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"There are many, like Cornelius and his friends, very devout and sincere and, in a way, God-fearing, religious, but not in Life until the Holy Spirit comes to them." - T. Austin Sparks

Re: Great Quotes 19 - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/8/19 21:44

"One of these days we will get sick and tired of the spiritual bankruptcy that we live in and the joke that our lives often are and we will get serious with God." ~Dr. Michael L. Brown

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/8/19 21:46

"Anti-Christ is not only that which is opposed to Christ, but that which is seeking to be something like Him, yet not Him."
~Art Katz

Re: , on: 2016/8/19 21:52

The Word did not become a philosophy or a theology or a concept to be discussed, debated, or pondered. But the Word became a Person to be followed, loved, and enjoyed.

...From a Christmas card I saw years ago...

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/4 23:34

"Oh my friends, we are loaded with countless church activities, while the real work of the church, that of evangelizing and winning the lost is almost entirely neglected." - Oswald J. Smith

Re: Great Poem, on: 2016/9/8 0:29

Name this scripture:

Hint: Gerasenian Quatrain

"Rabbi! Be Gone!!!
And Take this Fool of Thine!
You LOVE his Soul
But we Prefer Swine!"

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/9 17:01

"Everything in our Christian life is dependent on our being filled with the Spirit." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/11 0:50

"All that leads us to be agreeable to the world, and to the customs of men takes away the offence of the cross, and renders us agreeable to the world, but puts us at a distance from Christ." - J.N. Darby

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/11 0:52

"It becomes all professing Christians to be much on their guard against flattery. We mistake greatly if we suppose that persecution and hard usage are the only weapons in Satan's armory. That crafty foe has other engines for doing us mischief, which he knows well how to work. He knows how to poison souls by the world's seductive kindness, when he cannot frighten them by the fiery dart and the sword. Let us not be ignorant of his devices. By peace he destroys many." - J.C. Ryle

Re: , on: 2016/9/11 9:42

Thank you, SI Moderators...

...for Brother Ryle's quote reminding us of the fine line crossing the chasm between ENCOURAGEMENT and FLATTERY.

The former comes from the Life Giving Heart of Christ and the latter, from a drooling gate in the open grave of a man's lips and tongue.

True-Love-in-Christ-Alone,

kyp

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/11 18:12

"But first and foremost we must understand the meaning of the Church, its dependence upon Christ, and its subjection to His Lordship. God does not want us to be independent believers each doing whatever is right in his own eyes; independent preachers each going his own way." - Bakht Singh

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/14 22:29

"If we could only realise that Christ is all, what a power there would be in our Christianity! Remember that if we get near to Christ we shall get near to each other. If a number of people are met in a large room, where the windows look out upon beautiful scenery and everything is an attraction, you will find some will go to the windows, others will gather round the book-cases, others round the fireplace, and so on; but if they are invited there to meet some person of commanding presence and attraction, everything else is forgotten. If Christ had the place in our creed and heart that He ought to have, there would be personal loyalty and personal love, and this is just what He claims." - Sir Robert Anderson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/16 12:41

"If there is one thing that we must fear more than anything else in the church, it is giving people an impression about our spirituality that is not true." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/18 0:37

"Holiness and love and joy characterize the land. They are the fruits which grow there spontaneously, as are the thanksgivings that arise in the hearts of those who are there through redeeming power." - J.N. Darby

Re: , on: 2016/9/18 2:15

"I dont feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."
Galileo Galilei

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/19 19:02

"Learn to grapple with souls. Aim at the conscience. Exalt Christ. Use a sharp knife with yourself. Say little, serve all, pass on. This is true greatness, to serve unnoticed and work unseen. Oh, the joy of having nothing and being nothing, seeing nothing but a Living Christ in Glory, and being careful for nothing but His interests down here." - John Nelson Darby

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/20 0:33

"Pride is the greatest of all evils that beset us, and of all our enemies it is that which dies the slowest and hardest. . . . God hates pride above all things, because it gives to man the place that belongs to Him who is above, exalted over all. Pride intercepts communion with God, and draws down His chastisement, for "God resists the proud."" - John Nelson Darby

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/20 16:59

"God's mercy with a sinner is only equaled and perhaps outmatched by His patience with the saints, with you and me." - Alan Redpath

Re: - posted by followthelamb, on: 2016/9/28 17:10

"All lack of faith is due to not feeding on God's Word. You need it every day. How can you enter into a life of faith? Feed on the living Christ of whom this Word is full. As you get taken up with the glorious fact and the wondrous presence of the living Christ, the faith of God will spring up within you. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." - Smith Wigglesworth

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/30 22:00

"If you want to fight Satan effectively, the very first qualification is that you stop all fighting with human beings." - Zac Ponon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/9/30 22:03

"Spiritual growth is not more knowledge or increase of years. It is simply more of Jesus and less of me. He is increased as I am decreased. This is what it means to be a disciple." - Chip Brogden

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/10/1 8:27

"But God is the God of the waves and the billows, and they are still His when they come over us; and again and again we have proved that the overwhelming thing does not overwhelm. Once more by His interposition deliverance came. We were cast down, but not destroyed." - Amy Carmichael

Re: Great Quotes 19 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/10/10 8:38

every teacher is a false teacher...len ravenhill told me not to just take what he said as truth but to be studious and check him out with the word.he said he and all the other preachers make mistakes and i have found out after 48 years of ministry ,i have even said some stupid things that i thought were gospel...unbelievable...jimp

(Sure do miss jimp)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/10/12 9:11

"Brokenness in daily experience is simply the response of humility to the conviction of God." - Roy Hession

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/10/12 9:12

"One special want of the present moment is brokenness of spirit." - Charles Henry Mackintosh

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/10/12 10:06

"We must work while it is day.... Night comes when no man works. We must run while we still have freedom to bless the world with the gospel." - Paul Washer

Re: humility, on: 2016/10/18 16:29

"O brethren! let us beware. Unless we make, with each advance in what we think holiness, the increase of humility our study, we may find that we have been delighting in beautiful thoughts and feelings, in solemn acts of consecration and faith, while the only sure mark of the presence of God, the disappearance of self, was all the time wanting. Come and let us flee to Jesus, and hide ourselves in Him until we be clothed upon with His humility. That alone is our holiness." - Andrew Murray (Humility, Chapter 7)

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/23 15:01

Have we come to the point where God can withdraw His blessings from us without our trust in Him being affected?
Oswal Chambers: My Utmost for His highest

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/10/29 5:06

"When there's something in the Bible that churches don't like, they call it 'legalism.'" - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: Bible faith - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/31 8:33

"Faith, as the Bible teaches it, is faith in God coming against everything that contradicts Him - a faith that says, 'I will remain true to God's character whatever He may do.' The highest and the greatest expression of faith in the whole Bible is 'Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him' (Job 13:15)."

