2:05

"Action without prayer is arrogance, prayer without action is hypocrisy." - Jose Zayas

Re: - posted by JoanM, on: 2009/1/1 2:18

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different.”

“Your name is safe in their mouth.” Billy - age 4

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/1 12:48

"He will keep His word, the Gracious One, full of grace and truth; no doubt of it. He will keep His word, and it will be alright. Doubt is here inadmissible, surely!" David Livingstone

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/2 15:02

"Another real problem created by the doctrine of the divine sovereignty has to do with the will of man. If God rules His universe by His sovereign decrees, how is it possible for man to exercise free choice? And if he can not exercise freedom of choice, how can he be held responsible for his conduct? Is he not a mere puppet whose actions are determined by a behind-the-scenes God who pulls the strings as it pleases Him?"

"The attempt to answer these questions has divided the Christian church neatly into two camps which have borne the names of two distinguished theologians, Jacobus Arminius and John Calvin. Most Christians are content to get into one camp or the other and deny either sovereignty to God or free will to man. It appears possible, however, to reconcile these two positions without doing violence to either, although the effort that follows may prove deficient to partisans of one camp or the other."

God sovereignly decreed that man should be free to exercise moral choice, and man from the beginning has fulfilled that decree by making his choice between good and evil. When he chooses to do evil, he does not thereby countervail the sovereign will of God but fulfills it, inasmuch as the eternal decree decided not which choice the man should make but that he should be free to make it. If in His absolute freedom God has willed to give man limited freedom, who is there to stay His hand or say, "What doest thou?" Man's will is free because God is sovereign. A God less than sovereign could not bestow moral freedom upon His creatures. He would be afraid to do so.

-A.W. Tozer (The Knowledge of the Holy)

Re: , on: 2009/1/2 20:13

"Whatsoever is good for God's children they shall have it, for all is theirs to further them to heaven; therefore, if poverty be good, they shall have it; if disgrace be good, they shall have it; if crosses be good, they shall have them; if misery be good, they shall have it; for all is ours, to serve our greatest good."

~Richard Sibbes

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/3 12:21

"Let those who have a strong, deep, abiding desire towards any special form of service to Christ, take it as presumptive proof that God intended them to do that work and that if in humility, faith and dependence they undertake it, He will prosper them in it." Fanny Guinness (wife of Grattin Guinness, mother of Mrs. Howard Taylor)

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/1/5 3:15

"If Jesus Christ is not Lord of all - He is not Lord at all." - *Denny Kenaston*

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/5 12:03

“Oh, the clanging bells of Time! How their changes rise and fall; but in undertone sublime, Sounding clearly through them all is a voice that must be heard, as our moments onward flee; and it speaketh aye one word, - Eternity! Eternity!”
Ellen Gates

Re: , on: 2009/1/5 21:56

"Lord, make our children to be Thy children! Oh, may they be both ours and Thine! Content to live in our families, we pray. A family of man and the family of God!" ~Decio DeCarvalho

Re: , on: 2009/1/7 11:09

"All we need in Christ, we shall find in Christ. If we want little, we shall find little. If we want much, we shall find much. But if, in utter helplessness, we cast our all on Christ, He will be to us the whole treasury of God." -Henry Bejamin Whipple

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/1/8 2:08

“Never did water leap from the crystal fountain with half such freeness and generous liberality as Grace flows from the heart of God! He gives forth love, joy, peace and pardon—and He gives them as a king gives to a king! You cannot empty His treasury, for it is inexhaustible. He is not enriched by withholding, nor is He impoverished by bestowing!”
- *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/8 11:53

"We need to look resolutely away from the impossibilities and to the Lord. His help will come, though often it cannot break through to us until the last moment." Isobel K

Re: - posted by Fuegodedios (), on: 2009/1/8 19:34

Walking Bibles

"Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law
and obey it with all my heart." Psalm 119:34

Determine to PRACTICE whatever you read. Christians should be walking Bibles, living the truths written. The Word is not only a guide to knowledge, but a guide to obedience. A holy reading of God's Word, results in our fleeing from sins, and practicing the duties commanded.

"I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey Your word." Psalm 119:101

Thomas Watson

Re: , on: 2009/1/11 22:26

"..Have you known anything of His voice? Ye will say, "If I were near such a one, I would know his voice." If you do not, you are yet far from Him. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me." What God speaks in this gospel is foolishness unto many; but those who are His sheep know His voice, and unto them this gospel is the wisdom and power of God. Could ye never lay claim unto that word, "It is the voice of my beloved that knocketh " I know whose voice it is. "Were ye never persuaded that this gospel was the most wise of all devices that ever was contrived, or thought upon to save sinners? This is to know His voice. You that count the preaching of the gospel babbling, ye are far from God in hearing of His voice, and but expect to stumble upon what ye hear concerning Him.

