

**General Topics :: Great Quotes****Great Quotes - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/23 10:50**

New Thread, share your favorite quotes, long, short, one's that don't fit in other categories  
(For instance short prayer quotes, please keep in the "Prayer, charged short statements" section)  
Thanks!

"A sacred familiarity with the Divine Mind is the best inspiration for literature. Many an author, dead and forgotten, might have been alive in the world's memory today, only for lack of that quickening into greatness which comes of God's breath upon the soul. The world's teachers must first be God's learners. Wisdom does not grow out of books when students lock themselves in shut closets. The cloister must open outward to the world and upward to the heavens. The great wisdom is God's divinity and man's humanity. Who knows this, knows most of all, after this, what remains to be learned is little. God first, man next; the rest are trifles."

Theodore Tilton.

**Re: Great Quotes - posted by Chosen7Stone (), on: 2003/9/23 15:29**

"God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way."  
- Max Lucado

**Re: Great Quotes - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2003/9/23 17:26**

"Adversity doesn't build character; it reveals it."

Not sure who said it, but I like it.

In Christ,  
Jeremy Hulsey

"Truth without fire is dead. Fire without truth is deadly. God give us the Truth on Fire!"

**Re: Great Quotes - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/24 1:44**

Love is the foundation of all obedience. Without it morality degenerates into mere casuistry. Love is the foundation of all knowledge. Without it religion degenerates into a chattering about Moses and doctrines and theories; a thing that will neither kill nor make alive, that never gave life to a single soul or blessing to a single heart, and never put strength into any hand in the conflict and strife of daily life.

Alexander Maclaren.

**Re: An interesting insight into Spurgeon's Calvinism? - posted by philologos (), on: 2003/10/10 6:57**

"If sinners be dammed, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies.  
If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees.  
Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for."  
Charles Spurgeon

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/10/10 12:38**

Knowing God without knowing our wretchedness leads to pride.  
Knowing our wretchedness without knowing God leads to despair.  
Knowing Christ gives the balance.  
- Blaise Pascal

Christ always identified Himself with the least, the last, and the lost.  
- Unknown

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/10/10 14:38

Quote:  
-----"The end we ought to propose to ourselves is to become, in this life, the most perfect worshippers of God we can possibly be, as we hope to be **through all eternity.**"  
-Brother Lawrence  
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Its so wonderful how brother lawerence paints such a powerful picture of our purpose on earth. Let people look at us and think we are of no earthly good for 'our citizenship is in heaven'.

Quote:  
-----"**The more one knows God, the greater one desires to know Him.** Knowledge is commonly the measure of love. The deeper and more extensive our knowledge, the greater is our love."  
-Brother Lawrence  
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Our reading of scriptures should catalyist our relationship with God. For the Scriptures testify of Christ, let us come to Him to have life.

Quote:  
-----"Let us think often that **our only business in this life is to please God.** Perhaps all besides is but folly and vanity."  
-Brother Lawrence  
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'and find out what pleases the Lord.' - Ephesians 5:10

Re: Great Quotes - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2003/10/10 16:28

The greatest need we have is not to *do* things, but to *believe* things.

-Oswald Chambers

Re: Great Quotes - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2003/10/13 16:23

"When preachers do not call sin, sin, the people begin to wink at sin!"

~Dr. Micheal Useph~

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/10/14 10:08

God's patience is infinite. Men, like small kettles, boil quickly with wrath at the least wrong. Not so God. If God were as wrathful, the world would have been a heap of ruins long ago.

... Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889-1929)

Re: Great Quotes - posted by lwpray (), on: 2003/10/16 2:32

The secret of Christianity is not asking Jesus into your heart; it is Jesus asking us into His.

Unknown...

**Re: - posted by todd, on: 2003/10/16 9:42**

"The Word written is not only a rule of knowledge, but a rule of obedience; it is not only to mend our sight, but to mend our pace. Reading without practice will be but a torch to light men to hell."

Thomas Watson 1620-1686

**Re: - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2003/10/16 23:09**

GROWTH IS NOT MORE KNOWLEDGE OR INCREASE OF YEARS:IT IS SIMPLY MORE OF HIM AND less of me. HE INCREASES AS i decrease.  
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE.

~Chip Brogden~  
watchman.net

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/10/21 11:59**

Worldliness is what any particular culture does to make sin look normal and righteousness look strange.