From My Utmost For His Highest, Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/10/31 19:51

"We pray for you. You have so much, you put your faith in your money and your freedom. In North Korea we have neither money nor freedom, but we have Christ and we've found He's sufficient." - North Korean Christian

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/6 20:35

"May God help us not to get rigid. I want to stay flexible and open. I want to see a continual movement of the Spirit of God; so I need to stay supple, flexible, and pliable. If we create a religious system, with rigid controls and traditions, then God will have to once again go outside of us in order to do a new work of His Spirit." - Chuck Smith

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/13 8:32

“When you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.” — Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/11/15 4:23

Worth reading again. AW Tozer - "The new cross does not slay the sinner; it redirects him. It gears him up into a cleaner and jollier way of living and saves his self-respect. To the self-assertive, it says, 'Come and assert yourself in Christ.' To the egoist it says, 'Come and do your boasting in the Lord.' To the thrill seeker it says, 'Come and enjoy the thrill of Christian fellowship....'

"But the old cross is a symbol of death. It stands for the abrupt, violent end of the human being. The man in Roman times who took up his cross and started down the road had already said goodbye to his friends. He was not coming back. He was not going to have his life redirected; he was going out to have it ended. The cross made no compromise, modified nothing, spared nothing; it slew all the man, completely and for good...."

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/18 7:10

"A pharisee is hard on others and easy on himself, but a spiritual man is easy on others and hard on himself."

-A.W. Tozer

"Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ..."

-A.W. Tozer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/18 7:41

"Self must not only be dead but buried out of sight, for the stench of the unburied self - life will frighten souls away from Jesus." - John Hyde

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/19 23:20

"Let me forget the world--and be swallowed up in the desire to glorify God." - David Brainerd

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/20 14:18

"Now the main thing is to get the eyes of the people open. They need to see hell as the result of their sin, and that produces fear, the fear of God which is the beginning of wisdom. Once get this fear and all will be comparatively easy; but if this fear does not lay hold of a man, his so-called conversion is a sham. True love awakens a man to reality; sham love soaps him down to hell, greases his trail, in fact, to hell. Very many are half asleep or deluded, and make up fancy doctrines of their own, which practically mean that an unholy man can get to heaven without being holy. But remember, Christ did not die to whitewash us, He died to re-create us, and none but His re-creations enter heaven." - C.T. Studd

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/26 8:32

"You see why it is that anxious sinners do not find peace. They are looking at their own guilt and danger. They are regarding God as an avenger, and shrinking from his terrors. This will render it impossible they should ever come at peace. While looking at the wrath of God, making them wither and tremble, they cannot love him, they hide from him. Anxious sinners, let me tell you a secret. If you keep looking at that feature of God's character, it will drive you to despair, and that is inconsistent with true submission. You should look at his whole character, and see the reasons why you should love him, and throw yourself upon him without reserve, and without distrust; and instead of shrinking from him, come right to him, and say, 'O, Father in heaven, thou art not inexorable, thou art sovereign, but thou art good, I submit to thy government, and give myself to thee, with all I have and all I am, body and soul, for time and for eternity.'" - Charles G. Finney

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/28 21:21

"I can do nothing of real service for God, until I have first of all done it in prayer. You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you really cannot do much more than pray until you have prayed." - Chuck Smith

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/2 9:51

"Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of thy brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of thy wisdom. All our desire is known unto thee, therefore perfect what thou hast begun, and what thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek thy face, turn thy face unto us and show us thy glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect." - Augustine

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/3 19:44

"When people honor you, humble yourself all the more at that moment, and say in your mind: 'If they truly knew who I were, they would show me no regard at all.' In this way, you will not cause injury to your soul," a wise elder said. - Desert Fathers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/5 14:15

"If by excessive labor, we die before reaching the average age of man, worn out in the Master's service, then glory be to God, we shall have so much less of earth and so much more of heaven!" - C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/9 9:18

"In the Book of Revelation an angel proclaims a message of vital importance for end time believers: Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water (Revelation 14:7)." - Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/12/10 13:41

"Humility is not the trait of thinking of self as being of less worth. Humility is not thinking of self at all, whether good or bad. Humility is thinking of others and seeking their advancement. For you to be thinking about your condition and trying to be humble is pride itself, for it is valuing yourself above others, that is, measuring yourself against what you perceive they are thinking about you. Stop considering your humility and use your energies and confidence to help others." - Michael Pearl

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/11 7:06

"To serve the Lord is to perform a holy service. It means being called to be God's co-worker, subject to special demands from Him. So apply God's holy standard to yourself. Be prepared to come daily before the holiness of God, so that your life, nature and deeds are purified in the fire of His judgment and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. Such purification by judgment and grace empowers your life, words and service, and you will be privileged to call many to God." - Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/13 7:45

"Serving Him must be rooted in pleasing Him & done out of our love for Him, not our own gratification and glory. It must be for His." - K. P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/14 8:43

â€œLearn to wait. To grab for something before Godâ€™s time is to spoil it.â€• - K. P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/16 14:39

"The world of demons, fallen Angels, is very real â€" a fact we need to know. We have to face up to this terrible reality, so that we do not fall unsuspectingly into their hands and come under their tyranny." - Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/16 14:39

"The proud think that their opinion alone is right. They cannot see the good points of others, as the humble do, and appreciate their opinions. That is why there is such disagreement, strife and quarrelling and even irreconciliation in families and in other groups." - Basilea Schlink

Trust Jesus, on: 2016/12/17 12:26

Trust Him when dark doubts assail you, Trust Him when your strength is small,
Trust Him when to simply trust Him seems the hardest thing of all.
Trust Him, He is ever faithful, Trust Him for His will is best,
Trust Him for the heart of Jesus is the only place of rest. ~ Annonymous

- posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/12/20 3:31

Men talk about building upon Christ, and not upon the Scriptures; but they know not what they say; for our Lord continually established his own claims by appealing to Moses and the prophets. They would be Christo-centric, they say: I only wish they would. But if they take Christ for a centre, they will inevitably have the Scriptures for a centre too; and these men neither want the one nor the other. - Spurgeon

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/12/20 3:38

The best interpreter of a book is generally the man who wrote it. The Holy Ghost wrote the Scriptures. Go to him to get their meaning, and you will not be misled. - Spurgeon

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/12/20 3:40

The words of this book are proved to be the words of God, because they have an infinite adaptation to the varied minds which the Lord has made. - Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/20 17:15

'Once', Martyn Lloyd-Jones recalled, 'Dr. Tozer and I shared a conference years ago, and I appreciated his ministry and his fellowship very much. One day he said to me: 'Lloyd-Jones, you and I hold just about the same position on spiritual matters, but we have come to this position by different routes.' 'How do you mean?' I asked. 'Well,' Tozer replied, 'you came by way of the Puritans and I came by way of the mystics.' And, you know,' said Lloyd-Jones, 'he was right.'

