

Quotations

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The man who never reads will never be read; he who never quotes will never be quoted. He who will not use thoughts of other men's brains proves he has no brain of his own. –Charles H. Spurgeon



Ch. Spurgeon

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated in quotations. –Benjamin Disraeli

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A

A Bible that is never touched will never touch you.

A car is made to run on gasoline, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on himself. He himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. – C.S. Lewis

A diamond is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

A disciple is one whose life is a balance between the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

A faith that hasn't been tested can't be trusted. –Adrian Rogers

A faithful priest is responsible to stay in the presence of God. –Acts 7

A gospel story without the resurrection of Jesus is the melancholy tale of a dead Christ who is helpless to save. –Colin Brown

A group will always take thinking to a higher level.

A lack of thanksgiving is the root of a lack of peace.

A little learning is a dangerous thing.

A little lie is like a little pregnancy it doesn't take long before everyone knows. –C.S. Lewis

A neighbor is anyone in need whose need you are able to meet.

A picture is worth ten thousand words.

A prepared city/church gets better results than an unprepared city/church.

A question (or story) appeals to the conscience where an accusation hardens the will.

A real hero goes in when everyone else is going out.

A reprobate mind weeps at the killing of newborn animals while demanding the right to abort humans.

A secret is something you tell to only one person—at a time.

A smile is the most important thing you can ever wear.

A spiritual leader always knows what God is doing in the life of his congregation. –Henry Blackaby

A thankful spirit will take the bitterness out of life. –Hebrews 12:15, 28

A tiny spark in a dry forest can quickly become a forest fire.

A thought may be said to be true when it corresponds with its object.

A woman is better at being a woman than a man is.

Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

Accountability is necessary because we all have blind spots that keep us from sound decisions.

Agonize before you organize.

All find what they truly seek.

All learning begins at the feeling level; if they don't like you they won't learn from you.

All men are seeking happiness, but by different means.

All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. –Edmund Burke

All that is not eternal is eternally out of date.

All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated through this book; but for the book we could not know right from wrong. All the things desirable to man are contained in it. – Abraham Lincoln

All the saints of all the ages are watching us and cheering us on.

Allow the weight of your sin to bring you to your knees.

An expert is someone from out of town.

An expert is someone who will know tomorrow why yesterday's predictions did not come to pass.

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity. –Winston Churchill

An unexamined life is not worth living.
An unforgiving spirit is a slow burn—it will make you sick.
Anger is a thief who steals away the nice moments.
Antidote to burnout is focusing on promises and power.
Any assignment that comes from the Maker of the universe is an important assignment. –Henry Blackaby
Any day is lovely when we are doing what we love.
Anytime you rationalize sin, you are having a conversation with the devil.
Appreciate the power of motivation.
Are you a spiritual leader or a religious politician?
Are you afraid like Moses, young like David, impetuous like Peter?
Are you focused on the insignificant or the indispensable?
Are you leaving a monument—or a legacy?
Are you relevant or are you just taking up space?
Are you satisfied with the level of God’s power in your life?
Articulate what you appreciate.
As a teacher I am primarily a student of the Word of God and of my students.
As the warden said to the inmates, “The world is a better place because you are here.”
Ask for what you want; but be willing to take what God gives you—it may be better than what you ask for.
Attitude. The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It’s more important than appearances, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes. –Charles Swindoll
Authenticity = authority
Authenticity = trust
Avoid both zeal without knowledge and knowledge without zeal.

B

Be driven by a God-given dream.
Be embarrassed for a minute rather than tortured for a lifetime.
Be excited about everything you do.
Be fishers of men. You catch them; He’ll clean them.
Be focused on the goal, but flexible on how to get there.
Be more concerned about your character than with your reputation.
Be nice to nerds: Chances are you’ll end up working for one. – Charles Sykes
Be not like a bird that sees the seeds but not the trap.
Be obedient to God and leave the consequences to Him.
Be sure your sins will find you out.
Be the best original of who God has called you to be.
Be the salt that makes souls thirsty for Christ.

Be tactful with those who are not Christians ... Talk to them agreeably and with a flavor of wit, and try to fit your answers to the needs of each one." - Col. 4:5-6 (JB)

Be yourself then be all you can be. –John Maxwell

Before and After: David (shepherd boy to giant killer); Joseph (convict to prime minister); Ruth (pagan to messianic line), Paul (persecutor to missionary).

Before you remove a fence, pause long enough to find out why it was put there in the first place.

Belief determines behavior.

Belief = Behavior

Bible Challenges: Is there not a cause? For such a time as this.

Biblical Creation - the Cornerstone Anchor of Christianity

Biblical Counseling - the Capstone Application of Christianity

Bitterness contaminates those around you.