2) Know ye His face? Who is he that says, "Stay till I be near unto Him, and then perhaps I shall know Him"? But if ye do not know His face, ye are far from Him. And yet I am persuaded that there are many hearing me, that know not what I mean. But pose yourselves, Know ye anything of the difference between the smiles and frowns of God; or what it is to have your and souls warmed with the heat and light of His countenance? Hath ever your soul been made to weep within you with His love? If not, it is a bad token; for the people of God know His face; whenever they hear Him named, their affections go out after Him.

3) What dealings have ye in your ordinary way and walk with God? Do ye acknowledge Him in all your ways? He knows the wicked afar off, and hath no dealings with them. Do ye venture nothing without God's counsel? Do you keep your eye upon Him in your ordinary business? And do ye give an account of it unto Him? If it is so, it is well. But if ye have no mind of God; only when ye put on your clothes, and wash your hands, it may be ye retire a little in secret, and then lose any thought you might have had of Him all the day long; that is a bad token that ye are far from God: and if death shall meet with you in this situation, your hearts shall be roughly handled by it..."

-William Guthrie

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/1/12 1:29

As rivers, the nearer they come to the ocean whither they tend, the more they increase their waters, and speed their streams; so will grace flow more fully and freely in its near approaches to the ocean of glory.

— John Owen

Re: , on: 2009/1/12 17:33

"O God, please give me three wounds; the wound of contrition and the wound of compassion and the wound of longing after God. I ask this without condition, Father; do what I ask and then send me the bill. Anything that it costs will be all right with me."

Lady Julian

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/13 1:08

"A tiny group of believers who have the gospel keep mumbling it over and over to themselves. Meanwhile, millions who have never heard it once fall into the flames of eternal hell without ever hearing the salvation story."

- K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/13 13:03

"Only a life of prayer and meditation will render a vessel ready for the Master's use." George Mueller

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/14 11:56

"Truly, it is worth being poor and greatly tried in faith for the sake of having day by day such precious proofs of the loving interest that our kind Father takes in everything that concerns us. And how could our Father do otherwise? He, who has given us the greatest possible proof of His love that He could have done in giving us His own Son, surely will with Him also "freely give us all things" (Rom. 8:32)." George Mueller

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/15 12:17

"It is our duty not to not only hold fast, but to hold forth the Word of life; not only to hold fast for our own benefit, but to hold it forth for the benefit of others, to hold it forth as the candlestick holds forth the candle, which makes it appear to advantage all around, or as the luminaries of the heavens, which shed their influences far and wide." Matthew Henry (Phil. 2: 15)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/16 11:45

"Trust in the Lord for help. You will honor Him if you expect help from Him in this matter. Give yourself to prayer for help, expect help, and you will have it." George Muller

Re: , on: 2009/1/16 13:25

"The impulse to pursue God originates with God, but the outworking of that impulse is our following hard after Him.." ~'The Pursuit of God' A.W. Tozer

Re: , on: 2009/1/16 18:57

"Give us a sense of urgency that will not be denied. Give such desire Your work to see, till ease we cast aside. Give us soul-hunger and soul-thirst, till hearts with longing almost burst, Till we could wish ourselves accursed if souls but reach Your side!" Wesley L. Duewel

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/17 12:13

"God gets me into a relationship with Himself whereby I understand His call, then I do things out of sheer love for Him on my own account. To serve God is the deliberate love-gift of a nature that has heard the call of God." Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/18 21:23

"Christ, only Christ, live then Thy life in me. "

-A.B. Simpson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/19 13:55

"When we are meek, we will not be concerned about having the first word or the last word." unknown

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/1/20 0:46

"God's wounds cure, sin's kisses kill." - William Gurnall

Re: , on: 2009/1/24 21:57

“O Eternity! Let thy ages tramp, thy cycles roll, but thou canst not crumble or scar the walls of Hell, or rust and break its locks, or silver the hair of God, who has sworn by His eternal self that the sinner shall die. The pendulum of thy horologe over the gates of woe vibrates through all aeons, and says, “forever, and ever” “forever, and ever” “forever, and ever”—its sounding bell striking off the centuries, the ages... O Eternity! God has wound up thy clock and it will never run down.” ~William E. Munsey

Re: , on: 2009/1/30 10:27

During the last war we were taught that, in order to obtain our objective, we had to be willing to be expendable. . . . We know now that there is only one answer when our country demands that we share in the price of freedom—yet when the Lord Jesus asks us to pay the price for world evangelization, we often answer without a word. We cannot go. We say it cost too much. . . . Missionaries constantly face expendability.