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/24 8:40

â€œWho can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.â€ - Corrie Ten Boom

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/28 21:20

"Hasty and severe judges of the sins of their neighbor fall into this passion because they have not yet attained to a thorough and constant remembrance and concern for their own sins. For if anyone could see his own vices accurately without the veil of self-love, he would worry about no one else in this life, considering that he would not have time enough for mourning for himself, even though he were to live a hundred years." - St. John Climacus (570-649 A.D.)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/28 21:55

"We cannot expect persecution to bypass our own countries. In Revelation 12:17 we read of those against whom Satan will make his greatest attack: those â€who obey Godâ€™s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.â€™ All of us here are Christians who have committed ourselves to keeping the Lordâ€™s commandments. And we are living in a time when this commitment is going to be severely tested. Our obedience to the Lord may cost a high price in the near future. Let us be prepared because this too is part of our way of discipleship." - Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/29 14:49

"There is nothing—, no circumstance, no trouble, no testing—that can ever touch me until, first of all, it has gone past God and past Christ, right through to me." - Alan Redpath

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/29 19:48

"A single day in hell will be worse than a whole life spent in carrying the cross." - J.C. Ryle

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/12/30 10:41

"Far be it from us to seek a crown of honor where our Lord found only a crown of thorns." - C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by jujashan4 (), on: 2016/12/31 21:35

I went looking for tools from God, what I found was the resurrected Christ.

Nik Ripkin

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/1 8:14

â€œIn giving us his Son, his only and definitive Word, God spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word, and he has no more to say.â€ - St. John of the Cross

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/1 8:46

"My happiness today shall not be based on happenings, but on my eternal, unshakeable, relationship with God." - E. Stanley Jones

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/2 7:59

"The kingdom is to be in the midst of your enemies. And he who will not suffer this does not want to be of the Kingdom of Christ; he wants to be among friends, to sit among roses and lilies, not with the bad people but the devout people. O you blasphemers and betrayers of Christ! If Christ had done what you are doing who would ever have been spared!" - Martin Luther

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/2 8:00

"Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies. At the end all his disciples deserted him. On the Cross he was utterly alone, surrounded by evildoers and mockers. For this cause he had come, to bring peace to the enemies of God. So the Christian, too, belongs not in the seclusion of a cloistered life but in the thick of foes. There is his commission, his work." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/1/4 13:28

"The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself or less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

-Tim Keller

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/1/4 14:14

"The Bible's purpose is not so much to show you how to live a good life. The Bible's purpose is to show you how God's grace breaks into your life against your will and saves you from the sin and brokenness otherwise you would never be able to overcome. Religion is "if you obey, then you will be accepted". But the Gospel is, "if you are absolutely accepted, and sure you're accepted, only then will you ever begin to obey". Those are two utterly different things. Every page of the Bible shows the difference." - Tim Keller

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/9 4:00

"God is not pleased with our getting something done, but with our obedience to Him. If He told us how to do everything, we would forget about Him and put all our confidence in the method, the way we do it. Is that not what this idolatrous generation has done? God is not teaching us how to be a good success. He is teaching us to trust, to obey, to know and to love Him. That is His supreme design and intention for us. His delight is not in what you can do, but in you yourself. Do what He tells you and learn to know Him." - Conrad Murrell

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/10 13:49

"As we meditated, it became clear to us that the Church was born out of the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ. The reason He suffered was because He came as the Truth and the Light into a world of falsehood and darkness. Representatives of this darkness and untruth, hating His Light and Truth, attacked Him and in the end crucified Him. We, therefore, who have been born of Him are always liable to persecution, as He Himself told us, saying, "Where I am, there shall also my servant be."³ This may be on a cross. He said, "The world will make you suffer. But take courage! I have defeated the world." - Festo Kivengere

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/10 21:08

"I've often considered it to be a significant measure of a person's spiritual maturity to simply ask somebody, "How much do you pray for others?" How much are you self-absorbed with your own needs and not the needs of others?" - Tim Conway

Re: - posted by forrests (), on: 2017/1/11 0:25

"Something of an expansive kind happens in critiquing ourselves, or a fellowship, that enlarges our spirits, and we do not fall back again to where we were before."

~ Art Katz

From: Godly Critiquing of our Church Life

Artkatzministriesorg/articles/godly-critiquing-of-our-church-life/

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/1/11 10:47

"If you trust to your faith and to your repentance, you will be as much lost as if you trusted to your good works or trusted to your sins. The ground of your salvation is not faith, but Christ; it is not repentance, but Christ. If I trust my trust of Christ, I am lost. My business is to trust Christ; to rest on him; to depend, not on what the Spirit has done in me, but what Christ did for me, when he did hang upon the tree. Now be it known unto you, that when Christ died, he took the sins of all his people upon his head, and there and then they all ceased to be. At the moment when Christ died, the sins of all his redeemed were blotted out." CH Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/11 20:50

"The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be.
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only thee." - William Cowper

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/1/12 14:19

Tertullian, Cyprian, Origen and Augustine,..., If these writers can support their teaching with the Word and command of God, we will admit that they are right. If not, then it is a doctrine of men and accursed according to the Scriptures. Gal. 1: 8. (271b; II:49a) - Menno Simons

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/12 20:13

"It implies that this is their only work, that the only business they have on the earth is to glorify God in the world's conversion. They are to do or say nothing, and be nothing, more or less than is conducive to this end. To this their whole being, time, influence, and possessions are to be consecrated. In that solemn parting hour, Christ doubtless meant to give them His whole mind in these few last words; Go, apply yourselves directly to the conversion of the world, and finish the great work which I have begun. I have given you the example; let your eye too be single, and your devotion unwearied and entire." - Charles Finney

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/13 8:46

"Since I know Jesus bled for little sins, I cannot wound his heart by indulging in them." - C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/13 11:17

"The man who trusts in the Lord will not move until God tells him to" - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/14 13:57

"Loving those who betray you is 'graduate-level Christianity.'