~ David Wells

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/11/6 23:49**

Some say that faith is the gift of God. So is the air, but you have to breathe it; so is bread, but you have to eat it. Some are wanting some miraculous kind of feeling. That is not faith.  
'Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God' (Rom. 10:17). That is whence faith comes. It is not for me to sit down and wait for faith to come stealing over me with a strong sensation, but is for me to take God at His Word.  
- D. L. Moody

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/8 12:55**

Our Faith must be tested. God builds no ships but what He sends to sea.  
- D.L. Moody

**Re: good quotes - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/8 13:00**

Mr. Spurgeon leaning over the platform of a church where a work of grace was going on, heard a penitent below in great distress pray earnestly, 'Lord, make a good job of me! Lord, make a good job of me!'

**Re: good quotes - posted by jouko (), on: 2003/11/9 6:04**

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose"

Brother Jim Elliot

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/9 15:57**

It doesn't take an *extraordinary* person - just devotion to our *extraordinary* God - to live an *extraordinary* life.

**Re: luther quote - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/12 19:18**

Someone asked Luther, "Do you feel that you've been forgiven?"  
He answered, "No, but I'm as sure As there's a God in Heaven!"  
For feelings come and feelings go,  
And feelings are deceiving.  
My warrant is the word of God;  
Naught else is worth believing.  
Though all my heart should feel condemned  
For want of some sweet token,

There is One greater than my heart  
Whose word cannot be broken.  
I'll trust in God's unchanging word  
Till soul and body sever;  
For though all things shall pass away,  
His word shall stand forever."

**Re: - posted by Chosen7Stone (), on: 2003/11/13 10:01**

The shortest distance between a problem and the solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.  
- Anonymous

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/13 11:20**

In the Irish Revival of 1859, people became so weak that they could not get back to their homes. Men and women would fall by the wayside and would be found hours later pleading with God to save their souls. They felt that they were slipping into hell and that nothing else in life mattered but to get right with God... To them eternity meant everything. Nothing else was of any consequence. They felt that if God did not have mercy on them and save them, they were doomed for all time to come.  
-Oswald J. Smith

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/11/15 11:50**

"As a Christian, I am responsible for the furniture of my mind."

Frank E. Gaebelien

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/11/17 1:08**

not that He may say to them, "Look how mighty I am, and go down upon your knees and worship", for power alone was never yet worthy of prayer; but that He may say thus:  
"Look, my children, you will never be strong but with my strength. I have no other to give you. And that you can get only by trusting in me. I can not give it you any other way.  
There is no other way."  
... George Macdonald (1824-1905),  
Annals of a Quiet Neighborhood

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/25 15:13**

**Holiness** is an impossibility - without the **Holy** Spirit.  
-Anonymous

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/25 15:13**

It is no sin to doubt some things but it may be fatal to believe everything.  
-A.W. Tozer

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/11/27 10:14**

You are leaving port under sealed orders and in a troubled period.  
You cannot know whither you are going or what you are to do.  
But why not take the Pilot on board who knows the nature of your sealed orders from the outset, and who will shape your entire voyage accordingly?  
He knows the shoals and the sandbanks, the rocks and the reefs,  
He will steer you safely into that celestial harbor where your anchor will be cast for eternity.  
Let His almighty nail-pierced hands hold the wheel, and you will be safe.

... Peter Marshall (1902-1949)

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/27 11:20**

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

**Re: Wycliff on understanding the scriptures - posted by philologos (), on: 2003/11/28 12:37**

It shall greatly help you to understand Scripture  
if thou mark not only what is spoken or written  
&#61478; but of whom  
&#61478; and to whom  
&#61478; with what words  
&#61478; at what time  
&#61478; where  
&#61478; to what intent  
&#61478; with what circumstances  
&#61478; considering what goeth before  
&#61478; and what followeth.

John Wycliff 1330-1384

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/29 1:14**

Oh, If only once we could be convinced of God's goodness towards His children and of His desire to reveal Himself to them! We would no longer seek out own selfish desires. We would not be so quickly discouraged from pursuing what He is so long to give us:

**Romans 8:32 (kjv)** - He who spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not, with Him, also freely give us all things?

We only need a little courage and perseverance. Actually, we have enough of both in our earthly affairs, but none at all in the only thing that really matters (Luke 10:42).  
-Jeanne Guyon

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/11/30 19:30**

"We need people that just know God these days. God can gift people, but its something else when a man is in favour with God. When God can say for this man's sake I will not judge this city or will show favour to this church."

