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This fasting...is very good, provided the commandments of the Lord be observed...First of all, be on your guard against every evil word, and every evil desire, and purify your heart from all the vanities of this world. If you guard against these things, your fasting will be perfect. And you will do also as follows. Having fulfilled what is written, in the day on which you fast you will taste nothing but bread and water; and having reckoned up the price of the dishes of that day which you intended to have eaten, you will give it to a widow, or an orphan, or to some person in want, and thus you will exhibit humility of mind, so that he who has received benefit from your humility may fill his own soul, and pray for you to the Lord. The Shepherd of Hermas (c. 90-140)

Re: Great Quotes 22 - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/6 15:00

"We shall see the snares of the demons are like smoke, and the evil ones themselves flee rather than pursue. As I said before, they are exceeding fearful and always looking forward to the fire prepared for them." - St. Anthony of Egypt (251 - 356)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/7 14:48

It is very difficult to look down on the sins of others when your eyes are lifted up to the crucified Son of God, who bore the penalty of our own iniquities on the cross.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/10 9:33

"Instead of starting with ourselves, we always want to change others first and ourselves last. If only we would all start with ourselves, there'd be peace all around." - Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/11 9:37

"Make a list of all those who hurt you or those whom you have hurt, either by word or deed. Make a decision to be reconciled to all by forgiving and receiving forgiveness. Take the humble road." - K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/11 16:35

"There's nothing that angers God more, nothing that exposes us so much and leads to our isolation than gossip, than condemning and slaughtering other people." - Abba Dorotheos

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/12 9:39

â€œThere was a day when I died; died to self, my opinions, preferences, tastes and will; died to the world, its approval or censure; died to the approval or blame even of my brethren or friends; and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God.â€ - George Muller

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/12 22:34

â€œThe measure of my spirit of criticism is the measure of my distance from Christ.â€ ~ E. Stanley Jones

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/14 14:12

â€œSatan gives Adam an apple, and takes away Paradise. Therefore in all temptations let us consider not what he offers, but what we shall lose.â€ - Richard Sibbes

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/14 22:53

"There is no greater joy, in earth or in heaven, than communion with God, and prayer in the name of Jesus brings us into communion with Him." - R.A. Torrey

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/15 16:51

"It is so important, so crucial, a matter of life and death, that we follow Jesusâ€™ example. In our loud, confused, topsy-turvy world, where each of us is on the go from morning until night, hurrying and scurrying from one thing to another, it is very important that we stop at appointed intervals and wait upon the Lord, sitting at His feet, in prayer and liturgy. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)" - Fr. Richard Demetrius Andrews

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/15 16:55

"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become." - Henry Martyn (missionary to India and Persia, died at age 31).

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/16 20:51

"A minister may be very faithful in his orthodoxy, most zealous in his service, and yet be so, chiefly, in the power of human wisdom and zeal. One of the signs of this is that there is little pleasure and perseverance in fellowship with Christ. Love of prayer is one of the marks of the Spirit." - Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/16 20:53

"The indwelling presence is the focal point of prayer. We need no wings, only a place of silence where we can centre our gaze (upon Him)." - St. Teresa of Avila

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/16 21:27

"Great God who loves the broken and hopeless, Please open my eyes to see my own failures and sins so that I may be slow to judge others and be willing to judge myself, and seek for Your mercy." - K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/21 20:45

"The learning of the Christian man ought to begin with the fear of God." - Thomas Cranmer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/22 15:35

â€œDo not wander from the Church. She is your hope and your salvation. She is higher than the heavens, firmer than rock, wider than the world; she never grows old, but is forever renewing her youth.â€ - St. John Chrysostom

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/22 23:56

The crowns of the saints are cast in crucibles; scars are the price of their scepters. That they might occupy exalted places in the Kingdom age, the Lord takes His chosen ones deep into the valley of humiliation. Let us then take courage as we enter our baptism of suffering. 'Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.' - Maynard James

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/24 15:20

"Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in His sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received.. but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." - St. Francis of Assisi

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/24 16:52

"Slander is abuse, plain and simple. In fact, itâ€™s so heinous that Paul says itâ€™s a sin worthy of excommunication (1 Corinthians 5:11). So I have no tolerance for it, and neither should you." - Frank Viola

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/25 15:36

21. In approaching therefore, come not with your wrists extended, or your fingers spread; but make your left hand a throne for the right, as for that which is to receive a King. And having hollowed your palm, receive the Body of Christ, saying over it, Amen. So then after having carefully hallowed your eyes by the touch of the Holy Body, partake of it; giving heed lest you lose any portion thereof ; for whatever you lose, is evidently a loss to you as it were from one of your own members. For tell me, if any one gave you grains of gold, would you not hold them with all carefulness, being on your guard against losing any of them, and suffering loss? Will you not then much more carefully keep watch, that not a crumb fall from you of what is more precious than gold and precious stones?