The religious community and one of His closest friends betrayed Jesus. Those who were closest to David betrayed him. Joseph's own family betrayed him." - Os Hillman

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/17 13:28

"If you lay hold of Jesus and keep hold, all the devils in hell can never drive you away from God or put out your light." - Charles G. Finney

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/17 20:52

"Everything that you can see will die and rot. Every title you can earn will be lost. Every glory you receive from men will turn to nothing. Live for that which is eternal. Life for the one that died for you." - Paul Washer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/21 9:22

"On the threshold of the Promised Land, they rejected God's order and experimented with democracy. The overwhelming majority voted not to enter the Promised Land and only two out of 600,000 voted to obey the Lord. This resulted in 40 years of hardship in the wilderness and death to all who participated in the referendum (Numbers 14)." - Anton Bosch

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/23 21:48

"Often those who stand highest in the esteem of men, fall the more grievously because of their over great confidence. Wherefore it is very profitable unto many that they should not be without inward temptation, but should be frequently assaulted, lest they be over confident, lest they be indeed lifted up into pride, or else lean too freely upon the consolations of the world." - Thomas A. Kempis

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/23 21:50

"I do believe we slander Christ when we think we are to draw the people by something else but the preaching of Christ crucified." - C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/23 21:54

"Entertainment is sin in the pulpit of God and in the church; there's no place for it. Be careful, be careful. If you're not sure that you are so sanctified by God and filled with the Holy Ghost, and prayed through as much as a preacher before you stand before God's people, don't ever get up and sing. Don't ever get up and play any instrument. Go to the theater if you want applause; why come to the pulpit?" - Keith Daniel

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/24 12:42

"Even in a time of desperation the flesh continues to scheme and to search for a loophole. It never has the sense of utter dependency. This alone can be a test whereby a believer may know whether or not a work is of the flesh." - Watchman Nee

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/29 8:58

"Let all your thoughts be with the Most High, and direct your humble prayers unceasingly to Christ. If you cannot contemplate high and heavenly things, take refuge in the Passion of Christ, and love to dwell within His Sacred Wounds. For if you devoutly seek the Wounds of Jesus and the precious marks of His Passion, you will find great strength in all troubles." - Thomas A. Kempis,

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/1/29 22:35

"From him (C. T. Studd) I learned that God's ideal of a saint is not a man primarily concerned with his own sanctification: God's saint is 50 percent a soldier."

-Alfred Buxton

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/1 19:56

"A man can give nothing unless he first receive it, and no man can be successful in the ministry who does not constantly depend upon God, for the excellence of the power is all from Him. Why is there so much preaching, and so little good done? Is it not because the preachers mix too much with the world, keeping too long in the crowd, and are so seldom in private with God?" - Adam Clarke

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/2/3 15:22

Ah! soul, I know not who thou art; but if thou hast any righteousness of thine own, thou art a graceless soul. If you have given all your goods to feed the poor; if you have built many and many a sanctuary; if you have gone about with self-denial among the houses of poverty to visit the sons and daughters of affliction; if you have fasted thrice in the week; if your prayers have been so long that your throat has become hoarse through your crying; if your tears have been so many that your eyes have become blinded through your weeping; if your readings of Scripture have been so long that the midnight oil has been consumed in abundance; if, I say, your heart has been so tender towards the poor and the sick and the needy that you would have been willing to suffer with them, to bear all their loathsome diseases, nay, if adding all this you could give your body to be burned, yet if you trusted in any one of these things your damnation would be as sure as though you were thief or drunkard. - CH Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/10 15:06

"We talk Apostolic doctrine but lack Apostolic deeds. We claim Apostolic faith but lack Apostolic fruit. Some trumpet Apostolic power but lack Apostolic poverty. Some claim Apostolic enduement but lack Apostolic accomplishment. We may have Apostolic vocabularies. Do we have Apostolic victories? Many claim Apostolic succession. Few, if any, dare claim Apostolic success!" - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/10 15:07

Supernatural evidence has accompanied every revival. The external miracles have been greater in some operations than in others. But - and this is the core of the thing - signs and wonders were done; the rationalists and materialists were stirred, and at times silenced." - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/10 15:07

"I'll tell you the secret of getting revival in the church. Find half a dozen people who know how to groan. You won't have the same church in a year." - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/12 15:55

"A thought I have about heaven is that as there's no more pain and crying; as there's no more death; as there's no more sickness. We are all perfect because of Him, and we are washed clean because of Him. The only one scarred in the whole of Heaven is Him... For in the Revelation there we see the lamb looking as if he's been slain. How strange that for eternity we are perfected in the presence of a scarred Lamb." - Jackie Pullinger

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/12 15:57

The greatness of a man is measured by the way he treats the little man. Compassion for the weak is a sign of greatness . Jesus says in Matthew 25:40 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine , you did for me.' - Bishop Abraham

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/2/13 0:33

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). We are misinterpreting this message if we emphasize self-denial, that is, the rejection of material or unlawful things. Jesus was not calling upon us to learn self-discipline before we take up our cross. It is far more severe than that. Jesus is asking that we deny ourselves. This means to deny your own ability to carry any cross in your own strength. In other words, "Don't take up your cross until you are ready to reject any and every thought of becoming a holy disciple as a result of your own effort." - David Wilkerson

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/2/13 0:37

"Millions of professing Christians boast of their self-denial. They don't drink, smoke, curse or fornicate—they are examples of tremendous self-discipline. But not in a hundred years would they admit it was accomplished by anything other than their own willpower. They are practicing self-denial, but they have never denied self. In some ways, we are all like that. We experience "spurts" of holiness, accompanied by feelings of purity. Good works usually produce good feelings, but God will not allow us to think our good works and clean habits can save us. That is why we need a cross." - David Wilkerson

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2017/2/13 5:12

Wow! That is a beautiful picture of God's Love right there!