~Greg Gordon

**Re: Oswald Chambers - posted by philologos (), on: 2003/12/2 19:05**

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfect . . .  
—Philippians 3:12

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It is a trap to presume that God wants to make us perfect specimens of what He can do—God's purpose is to make us one with Himself. The emphasis of holiness movements tends to be that God is producing specimens of holiness to put in His museum. If you accept this concept of personal holiness, your life's determined purpose will not be for God, but for what you call the evidence of God in your life. How can we say, "It could never be God's will for me to be sick"? If it was God's will to bruise His own Son ( Isaiah 53:10 ), why shouldn't He bruise you? What shines forth and reveals God in your life is not your relative consistency to an idea of what a saint should be, but your genuine, living relationship with Jesus Christ, and your unrestrained devotion to Him whether you are well or sick.

Christian perfection is not, and never can be, human perfection. Christian perfection is the perfection of a relationship with God that shows itself to be true even amid the seemingly unimportant aspects of human life. When you obey the call of Jesus Christ, the first thing that hits you is the pointlessness of the things you have to do. The next thought that strikes you is that other people seem to be living perfectly consistent lives. Such lives may leave you with the idea that God is unnecessary—that through your own human effort and devotion you can attain God's standard for your life. In a fallen world this can never be done. I am called to live in such a perfect relationship with God that my life produces a yearning for God in the lives of others, not admiration for myself. Thoughts about myself hinder my usefulness to God. God's purpose is not to perfect me to make me a trophy in His showcase; He is getting me to the place where He can use me. Let Him do what He wants.

**Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2003/12/3 1:44**

"In every generation the number of the righteous is small. Be sure you are among them."

~A. W. Tozer~

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/12/20 10:47**

This may be the mother of all great quotes on prayer contained in one setting.

(<http://www.liftupusa.com/pquotes.htm>) <http://www.liftupusa.com/pquotes.htm>

If you are up to the challenge, you will find one of SermonIndex's 'own', if I may coin the term, listed amongst the many t here.

Enjoy.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/12/21 23:18**

It is necessary that our sharpest trials should sometimes spring from our dearest comforts, else we should be in danger of forgetting ourselves and setting up our rest here.

-John Newton

**Re: gems from the pulpit - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/1/5 15:54**

this was brought to mind recently...

Here is a different kind of 'gem from the pulpit'. For many years the most conservative of Anglican theological colleges in the UK was (and is?) Oakhill Theological College. Young men fulfilled their courses of study as preparation for ordination into the Anglican ministry. The chapel had a simple pulpit where the young students preached their apprentice sermons to each other. As a young would-be ordinand I was once permitted to enter the pulpit and discovered an irregular brass plate set into the pulpit and visible only to someone as they stood to preach. On the brass plate were engraved the words

Sir, we would see Jesus

I never heard or read of better advice given for preachers of any age.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/5 18:19**

I have no delight in the bread that perisheth, nor in the pleasures of this life. I long for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ, of the seed of David; and the drink that I long for is His blood.

-Ignatius

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/5 23:25**

Live in Christ and the flesh need not fear death.  
-John Knox

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/9 13:36**

Grace in the soul is heaven in that soul.  
Â—Matthew Henry

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/18 11:08**

God's choice acquaintances are humble men.  
Â—Robert Leighton

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/21 15:10**

The greatest wisdom on this earth is holiness.  
Â—W.S. Plumer

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/1/22 23:06**

We use several hymn books in our meeting here in Reading UK. One of them is a compilation of 120 Wesley hymns, un-edited, un-shortened. (One of them has 16 verses!) This is one of our favourites. It was originally a wedding hymn but we sing it to celebrate our enjoyment of 'the fellowship of the saints'

1 THOU God of truth and love,  
We seek thy perfect way,  
Ready thy choice to approve,  
Thy providence to obey:  
Enter into thy wise design,  
And sweetly lose our will in thine.

2 Why hast thou cast our lot  
In the same age and place?  
And why together brought  
To see each other's face?  
To join with softest sympathy,  
And mix our friendly souls in thee?

3 Didst thou not make us one,  
That we might one remain,  
Together travel on,  
And bear each other's pain;  
Till all thy utmost goodness prove,  
And rise renewed in perfect love?

4 Surely thou didst unite  
Our kindred spirits here,  
That all hereafter might  
Before thy throne appear;  
Meet at the marriage of the Lamb,  
And all thy glorious love proclaim.

5 Then let us ever bear  
The blessed end in view,  
And join, with mutual care,  
To fight our passage through;  
And kindly help each other on,  
Till all receive the starry crown.