22. Then after you have partaken of the Body of Christ, draw near also to the Cup of His Blood; not stretching forth your hands, but bending , and saying with an air of worship and reverence, Amen , hallow yourself by partaking also of the Blood of Christ.

(St. Cyril of Jerusalem , Catechetical Lectures, 23:21-22)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/25 15:51

"Learn to pray the 'Jesus Prayer' so often that it becomes natural with the rhythm of your breathing. "Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Lent is meant for a deeper understanding of prayer. Act on it." - K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/28 21:01

"preaching it (the gospel) in the energy of the flesh and not in the power of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing more deadly than the gospel without the Spirit's power. "The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." - R.A. Torrey

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/29 15:54

Now all these are of much later date than the bishops to whom the apostles committed the Churches; which fact I have in the third book taken all pains to demonstrate. It follows, then, as a matter of course, that these heretics aforementioned, since they are blind to the truth, and deviate from the way, will walk in various roads; and therefore the footsteps of their doctrine are scattered here and there without agreement or connection. But the path of those belonging to the Church circumscribes the whole world, as possessing the sure tradition from the apostles, and gives unto us to see that the faith of all is one and the same

Irenaeus against Heresies, Book 5, Ch 20.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/31 9:28

"I see a man cannot be a faithful minister, until he preaches Christ for Christ's sake, until he gives up striving to attract people to himself, and seeks only to attract them to Christ. Lord give me this!" - Robert Murray McCheyne

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/2 17:45

"Will you have oil in your lamp when the day of the Lord comes upon you?" - anonymous

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/3 14:15

"Silence is the cross on which we must crucify our ego." - St Seraphim of Sarov

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/4 8:42

"To hunt for faults is not watchfulness, because it is not the act of love. To be meddlesome, to pry into things that do not contribute to our well-being, to scan people with a cold, critical eye, to be always hunting for heresy, to be alert for unfair comparisons is not the calm, thoughtful gaze of a heavenly sentinel. Watchfulness, then, is pure love on picket guard." - G.D. Watson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/4 11:21

"Happy while unforgiven! - A terrible happiness." - Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/4 21:26

"For all nations, especially the Christians nowadays traveling as if in a wilderness of confusion created by senseless materialism and its blind daughter atheism. I offer this to what leading American men and women are saying: 'The only hope for us and for the world is to return to religion.' Again I say: 'Our hope is in the Church.' You ought to listen to these words, too, and to ponder them. We live in very tragic times, which are made more tragic by easy-going and self-indulgent people who have never read the story of Sodom, of Laish, or of Capernaum." - St Nikolai Velimirovic

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/8 21:10

"The Lord was baptized, not to be cleansed himself but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of baptism. Whoever comes, therefore, to the washing of Christ lays aside his sins" - Ambrose of Milan

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/4/8 23:28

"This surely is the way a man turns to Christ: to desire nothing but Him."
-Richard Rolle

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/9 21:02

"...many contemporary Christians have historical "amnesia." They are missing vital aspects of the faith that are necessary for spiritual growth and maturity, and as a result they lack roots - an understanding of where they have come from and who they really are. Christians today have lost hold of our collective story, and that loss is one reason why liturgy resonates with so many. The recovery of liturgy offers them a way to re-enter the narrative, to re-engage with the story." - The Revd Dr Winfield Bevins, Ever Ancient Ever New

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh (), on: 2019/4/14 11:34

No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your name.
- Francis of Assisi (c. 1182 - 1226)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/16 21:14

"John Calvin rightly observed that, "the human mind is an idol factory". We keep making idols of mind and matter on a daily basis. One day our idols will fail us. May God help us to refocus our love and adulation toward Him and his Son, Jesus Christ who suffered and died for our sins and rose again for our justification." - Bishop Felix Orji

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/20 7:33

"There is a well of strength that is not our own. But it is filled to overflowing with pure water for those who thirst." - Josh Olson

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/4/21 18:38

"We are not diplomats but prophets; and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum."
-A. W. Tozer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/4/22 12:06

"The church as we know it today seems a million miles from the New Testament church. That may be a great generalization, but I will stand on it. There is a gulf between our average Christianity and the church of New Testament that makes the Grand Canyon look like a cavity in someone's tooth." Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/4/22 20:40

"And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved."
2 Corinthians 12:15

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/10 16:45

"The ultimate test of the Christian life is the amount of time we give to prayer." - Martyn Lloyd Jones

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/15 6:40

"Certainly the great trouble with many of our churches is that they are like great grain containers, full of unplanted wheat which has become musty, and moldy, and befouled by the rats of envy and jealousy. If only each little grain had been rent asunder from its fellows, cast into the dark, wet earth, buried out of sight, and left alone to endure disintegration and death, what a harvest we would see!" - L.E. Maxwell

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/15 13:04

"One drop of Christ's blood is worth more than heaven and earth." - Martin Luther

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/15 19:55

"When we choose to give God pleasure He gives us pleasure. Only pleasure through Him is completely satisfying (Psa. 16:11)." - Bill Gothard