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/2/13 21:43

I have admitted that a few human beings have turned the grace of God into lasciviousness; but I trust no one will ever argue against any doctrine on account of the perverse use made of it by the baser sort. Cannot every truth be perverted? Is there a single doctrine of Scripture which graceless hands have not twisted into mischief? Is there not an almost infinite ingenuity in wicked men for making evil out of good? If we are to condemn a truth because of the misbehaviour of individuals who profess to believe it, we should be found condemning our Lord himself for what Judas did, and our holy faith would die at the hands of apostates and hypocrites. Let us act like rational men. We do not find fault with ropes because poor insane creatures have hanged themselves therewith; nor do we ask that the wares of Sheffield may be destroyed because edged tools are the murderer's instruments. - CH Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/16 11:15

It would be far easier to write a book of apostates in this age, than a book of martyrs. - John Trapp (1601-1669)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/16 12:41

"It does no good to spend hours crying out to God for a great manifestation of His presence if we are not willing to do the simple things He commands. " - Israel Wayne

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/17 7:38

"Our responsibility to pray is not unlike that which Martin Luther carried in his time in Germany. He said, 'If I miss prayer one day, I feel it; if I fail to pray two days, the entire church feels it; should I not pray three days, all Germany suffers.' ~ Francis Frangipane

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/17 14:15

"One primary identifying mark of the true church of God is this: It has shepherds after God's own heart." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/18 10:30

"Religion seeks to reform a man; the Cross seeks to crucify him. Religion never succeeds yet the Cross never fails." - Chip Brogden

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/2/20 22:07

"The devil is a better theologian than any of us and is a devil still."
-A. W. Tozer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/22 7:58

"Be hard on yourself and easy on others. Carry your own cross but never lay one on the back of another." - A.W. Tozer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/24 11:13

"Errors in doctrinal matters such as 'baptism in water' and 'baptism in the Holy Spirit', are not at all as dangerous as losing one's personal devotion to Christ." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/25 7:54

"True repentance consists of withdrawing from sin and nurturing hatred for it." - St. Ephraim the Syrian

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/2 5:21

"Jesus said, 'If you will just seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, all the other things will be added to you.' (Matthew 6:33). They will be taken care of. Get your priorities right. Really just begin to seek the Lord, fear the Lord. 'There is no want to those that fear Him.' God will take care of you if you will take care of your relationship with Him; God will take care of you." - Chuck Smith

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/3 5:49

"While many try to ignore Jesus, when He returns in power and might, this will be impossible." - Michael Youssef

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/4 15:24

So also, in our spiritual careers there is the danger of falling into a slump and being in need of revival. That early zeal for the Lord, that sense of adventure in the pursuit of God, that simple childlike faith so willing to risk, that sense of freshness in reading the Bible is gone. The long haul and the heat of the day is upon us and we are in danger of cooling off and settling into a lukewarm attitude. We are tempted to be content with our spiritual attainments and to feel that we have pretty well discovered all that God would have to say to us. There is the danger of the sacred becoming commonplace - forgetting glory of "so great a salvation", forgetting the "manner of love that has been bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." - Bob Jennings

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/9 7:03

“This is what is important” each one of us is responsible for how we obey what He has said and follow Him alone.”
- K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/12 19:01

"Gossip is not a popular subject, but unfortunately it is a widespread activity in the church among both women and men"
- Charles Stanley

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/15 20:59

" We believe with Chillingworth that “The Bible and the Bible alone is the religion of Protestants” and so are not very much concerned about traditions or about the decisions of church councils or the declarations of popes, fallible or infallible. We turn from all these to the Book itself."
- Harry Ironside

Re: Great Quotes 19 - posted by Limey153 (), on: 2017/3/16 10:57

"One man with God is always a majority" - John Knox

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/16 13:47

"This is hard. It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single great injury. But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily life “to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son” How can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night 'Forgive our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us.' We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it is to refuse God’s mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says." - C.S. Lewis

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/16 13:54

"It is a strange and beautiful eccentricity of the free God that He has allowed His heart to be emotionally identified with men. Self-sufficient as He is, He wants our love and will not be satisfied till He gets it. Free as He is, He has let His heart be bound to us forever. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. “For our soul is so specially loved of Him that is highest,” says Julian of Norwich, “that it overpasseth the knowing of all creatures: that is to say, there is no creature that is made that may know how much and how sweetly and how tenderly our Maker loveth us. And therefore we may with grace and His help stand in spiritual beholding, with everlasting marvel of this high, overpassing, inestimable Love that Almighty God hath to us of His Goodness.” - A. W. Tozer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/16 14:15

“God, of your goodness, give me yourself; you are enough for me, and anything less that I could ask for would not do you full honor. And if I ask anything that is less, I shall always lack something, but in you alone I have everything!” - Julian of Norwich

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/17 17:54

"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. Isaiah 53:7. From all sides, critical thoughts and words flew like arrows at Jesus. How could it have been any different? He had to occupy the place that we deserved. We should be in the place of the accused eternally. How dreadful must hell be for those who have judged others here. To the extent that we have judged others, we will be judged." - Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/17 21:17

â€œLord, let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for thee or thine, But quiet homes of prayer and praise, where thou mayest find fit company, Where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, And wide, sweet space kept for thee; where holy thoughts pass up and down And fervent longings watch and wait thy coming.â€ - Julian of Norwich

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/22 8:34

"To follow Christ, let us beforehand renounce our own reason and will. Both the reason and will of our fallen nature are completely defiled by sin; they will in no way reconcile themselves with the reason and will of God. Only he who denies his own reason becomes capable of making the reason of God his own; he who repudiates his own will becomes capable of fulfilling the will of God." - Bishop Ignatius Brianchaninov

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/22 8:36

"Those who have an extravagant lifestyle can never be witnesses for the Lord in the midst of a suffering world." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/24 8:21

"Let us be zealous, brothers, to guard our conscience for as long as we are in this world and not neglect its promptings in anything." - St. Dorotheos of Gaza

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/24 14:13

"Our God is a God Who brings good out of evil." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/25 7:23

O my Master, I have known Thee
On the roads and on the sea.
â€œWherefore, then, hast thou not known Me
Broken in Gethsemane?â€

â€œI would have thee follow, know Me
Thorn-crowned, nailed upon the Tree.
Canst thou follow? Wilt thou know Me
All the way to Calvary?â€

â€ Amy Carmichael

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/26 16:16

"There may be those who put up a wall even after saying they forgive you, but Jesus is not that way. When Jesus forgives, he also forgets the wrong we've done, because he died to pay for that wrong" - Jim Cymbala

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/30 0:13

The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible is the religion of Christ's church. - leonard ravenhill

Re: Great Quotes 19 - posted by Limey153 (), on: 2017/3/30 10:58

He makes His ministers a flame of fire,â€™ Am I ignitable? God deliver me from the dread asbestos of â€™other things.â€™
â€™ Saturate me with the oil of the Spirit that I may be a flame. But flame is transient, often short-lived. Canst thou bear t
his, my soulâ€™short life? In me there dwells the Spirit of the Great Short-Lived, whose zeal for Godâ€™s house consum
ed Him. â€™Make me Thy Fuel, Flame of God.

Jim Elliot

Re: - posted by Man0fG0d (), on: 2017/3/30 11:48

I wish there was a like button, some of these are awesome.