O may thy Spirit seal  
Our souls unto that day,  
With all thy fulness fill,  
And then transport away!  
Away to our eternal rest,  
Away to our Redeemer's breast!

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/24 10:37**

We fear men so much, because we fear God so little. One fear cures another. When man's terror scares you, turn your thoughts to the wrath of God.

-William Gurnall

Temptations, when we meet them at first, are as the lion that reared upon Samson; but if we overcome them, the next time we see them we shall find a nest of honey within them.

-John Bunyan

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/1/24 20:26**

Here's one that I think sums up my sentiment's about all you good people here;

Christian Quotation of the Day

January 25, 2004

Feast of the Conversion of Paul

The church is unique in that it is so able to cut across age boundaries and social-status boundaries. When one loves the Lord Jesus Christ and sincerely seeks to follow Him, then one quite by surprise comes upon a community that he did not know existed, a community that is experienced within the heart; and when this community is found, nothing is ever quite the same again.

... Gerald J. Jud (1919- )

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/25 8:40**

Making heaven on earth is our business.

-William Booth

**Re: - posted by Chosen7Stone (), on: 2004/1/25 10:06**

If your faith can't be tested, it can't be trusted.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/26 19:10**

When filled with holy truth the mind rests.

—C.H. Spurgeon

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/1/27 2:29**

If we look carefully within ourselves, we shall find that there are certain limits beyond which we refuse to go in offering ourselves to God. We hover around these reservations, making believe not to see them, for fear of self-reproach.

The more we shrink from giving up any such reserved point, the more certain it is that it needs to be given up. If we were not fast bound by it, we should not make so many efforts to persuade ourselves that we are free.

... François Fénelon (1651-1715), Spiritual Letters

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**Re: Great Quotes - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/28 19:25**

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

-Jim Elliot, martyred in Ecuador in 1956

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/28 19:28**

"Is what you're living for worth Christ dying for?"

- Epitaph of Leonard Ravenhill

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/28 19:31**

"One life to live  
and soon it will be past.  
Only things done for Christ  
will ever truly last."

- unknown

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/28 19:32**

"Some people complain that God placed thorns on roses, while others praise him for putting roses among thorns."

- unknown

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/28 19:37**

"Beware of prayerless tears and beware of tearless prayers."

- Unknown

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/28 19:38**

"Actors speak of things imaginary as if they were real, while you preachers too often speak of things real as if they were imaginary."

- Thomas Betterton

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/28 19:41**

"Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray."

- Charles H. Brent

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 19:43**

"Don't be afraid of tomorrow -- God is already there."

- unknown

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 19:46**

"Your character is who you are when no one but God is watching you."

- unknown

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 19:55**

"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

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 19:58**

"The Sunday morning service shows how popular your church is.

The evening services show how popular your pastor is.

Your private prayer time shows you how popular God is!"

- Leonard Ravenhill

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/28 20:03**

Quote:

-----"One life to live  
and soon it will be past.  
Only things done for Christ  
will ever truly last."

- unknown

I love this quote, ravenhill quotes it in his sermon 'the judgement seat of christ'. Here is the next stanza:

And When I am dying,  
how happy I'll be,  
If the lamp of my life  
has been burned out for Thee.

-Author Unknown

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 20:05

"The men that will change the colleges and seminaries here represented are the men that will spend the most time alone with God. It takes time for the fires to burn. It takes time for God to draw near and for us to know that He is there. It takes time to assimilate His truth. You ask me, How much time? I do not know. I know it means time enough to forget time."

- John Mott

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 20:11

"Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still."

- E.M. Bounds

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 20:14

"When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words, than thy words without a heart."

- John Bunyan

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 20:20

"God gave us music that we might be able to pray without using words."

- unknown

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2004/1/28 20:23

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

- Corrie Ten Boom

Re: - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/1/29 6:04

**"If you don't plan to live the Christian life totally committed to knowing your God and to walking in obedience to Him, then don't begin; for this is what Christianity is all about. It is a change of citizenship, a change of governments, a change of allegiance. If you have no intention of letting Christ rule your life, then forget Christianity; it's not for you."**

~K.Authur

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/1/29 7:15

"People talk about the curse of sin, but they do not understand that the whole nature has been infected by sin, and that the curse is on everything. My intellect, has that been defiled by sin? Terribly, and the curse of sin is on it, and therefore my intellect must go down into the death. Ah, I believe that the Church of Christ suffers more to-day from trusting in intellect, in sagacity, in culture, and in mental refinement, than from almost anything else. The Spirit of the world comes in, and men seek by their wisdom, and by their knowledge, to help the Gospel, and they rob it of its crucifixion mark. Christ directed Paul to go and preach the Gospel of the cross, but to do it not with wisdom of words. The curse of sin is on all that is of nature." from the Chapter "Dead With Christ" in "The Master's Indwelling". (1896)

Andrew Murray

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/29 10:14**

For all of those Krispy Kreme addicts out there...