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/15 19:56

"Giving thanks should be a regular practice in the life of every believer. It is the essence of God's will for our lives. (1 Thess. 5:18)" - Bill Gothard

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/5/16 11:58

"He that is not a son of peace, is not a son of God. All other sins destroy the church consequentially, but division and separation demolish it directly... Many doctrinal differences must be tolerated in a church: And why? But for unity and peace? Therefore disunion and separation is utterly intolerable. Believe not those to be the church's friends, that would cure and reform her by cutting her throat. Those that say, No truth must be concealed for peace, have usually as little of the one, as the other."
-Richard Baxter

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/17 19:24

"You may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God."
- C.S. Lewis

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/22 17:12

"There is a saying that there's always room at the top. Yes, but there's plenty of room at the bottom, too." - F.B. Meyer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/23 19:14

"Why do so many Christians pray such tiny prayers when their God is so big?" -Watchman Nee

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/23 19:49

"Even the most mature Christians have momentary moral lapses and times of pruning when there seems to be little fruit. The work of God in our life cannot be determined by examining our conduct through the course of only a few days." - Paul Washer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/24 18:14

"The more we are broken, the more God can use us to be a blessing to others." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sherri2, on: 2019/5/25 0:25

It is not great men who change the world, but weak men in the hands of a great God. ...Brother Yun

Edited: to change quote with conviction.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/30 20:55

Sometimes it takes the Lord years to get us sufficiently emptied, weak and small, so that we can bear His glory in our lives...when He has got us small enough and empty enough, then there is a chance for the working of His Spirit in glory. - T. Austin Sparks

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/5/31 9:41

"A new convert will not only have a new relationship with God and His people, but also an altered relationship with sin and the world. He will be averse to the sin he once loved and contrary to the world in whose path he once walked." - Paul Washer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/6/8 18:37

"Reckon on God." - F.B. Meyer

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/6/8 20:41

"If the Spirit be not in me, the spirit of the hearer will discern me not to be sent, but only to have to word of the commission, and not to have the power; for the power is the evident argument that a man is sent. Therefore, many start to teach his word, who are not sent."

-Robert Bruce (a Puritan during King James' rule)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/6/12 12:42

"God has two thrones--the one in the highest heavens, the other in the lowliest hearts." - Unknown

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/6/12 12:43

“A man may preach from false motives. A man may write books, and make fine speeches, and seem diligent in good works, and yet be a Judas Iscariot. But a man seldom goes into his closet, and pours out his soul before God in secret, unless he is serious.” - J.C. Ryle

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/6/14 7:14

"Sometimes your medicine bottle has on it, "Shake well before using." That is what God has to do with some of His people. He has to shake them well before they are ever usable."
-Vance Havner

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2019/6/15 2:02

God bless you Greg Gordon.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/6/17 20:41

"God is pleased sometimes to make choice of those as his messengers who have fewest of the advantages of art or nature. Christ's disciples were no orators, till the Spirit made them such." - Matthew Henry

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/6/20 7:57

"Abiding in Christ, living in union with him, drawing all our spiritual resources from him, involves allowing his word to 'abide' in us, that is to fill our minds and affections and dominate our lives." Sinclair B. Ferguson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/6/21 9:11

"It was Theodore Monod who declared that 'Obedience is the greatest commentary upon the Bible - Do, and thou shalt know.'" - Herbert Lockyer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/7/5 7:24

"Sometimes we emulate the Pharisees more than we imitate Christ." - R. C. Sproul

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/7/5 7:25

"If God cared only about religious activities, then the Pharisees would have been heroes of the faith." - Francis Chan

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/7/5 23:12

“Unctioned by the Spirit’s might, John cried, “Repent! And they did! Repentance is not a few hot tears at the penitent form. It is not emotion or remorse or reformation. Repentance is a change of mind about God, about sin, and about hell!” -Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2019/7/6 22:20

"Unconverted ministers are the bane of the christian church." -George Whitefield

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/7/12 7:41

"There is nothing little in God." - C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/7/12 16:08

"It is possible to know all about doctrine and still not know Jesus. A person's soul is in grave danger when the knowledge of doctrine surpasses Jesus, avoiding intimate touch with Him." - Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/7/13 7:45

"If I had my way, I would declare a moratorium on public preaching of 'the plan of salvation' in America for one to two years. Then I would call on everyone who has use of the airwaves and the pulpits to preach the holiness of God, the righteousness of God, and the Law of God until sinners would cry out, 'What must we do to be saved?' Then I would take them off in a corner and whisper the gospel to them. Don't use John 3:16. Such drastic action is needed because we have a gospel hardened generation of sinners by telling them how to be saved before they have any understanding why they need to be saved." - Paris Reidhead

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/7/13 7:49

â€œPerhaps your Christian life remains weak because nothing ever happens when you are alone with God.â€• - Alan Redpath