The road to hell is paved with good intentions. Art katz.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/1 2:44

"The person who loves you the most will tell you the most Truth. One of the greatest distinguishing marks of a false prop
het is that he will always tell you what you want to hear and keep you so entertained that you are never addressed with
great issues such as these: Is God working in my life? Am I growing in holiness? Have I truly been born again?" - Paul
Washer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/2 8:48

"The more intensely the bright lamp burns, the greater the illumination in the darkest of rooms." - R. Edward Miller

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/5 6:50

"Wherefore let us forsake the vain doing of the many and their false teachings, and turn unto the word which was deliver
ed unto us from the beginning, being sober unto prayer and constant in fastings, entreating the all-seeing God with suppl
ications that He bring us not into temptation, according as the Lord said, The Spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak
." - Polycarp

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/8 6:52

"There is a widely-spread desire to make things pleasant in religion â€™ to saw off the corners and edges of the cross, an
d to avoid, as far as possible, self-denial. On every side we hear professing Christians declaring loudly that we must not
be â€™narrow and exclusiveâ€™ and that there is no harm in many things which the holiest of saints of old thought bad f
or their souls.

"That we may go anywhere, and do anything, and spend our time in anything, and read anything, and keep any compan
y, and plunge into anything, and all the while may be very good Christians â€™ this is the maxim of thousands. In a day li
ke this I think it good to raise a warning voice, and invite attention to the teaching of Godâ€™s Word. It is written in that
Word, â€™Come out and be separate.â€™
~ J.C. Ryle

Re: - posted by TakeUptheCross, on: 2017/4/8 6:55

"I want to see a fellowship where your burdens become mine! Your grief over your children becomes my grief! Where we
really bear each other's burdens; where we love each other and let the world come and see that we are the followers of t
he meek and lowly Jesus who cared only to do the will of His Father." ~ Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/9 6:28

"Speak well of those who speak evil of you. Pay good for evil. Pray for those who cause you various offenses, wrongs, temptations, persecutions. Whatever you do, on no account condemn anyone; do not even try to judge whether a person is good or bad, but keep your eyes on that one evil person for whom you must give an account before God." - Ignatius Brianchaninov

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/10 6:27

"God never abandons a soul that puts its trust in Him, even though it is overpowered by temptations, for He is aware of all weaknesses." - Nilus of Sora

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/4/11 15:12

You are mistaken if you think you can drive me into a corner because of a quotation, and if you want me to find a contradiction in the Scriptures, I would never venture to think or to admit such a thing. Even if a passage which seems to contradict another were laid before me, I still remain firmly convinced that no passage contradicts another. In such a case I would rather say that I cannot understand the words and shall do my utmost to get those who imagine contradictions in the Scriptures to share my conviction. - Justin Martyr

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/4/11 15:15

The WORDS of God and the WORD of God stand together; to separate them is to render both powerless. Any expounder of the words of God is liable to go off on a tangent if he or she does not remember this stern, undeviating standard of exposition, namely, that no individual experience is of the remotest value unless it is up to the standard of the Word of God. The Bible not only tests experience, it tests truth. The Bible tests all experience, all truth, all authority by our Lord Himself and our relationship to Him personally. - Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/4/11 15:32

The one great reason for holding the inerrancy of Scripture is: If it is God the Holy Spirit who speaks in Scripture, then the Bible is the Word of God, and like God, infallible. . . . It should be expected that under the scientific method apparent contradictions should appear and constantly multiply. The Bible is a sensitive plant, which shuts itself up at the touch of mere critical investigation. . . . The scientific method is futile for understanding the words of the Holy Spirit: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived . . . but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9-10). . . . Faith holds not only the keys of all the creeds, but of all the contradictions. He who proceeds under the conviction that the Bible is the infallible Word of God will find discrepancies constantly turning into unisons under his study. . . . The contradictions of man may really be the harmonies of God. An uncultivated listener, hearing an oratorio one of the great masters, would detect discords again and again in the strains. As a matter of fact, what are called "accidentals" in music are discords, but discords inserted to heighten the harmony. Again and again alleged discrepancies of Scripture jar the ear but then are reconciled. With what emphatic and enhanced harmony the words of the psalmist, speaking by the Holy Spirit, fall on our ear: "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7). - A.J. Gordon

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/4/11 16:02

We should desire to be governed by no voice other than the one we find in the Bible. We can't trust even the sweetest inner voice we may hear. Paul says that even if an angel were to bring us a word that's contrary to scripture, we should reject it. - David Wilkerson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/12 7:32

"To paraphrase philosopher Soren Kierkegaard, "God may take Christianity away from the West as the final way to convince us of its truth"" - Hank Hanegraaff

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/12 7:34

"Only one life soon will be past, only what's done for Christ will last." In the end, it's all about having an eternal perspective. - Hank Hanegraaff

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/14 10:59

"All heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, all hell terribly afraid of it, while men are the only beings who more or less ignore its meaning." - Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/4/14 21:24

The Bible teaches its supreme authority repeatedly. For example, Moses taught the Israelites to trust and obey God's Word and teach it to their children (Deuteronomy 6:1-9). God told Joshua not to turn to the right or the left from following His Word (Joshua 1:6-9). Psalm 1 blessed the person who clings to God's Word, Psalm 19 says it is far superior to any truth we learn from nature, and Psalm 119 magnifies the importance of Scripture, making the believer wiser than his teachers (119:97-104). The prophets continually called the Jews back to the Word of God (e.g., Isaiah 8:20; Jeremiah 6:16-19; Hosea 4:6). Jesus condemned the Jewish religious leaders of His day for undermining the teaching of Scripture by their traditions (Mark 7:6-13). And the Berean Jews were commended for evaluating the truthfulness of Paul's teachings in the light of the Old Testament (Acts 17:11). Scripture is the only sure foundation and authority for the Christian.

- Dr. D. Trent Hyatt

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/15 19:42

"Let your prayer be completely simple. For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase." - John Climacus

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/18 11:49

"Now since you are celebrating the holy Pascha, you should know, brethren, what the Pascha is. Pascha means the crossing-over, and so the Festival is called by this name. For it was on this day that the Children of Israel crossed over out of Egypt, and the Son of God crossed over from this world to His Father. What gain is it to celebrate unless you imitate Him Whom you worship; that is, unless you cross over from Egypt, that is, from the darkness of evil doing to the light of virtue, from the love of this world to the love of your heavenly home?" - St. Ambrose

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/18 14:11

"Finite creations will never come to the end of exploring the infinite Creator." - Hank Hanegraaff

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/20 9:35

"He who is rich in the grace of God ought to be very humble and contrite of heart, and to consider himself as poor and having nothing. None of it is his own. Another gave it him, and takes it away when He pleases. He who humbles himself thus before God and men is able to keep the grace that was given to him, as the Lord says, He that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Elect though he be of God, let him be reprobate to himself; and being really faithful, let him consider himself unworthy. Such souls are well pleasing to God, and are quickened in Christ, to whom be glory and might for ever. Amen." - St. Macarius

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/4/20 14:34

â€œThe wearing of fabric head coverings in worship was universally the practice of Christian women until the twentieth century. What happened? Did we suddenly find some biblical truth to which the saints for thousands of years were blind ? Or were our biblical views of women gradually eroded by the modern feminist movement that has infiltrated the Church .â€ - R.C. Sproul

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh (), on: 2017/4/29 6:48

the human heart is so proud and unsubmitive that it often uses religion to express its rebellion.