"Life without Jesus is like a donut...because there is a hole in the middle of your heart."

- The Donut Man (children's evangelist)

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex () , on: 2004/1/30 17:03**

Our murmuring is the devil's music.

—Thomas Watson

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/31 5:42**

(That is so very true!)

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/31 5:47**

"Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die; another's life, another's death, I stake my whole eternity."

- Horatius Bonar

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/31 5:51**

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one GO there UNWARNED and UNPRAYED for."

- Charles Spurgeon

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/31 5:53**

"Preach abroad...It is the cooping yourselves up in rooms that has dampened the work of God, which never was and never will be carried out to any purpose without going into the highways and hedges and compelling men and women to come in."

- Jonathon Edwards

"No sort of defense is needed for preaching outdoors, but it would take a very strong argument to prove that a man who has never preached beyond the walls of his meetinghouse has done his duty. A defense is required for services within buildings rather than for worship outside of them."

- William Booth

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/31 5:56**

"The true man of God is heartsick, grieved at the worldliness of the Church...grieved at the toleration of sin in the Church, grieved at the prayerlessness in the Church. He is disturbed that the corporate prayer of the Church no longer pulls down the strongholds of the devil."

- Leonard Ravenhill

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/31 5:57**

"One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organization do no constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team. The first requisite is life, always."

- A. W. Tozer

**Re: - posted by philologos () , on: 2004/1/31 11:59**

Hi ccchhrrriiiss

you wrote "Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die; another's life, another's death, I stake my whole eternity."

- Horatius Bonar

Thank you for this. It was a favourite quotation of Amy Carmichael and I quote it frequently in my preaching, but I never knew where it came from. Do you know chapter and verse?

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/1/31 13:03**

Hi, Philologos...

Actually, I do not know where the quote originated. So, I did an internet search. Amazingly, I found that the quote is actually attributed to several people. However, most of the credible sites seem to confirm that this was said by Horatius Bonar. Anyway, I apologize that I could not help you.

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2004/2/1 9:49**

"It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to employ His protection and favor."

- George Washington

**Re: - posted by sermonindex () , on: 2004/2/1 11:49**

It is God's way to let ministers try all their strength first, and then He Himself comes and subdues the hearts they cannot.  
-Jonathan Edwards

**Re: - posted by philologos () , on: 2004/2/1 12:02**

Thanks anyway

I found myself quoting it again this morning in preaching. It is such a finally tuned expression of genuine faith.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex () , on: 2004/2/2 10:11**

Religious truth is captive in a small number of little manuscripts which guard the common treasures, instead of expanding them. Let us break the seal which binds these holy things; let us give wings to truth that it may fly with the Word, no longer prepared at vast expense, but multitudes everlastingly by a machine which never wearies to every soul which enters life.

—Johann Gutenberg

**Re: - posted by philologos () , on: 2004/2/2 10:31**

Re:

by wrtbooks on 2004/2/2 15:11:02

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—Johann Gutenberg

So was it the printing press or the web he had in mind? :-D

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/4 6:12**

Quote:

-----So was it the printing press or the web he had in mind?  
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The press, but I really think that the web is the next evolution of the printing press.

A man full of hope will be full of action.

Â—Thomas Brooks

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/7 18:28**

We have the truth and we need not be afraid to say so.

Â—J.C. Ryle

**Re: William Penn quote, on: 2004/2/10 7:46**

"For Disappointments, that come not by our own Folly, they are the Tryals or Corrections of Heaven: And it is our own Fault, if they prove not our Advantage. To repine at them does not mend the Matter: It is only to grumble at our Creator. But to see the Hand of God in them, with an humble submission to his Will, is the Way to turn our Water into Wine, and engage the greatest Love and Mercy on our side."

William Penn

**Re: - posted by Clutch (), on: 2004/2/10 8:14**

Hi Greg,

Your post:

"We have the truth and we need not be afraid to say so."

Â—J.C. Ryle

One truth is:

" Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement."

-Will Rogers

Clutch ;-)

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/12 15:14**

A dark hour makes Jesus bright.