Blessed are the flexible for they shall not break.

Blessed are the flexible for they shall not snap and be broken.

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

Blessed is the one who won't do what he can't do.

Bonding takes place in times of trouble.

Bring the best out of others by **believing** in them, **encouraging** them, **sharing** with them, and **trusting** them. –John Maxwell

Bring them in—build them up—send them out.

Bring eternity into time.

Bring light and hope and encouragement into the dark places.

Bureaucratic leaders make others feel unimportant.

C

Calling one to difficult service may actually be God's way of honoring His servant's strength of character.

Calling is living a life of significance.

Catch them doing something right.

Celebration is applause, drama, fairs, fun, food, laughter, praise, singing, testimonies, team-building.

Champions

Character is what you are in the dark. –Dwight Moody

Character produces confidence.

Children lean better when they talk, not when you talk.

Christian living requires a 3-D commitment: the single-mindedness of a soldier, the discipline of an athlete, and the hard-worker of a farmer (2 Tim. 2:1-7).

Christianity gives us moral law; Naturalism gives us survival of the fittest—it takes away human dignity.

Christianity is the only religion that has at its core event the humiliation of its God.

Christians have more to fear from atheists than atheists have to fear from Christians (e.g. Lenin, Stalin, Hitler, Mao, Paul Pot).

Christians will be vindicated before the world.

Choose to live with hope.

Choose your close friends wisely—they will determine your level of success. –John Maxwell

Church Health Indicators = baptisms (conversions) + attendance (fellowship) + stewardship (discipleship) + kingdom vision (partnership)

Church Signs

Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.

If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.

Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.

The wedding was great; now invite Me to the marriage. –God

Circumstances are just raw material out of which God makes character and strength and virtue.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Common to all great men and women is this philosophy to focus their energies to excel in only a few, well-chosen areas.

Complaining and criticizing are cancerous and contagious –Philippians 2:14

Compassion is the ultimate power.

Compassion is to suffer with someone.

Competence = God-given giftedness applied through hard work.

Condemning yourself does not make you a better person.

Confession is agreeing with God that what He said is true.

Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong.

Confronting your sin is painful.

Conscience is a divinely established capacity to distinguish between right and wrong.

Consensus is the absence of leadership. –Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point. –C.S. Lewis

Courage is the mastery of fear, not the absence of fear.

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality that guarantees all the others.

- Winston Churchill

Courtesy is respecting our differences, being considerate of each others' feelings, and being patient with people who irritate us.

Coveting – wanting what the other guy has without considering the problems that go with it.

Creativity perpetuates the learning process, brings freshness to your communication.

Credibility is based on being yourself.

Credibility is the power to elicit (bring forth) belief.

Crisis does not only make a person, crisis reveals a person; that is why we must prepare for crisis now.

Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship. –Zeuxis

Criticism has few terrors for a man with a great purpose. –Disraeli

Criticism is both cancerous and contagious. –GCW

Criticism is the disapproval of people, not for having faults, but having faults different from your own.

Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots. –Frank A. Clark

D

Dads turn boys into men. – Dr. Laura

Darkness is only the absence of light.

Death is just a matter of time; life is a matter of choice.

Death opens the door from a little dark room into the sunshine. –C.S. Lewis

Depending on what you watch, TV can help you learn or it can suck your brains out through your eyeballs.

Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then...find the way. –Abraham Lincoln
Deuteronomy 31:6
Disappoints are often His appointments.
Disappointments make one stronger. Do right and let God take care of the results.
Discipline is balancing the important with the urgent.
Discouragement is a choice; so is encouragement. –Charles Stanley
Disillusionments come because our circumstances don't fit our concept of who God is and how He works.
Disobedience is costly. --Blackaby
Do it God's way.
Do more than keep up with change; anticipate and embrace it.
Do not be afraid—God's message from Genesis to Revelation.
Do not cross a bridge until you come to it
Do not despise any person, and do not consider anything impossible, for there is no person who does not have an hour and no thing that does not have its place.
Do right and fear not.
Do right and let God take care of the results.
Do something fun and ridiculous with someone you love.
Do something that will benefit others.
Do what God has called you to do and let God answer the critics.
Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. –Theodore Roosevelt
Do what you were designed and fashioned to do.
Do you think you are going to get to heaven and be disappointed!
Doing good brings joy; doing evil brings sorrow.
Don't fight the devil alone.
Don't get angry at the sheep for acting like sheep.
Don't get bitter; get better.
Don't get stuck on stupid. –Lt. Gen. Russel Honore
Don't get used to average or second best. –John Maxwell
Don't give God instructions—just report for duty!
Don't give someone a piece of your mind; you can't afford to lose it.
Don't give up; you are not alone.
Don't give way to cynicism.
Don't go out with a whimper.
Don't grow weary in being faithful—a reward awaits faithful servants. –Henry Blackaby
Don't let authority go to your head.
Don't let failure keep you from risking, trusting, imagining, trying, believing—you are made in the image of God.
Don't let the things you can't do stop you from doing the things you can do.
Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
Don't live in your rearview mirror.
Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
Don't quit, God has plans for you.
Don't take shortcuts; shortcuts rob you of experience, gratitude, quality, maturation, discipline, and perspective. –John Maxwell
Don't use the world's methods to accomplish God's work. –Henry Blackaby
Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
Doubt is often the beginning of wisdom. —M. Scott Peck
Doubtless criticism was originally benignant, pointing out the beauties of a work rather than its defects. The passions of men have made it malignant, as a bad heart of Procrustes