Re: Great Quotes 19 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/4/29 7:30

Let us not glide through this world and then slip quietly into heaven, without having blown the trumpet loud and long for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Let us see to it that the devil will hold a thanksgiving service when he gets the news of our departure from the field of battle. ~ C.T. Studd

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/5/18 13:14

"Dishonor, sneers, derision, insults, the cutting out of one's own will, patience in annoyances, uncomplaining endurance of scorn, disregard of insults, and the habit, when wronged, of bearing it sturdily; when slandered, of not being indignant; when humiliated, not to be angry; when condemned, to be humble. Blessed are they who follow the way we have just described, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." - St. John Climacus

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/5/24 16:55

"Spirituality is the last hiding place of 'self'." - Art Katz

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/5/25 19:19

"When patience greatly increases in our soul, it is a sign that we have secretly received the grace of consolation." - Isaac the Syrian

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/5/26 7:42

"Those who teach by their doctrine must teach by their life, or else they pull down with one hand what they build up with the other. - Matthew Henry

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/5/26 8:11

"What a man is on his knees before God in secret, that will he be before men: that much and no more." - Fred Mitchell

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/5/31 7:22

"So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed' (Luke 5:15-16). He ran away from the crowds, to pray. We run after the crowds, and don't pray. Some preachers are more crowd-conscious than prayer-conscious, but not Jesus . - Selwyn Hughes

Re: - posted by Bubba68 (), on: 2017/6/2 2:12

No man ever believes with a true and saving faith unless God inclines his heart; and no man when God does incline his heart can refrain from believing.

-Blaise Pascal

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/2 7:20

"Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and then I will show you a man that can comprehend the Triune God." - John Wesley

Re: Great Quotes 19, on: 2017/6/2 12:45

"Only by keeping the word of God deep within our hearts we will be transformed into His image. If the devil cannot separate us from the word of God, he makes us argue over the meaning of the word." - Author unknown

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/2 14:27

"A true prophet in the church today will have the same burden that the Old Testament prophets had for holiness among God's people." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/6/2 20:44

No Scripture is exhausted by a single explanation.
The flowers of God's garden bloom not only double,
but sevenfold;
they are continually pouring forth fresh fragrance.

CH Spurgeon

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/6/2 20:45

The worst forms of depression are cured when Holy Scripture is believed.

CH Spurgeon

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/6/2 20:50

There are only two kinds of religion in the world...They all say, "Do, do, do." Only Christianity says, "Done." Christ has done it all.

J. Vernon McGee

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/6/2 20:59

A humble person is not one who thinks little of himself, hangs his head and says, "I'm nothing." Rather, he is one who depends wholly on the Lord for everything, in every circumstance.

David Wilkerson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/3 7:32

"Humility runs in advance of grace, and conceit runs in advance of chastisement." - Isaac the Syrian

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/3 7:46

"What the world needs is for men to wash one another's feet." - Art Katz

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/3 20:01

"Whereby, as before He of ours, so now we of His are made partakers. He clothed with our flesh, and we invested with His Spirit. The great promise of the Old Testament accomplished, that He should partake our human nature; and the great and precious promise of the New, that we should be consortes divini naturae, 'partake His divine nature.' - Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/4 8:38

"we have no concept of the holy place of church today due to the driving force to 'entertain and satisfy the people to win them'. Bigger churches look like college campuses, shopping malls all to please men rather than God. I think in the book of Acts, that concept was reversed." - Dan Biser

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/11 19:17

"No one can live without joy. That is why a person deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." - Thomas Aquinas

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/12 7:53

"He who endures to the end, he shall be saved,' saith the Lord. Many and various are the trials which the Lord allows to come upon people, but the purpose of them all is the same, namely: to heal the people's souls from sin through this bitterness and thus prepare them for eternal salvation. As hard as it may be for you at times, remember two things, first that your Heavenly Father decides on the measure of suffering, and second, that He knows your strength." - St. Nikolai Velimirovic

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/12 15:37

"To judge others is a shameless arrogation of the Divine prerogative; to condemn is the ruin of one's soul." - John Climacus

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/14 8:30

"More and more, the desire grows in me simply to walk around, greet people, enter their homes, sit on their doorsteps, play ball, throw water, and be known as someone who wants to live with them. It is a privilege to have the time to practice this simple ministry of presence. Still, it is not as simple as it seems. My own desire to be useful, to do something significant, or to be part of some impressive project is so strong that soon my time is taken up by meetings, conferences, study groups, and workshops that prevent me from walking the streets. It is difficult not to have plans, not to organize people around an urgent cause, and not to feel that you are working directly for social progress. But I wonder more and more if the first thing shouldn't be to know people by name, to eat and drink with them, to listen to their stories and tell your own, and to let them know with words, handshakes, and hugs that you do not simply like them, but truly love them." - Henri Nouwen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/19 8:39

â€œHow beautiful and praiseworthy is the love of neighbor, if only its cares do not distract us from the love of God!â€ - Isaac the Syrian

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/22 16:36

"A denouncing spirit is that with which real Christians have no fellowship, and are bound to shun." - Asahel Nettleton

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/22 16:36

"If I might be the means of the salvation of one soul, I should prefer it to all the riches and honors of this world." - Asahel Nettleton

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/6/23 7:27

Many persons who have been raised in our churches no longer think in terms of reverence, which seems to indicate that they doubt God's presence is there! Much of the blame must be placed on the growing acceptance of a worldly secularism that seems much more appealing than any real desire for the spiritual life that is pleasing to God. We secularize God; we secularize the gospel of Christ and we secularize worship! No great and spiritually minded men of God are going to come out of such churches, nor any great spiritual movement of believing prayer and revival. If God is to be honored and revered and truly worshiped, He may have to sweep us away and start somewhere else! Let us confess that there is a necessity for true worship among us. If God is who He says He is and if we are the believing people of God we claim to be, we must worship Him! In my own assessment, for men and women to lose the awareness of God in our midst is a loss too terrible ever to be appraised!