Â—Robert Murray McCheyne

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/2/12 18:12**

Quote:

-----" Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement."  
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-Will Rogers

Classic quote, Clutch. If it wasn't so long I would make it my middle name. :-)

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/14 20:43**

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-Leonard Ravenhill

**Re: - posted by Clutch (), on: 2004/2/15 5:36**

Greg,  
"Finney preached and sometimes the whole congregation would get up and leave! thats good preaching."  
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Was probably good, but almost as certainly long. :-D  
Clutch :-P

**Re: - posted by tigger (), on: 2004/2/16 16:09**

"Revival comes inspite of the evangelist"  
-Ravi Zacharies

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/2/17 0:00**

Jake wrote: "For Disappointments, that come not by our own Folly, they are the Tryals or Corrections of Heaven: And it is our own Fault, if they prove not our Advantage. To repine at them does not mend the Matter: It is only to grumble at our Creator. But to see the Hand of God in them, with an humble submission to his Will, is the Way to turn our Water into Wine, and engage the greatest Love and Mercy on our side."

Hi Jake

Thank you for this gem from Penn. This is not a 'back-handed compliment' but there is something about the gentle boldness of these men which almost has me on my chair cheering.

If there are forum readers who have not yet read No Cross, No Crown by William Penn, it ought to go high on your list. ( For readers from Pennsylvania is ought to be obligatory ;- ) )

Thanks again Jake,

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/18 20:33**

Our lives are to be indisputable evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
-Carter Conlon

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/2/19 16:32**

The root of all sin is the suspicion that God is not good.

~Oswald Chambers

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/21 7:00**

Where reason cannot wade there faith may swim.  
—Thomas Watson

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/21 11:34**

Don't plan without God. God seems to have a delightful way of upsetting the plans we have made, when we have not taken Him into account.  
-Oswald Chambers

**Re: Napoleon's Faith - posted by Tears\_of\_joy, on: 2004/2/24 18:25**

“I know men, and I tell you that Jesus is not a man. The religion of Christ is a mystery which subsists by its own force, and proceeds from a mind which is not a human mind. We find in it a marked individuality, which originated a train of words and actions unknown before. Jesus is not a philosopher, for His proofs are miracles, and from the first His disciples adored Him. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself founded empires; but on what foundation did we rest the creatures of our genius? Upon force. But Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him. I die before my time, and my body will be given back to the earth to become food for worms. Such is the fate of him who has been called the great Napoleon. What an abyss between my deep misery and the eternal kingdom of Christ, which is proclaimed, loved, adored, and is still existing over the whole earth!” Then, turning to Gen. Bertrand, the emperor added: “If you do not perceive that Jesus Christ is God, I did wrong in appointing you a general.”

Napoleon Bonaparte

Really great statement! I was amazed when read that these words are from Napoleon. (hmm maybe someone knows more about this ?!)

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/29 14:31**

Prayer can do anything that God can do.  
—E.M. Bounds

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/3/12 18:03**

I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated through this book...All things desirable to men are contained in the Bible.  
-Abraham Lincoln

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/3/21 13:34**

Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one's will to God in deep humility.  
-Charles Finney

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/3/24 14:27**

"What I have seen in the past 10 years of traveling- performing at a church one day and a casino the next- is that a lot of people in the church want to be **entertained**, and people in casinos want to be **ministered** to. That's hard to understand, but I see a *hunger* in the world that I don't see in the church."  
-Ricky Shaggs (musician)

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/3/31 0:45**

Sanctified afflictions are spiritual promotions.  
—Matthew Henry

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/4/7 9:35**

Those who complain that they make no progress in the life of prayer because they "cannot meditate" should examine, not their capacity for meditation, but their capacity for suffering and love. For there is a hard and costly element, a deep seriousness, a crucial choice, in all genuine religion.

... Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)

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Meditation:

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

-- Matthew 16:24,25 (KJV)

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**Re:, on: 2004/4/27 15:15**

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."

Gilbert K. Chesterton

**Re: Great Quotes - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/5/1 0:42**

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little 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 (1483-1546)

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**Re: Great Quotes - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2004/5/1 8:24**

Don't try to bring the Word of God down to your level. Let it pull you up to its level - David MacDonald

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/5/9 12:39**

“Let those,” he very beautifully says to the Manichaeans, “burn with hatred against you, who do not know how much pains it costs to find the truth, how hard it is to guard against error;—but I, who after so great and long wavering came to know the truth, must bear myself towards you with the same patience which my fellow-believers showed towards me while I was wandering in blind madness in your opinions.”

Augustin