NATE SAINT, A MISSIONARY MARTYRED IN THE
ECUADORIAN JUNGLE IN 1956

Re: May His Light Shine, Amen., on: 2009/1/30 10:34

I pray that God does bless me (make me holy, have peace with God even in division over the Word) and shine His light in the dark places. Once I try to shine my light, I fail over and over again.

Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

John 1:8

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

John 5:35

He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

John 1:9

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/2/1 12:24

"It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our last day." Matthew Henry

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/2/4 14:37

Paul never glamorized the gospel! It is not success, but sacrifice! It's not a glamorous gospel, but a bloody gospel, a gory gospel, and a sacrificial gospel! 5 minutes inside eternity and we will wish that we had sacrificed more!!! Wept more, bled more, grieved more, loved more, prayed more, given more!!! -Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/2/4 14:51

It is very easy for us to speak and theorize about faith, but God often casts us into crucibles to try our gold, and to separate it from the dross and alloy. Oh, happy are we if the hurricanes that ripple life's unquiet sea have the effect of making Jesus more precious. Better the storm with Christ than smooth waters without Him.--Macduff

Re: , on: 2009/2/4 15:25

“How we have prayed for a Revival - we did not care whether it was old-fashioned or not - what we asked for was that it should be such that would cleanse and revive His children and set them on fire to win others.” - Mary Warburton Booth

Re: , on: 2009/2/4 15:26

“Depend upon it, if you are bent on prayer, the devil will not leave you alone. He will molest you, tantalize you, block you, and will surely find some hindrances, big or little or both. And we sometimes fail because we are ignorant of his devices...I do not think he minds our praying about things if we leave it at that. What he minds, and opposes steadily, is the prayer that prays on until it is prayed through, assured of the answer.” - Mary Warburton Booth

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/2/4 22:33

You cannot know God beyond the point of your obedience to what you already know of Him.

- T. Austin Sparks

Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2009/2/5 17:33

“The devil is a liar. Even when he tells the truth. Never believe what the devil says. (Brother Andrew)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/2/6 10:26

"We are not praying that our borders be opened. We are praying that heaven be opened." The prayer of a church under persecution in Vietnam

Re: , on: 2009/2/6 15:15

The heart that trusts forever sings, And feels as light as it had wings; A well of joy within it springs: Come good or ill, Whatever today tomorrow brings, It is His will. ~Mrs. Berger of CIM

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/2/7 12:42

"The three secrets of the christian life are: 1. humility 2. humility 3. humility. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
-Zac Poonen

Re: , on: 2009/2/7 21:49

“Why do we idolise Christian singers and speakers? We go from glorifying musicians in the world to glorifying Christian musicians. It’s all idolatry!...Satan is getting a great victory as we seem to worship these ministers on tapes and records and clammer to get their autographs in churches and concert halls from coast to coast.”

~ Keith Green

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/2/9 0:36

“All the life that any Believer ever had on the face of the earth, he must have derived from the Lord Jesus Christ for he had none of his own. And when the Holy Spirit had given him this life from Jesus Christ, he could not keep it alive by his own power. He had to remain in union with Jesus if he was to continue to live, as Christ reminded His disciples, ‘Without Me, (severed from Me), you can do nothing.’ Let us recognize this fact, Beloved, that we who have seen Christ have a new life within us which we did not create and which we could not nourish and sustain, but which Jesus keeps, feeds and preserves through the gracious ministry of the Holy Spirit. And thus we live as the world does not live—it is dead in sin, but we are alive unto God by Jesus Christ!” - *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/2/9 11:56

"I have decided to follow Jesus, Tho' no one joins me, still I will follow, The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, no turning back." S. Sundar Singh

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/2/9 11:58

No turning back. :-)

Re: Great Quotes 8 - posted by Alembic1981 (), on: 2009/2/9 14:09

"The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul."

-Johann Sebastian Bach

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/2/9 21:25

A fish only has liberty in the water.
A bird only has liberty in the air.
You, a child of God, only has liberty in Holiness.
You were created for it.
- *Dean Taylor*

The Biblical Teaching on Modest Dress *by Dean Taylor*

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/2/11 11:35

"As the church bells rang at midnight, Oswald and Bidy rose from their knees. God would lead them on His path, whatever it was, and it would be right. More than right, it would be filled with His joy and blessing. In the meantime, their task was to trust God and do the next thing." Oswald Chambers: Abandoned to God