A. W. Tozer Sermon: Ther Need For Reverence

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/26 7:04

"Troubles are usually the brooms and shovels that smooth the road to a good man's fortune; and many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head, and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away hunger." - St. Basil the Great

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/26 16:23

â€œThe persecution of one affects us all." - Franklin Graham

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/27 7:07

"Whatever gentleness you use in speaking with others, that very same gentleness will Christ use with you. With whatever measure you measure out to others, with that very same measure will He apportion to you. Just as you forgive the failings of others, He forgives yours. With whatever love and gentleness you seek Him, likewise will He appear to you." - Elder Joseph the Hesychast

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/6/27 13:40

"â€providing amusement is in direct antagonism to the teaching and life of Christ and all his apostles. What was the attitude of the church to the world? Ye are the saltâ€ (Matt. 5:13), not the sugar candyâ€something the world will spit out not swallow. Short and sharp was the utterance, â€œLet the dead bury their deadâ€ (Matt. 8:22)." - Charles H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/2 17:08

"We bless thee, O God most high and Lord of mercies, Who ever workest great and mysterious deeds for us, glorious, wonderful, and numberless; who providest us with sleep as a rest from our infirmities and for a repose for our bodies tired by labor. We thank Thee that hast not destroyed us in our transgressions, but in Thy love toward mankind Thou hast raised us up, as we lay in despair, that we may glorify Thy Majesty. We entreat Thine infinite goodness, enlighten the eyes of our understanding and raise up our minds from the heavy sleep of indolence; open our mouths and fill them with Thy praise, that we may unceasingly sing and confess Thee, who are God glorified in all and by all, the eternal Father, the Only-begotten Son, and the all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen." - St. Basil the Great

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/3 7:42

"You no longer want Jesus only, but Jesus plus . . . plus respect, popularity, public opinion, success and pride. You wanted to go out with all the trumpets blaring, from a farewell-do that you organized for yourself with photographs and tape-recordings to show and play at home, just to reveal what you had achieved. You wanted to feel needed and respected. You wanted the other missionaries to be worried about how theyâ€™ll ever carry on after youâ€™ve gone. Youâ€™d like letters when you go home to tell how much they realize they owe to you, how much they miss you. All this and more. Jesus plus. . . . No, you canâ€™t have it. Either it must be â€œJesus onlyâ€ or youâ€™ll find you have no Jesus." - Helen Roseveare.

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/7/5 15:45

"Nay, if there be any mistake in the Bible there well be a thousand. If there is one falsehood in that book it did not come from the God of truth - John Wesley

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/7/5 19:16

I do not believe that, from one cover to the other, there is any mistake in it of any sort whatever, either upon natural or physical science, or upon history or anything whatever. I am prepared to believe whatever it says, and to take it believing it to be the Word of God; for if it is not all true, it is not worth one solitary penny to me. It may be to the man who is so wise that he can pick out the true from the false; but I am such a fool that I could not do that. If I do not have a guide that is infallible, I would as soon guide myself, for I shall have to do so after all; I shall have to be correcting the blunders of my guide perpetually, but I am not qualified to do that, and so I am worse off than if I had not any guide at all. Sit thou down, Reason, and let Faith rise up. â€ Charles Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/11 12:21

"What people say when they speak on their own account is repellent and murky, for their words do not come from the living spring of the Spirit, but are spawned from the morass of their own heart, a bog infested with the leeches, snakes and frogs of desire, delusion and dissipation; the water of their knowledge is evil-smelling, turbid and torpid, sickening to those who drink it and filling them with nausea and disgust." - Gregory of Sinai

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/12 11:27

â€œYouâ€™ve got a big problemâ€ You are in a hurry and God is not. Your going to learn what is to wait.â€ - Petros PhilipÃ©

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/14 15:13

"Let God influence you â€ and then influence others towards godliness." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/7/14 15:16

“It is never ‘Do, do’™ with the Lord, but ‘Be, be’™ and He will ‘do’™ through you.” – Oswald Chambers, from Run Today™s Race in The Complete Works of Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/14 16:43

"From the moment of awakening to the moment of closing our eyes in sleep, we should behave in such a way that the whole day becomes an unbroken chain of acts of self-denial, undertaken always for the sake of the Lord, before His face and to His glory." - Theophan the Recluse

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/7/14 17:42

If you do not put a difference between justification wrought by the Man Christ without, and sanctification wrought by the Spirit of Christ within, you are not able to divide the word aright; but contrariwise, you corrupt the word of God.
John Bunyan

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/7/14 17:45

"Christian, let God's distinguishing love to you be a motive to you to fear Him greatly. He has put His fear in your heart, and may not have given that blessing to your neighbor, perhaps not to your husband, your wife, your child, or your parent. Oh, what an obligation should this thought lay upon your heart to greatly fear the Lord! Remember also that this fear of the Lord is His treasure, a choice jewel, given only to favorites, and to those who are greatly beloved."
- John Bunyan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/14 21:01

“It is surely no small sign of God™s power that throughout the whole world in the churches of God at the morning rising of the sun and at evening hours, hymns, praises are offered to God™.”
~ Eusebius, Commentary on Psalm 64

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/7/17 16:03

"Dear reader. I admonish and advise you, if you seek God with all your heart and would not be deceived, do not depend upon men and the doctrine of men, however old, holy and excellent it may be esteemed, for one theologian is against the other, both in ancient and modern times; but build upon Christ and His Word alone, upon the sure teaching and practice of His holy apostles, and you will through the grace of God be kept safe from all false doctrine and from the power of the devil, and walk before your God with a confident and pious mind" - Menno Simons

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/7/17 16:05

"My dear brethren, against the aforesaid doctrines, ordinances, sacraments and life, no imperial decrees, papal bulls, or councils of the learned have any authority; no old usage, no human; philosophy, no Origen, no Augustine, no Luther or Bucer, no prison, banishment or murdering will avail. It is, I repeat, the eternal, imperishable Word of God, and will abide forever." - Menno Simons

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/20 15:34

"Stop looking for guidance if you won't obey orders." - G.W. North

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/21 19:04

"There awaits us a vast number of those dear to us, a large and serried crowd of parents, brothers, sons yearning for us, assured of their own salvation, but still anxious concerning ours." --St. Cyprian, De Mortalitate, Chap. ix , 251 A.D.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/7/21 19:11

â€œSometimes his (Smith Wigglesworth's) compassionate sobs were so deep that an entire congregation would weep with him.â€• â€•George Stormont