turned the bed, the symbol of repose, into an instrument of torture. –Henry Wadsworth
Lanfellow

Drive a liberal crazy; work hard and be happy.

Drive out fear: You must refuse to be cowed by the opinions of others. You must have the
strength to say no to the wrong things and to embrace the right ones, even if you are
the only one who seems to know the difference.

Dying with hope is better than living without it.

Dynamic people make for a dynamic church.

E

Each of us stands taller when we stand together.

Embrace God's standards

Embrace discipline as a friend.

Emotion is good when it is a by-product of truth.

Emotional bondage results in damaged emotions—painful memories, overreaction, decreased
capacity to give and receive love, damaged relationships with those you love, damaged
relationship with God, guilty conscience.

Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all
your might.... Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will
accomplish your objective. –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Evangelism—one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.

Even a stopped clock is right twice a day.

Even eleven-year-olds are smarter than liberals.

Even experts are sometimes right.

Even the poorest heart has some jewel on which it hangs.

Every blade of grass has an angel that bends over it and whispers, "Grow! Grow!" –*The Talmud*

Every decision you make affects a lot of people.

Every step of faith you take will look like presumption to those who have not heard from God. –
Henry Blackaby

Every time you do God's work in God's way you will have God's power. –Henry Blackaby

Everybody that breathes needs encouragement and recognition.

Everybody's normal till you get to know them.

Everyone who is truly born again has a passion for holiness (Heb. 12:13).

Everything is on schedule—don't worry.

Everything in your mind will affect your body.

Evil contaminates the good—water that is 99% pure is contaminated.

Evil is the cause of ignorance—of willfully ignoring the truth.

Evil must be defeated for righteousness to reign.

Evil wins when good people give up.

Evolution cannot explain creation.

Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God. –William Carey

Experience is what enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Experiences that we have on earth are hints of something greater which is yet to come.

Expository Preaching: When the message is centered on explaining and applying the text of the
Bible for life change. –Rick Warren

F

Face your fears and fix them—move on. –John Maxwell
Face your fears; live your dreams.
Failure means you were willing to try.
Failures are events, not people.
Faith always involves risk.
Faith forces you to act in the face of risk.
Faith is confidence that what God has promised will come to pass. –Henry Blackaby
Faith is trusting God in the present to do what He promises to do in the future.
Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!
Fear chases out faith and faith chases out fear.
Fear forces, love leads, faith follows.
FEAR = False Evidence Appearing Real
Five steps to wisdom: In seeking wisdom the first step is silence, the second: listening, the third: remembering, the fourth: practicing, the fifth: teaching others. *Solomon Ibn Gabirol*
Focusing on God removes worry.
For sleep, riches and health to be truly enjoyed, they must first be interrupted.
For the Christian there is hope.
For the proper perspective, gaze upon God and grieve at the problems.
Forgiveness is an act of setting someone free from a debt that was a result of a wrong done against you.
From our greatest conflicts come our greatest victories!
Former embryo
Frustration + tedium + loneliness = pain

G

Genuine leaders do not make excuses; they don't start with the problem; they start with God.
Give people a reputation to uphold. –John Maxwell
Go to what inspires you.
God allows hard times to accomplish His purposes.
God allows persecution to accomplish His purposes.
God allows storms because He wants to see what you do with His Word when He seems to be asleep.
God always gives his very best to those who leave the choice to Him –Hudson Taylor
God always responds to those who respond to what they know. –David Jeremiah
God and all the angels in heaven are pulling for you.
God assigns tailor-made trials for us to endure knowing they can develop our faith (Gen. 35:8).
God blesses those who are busy for Him.
God can work in the eleventh hour.
God can't bless you if you try to be someone other than who He made you to be.
God can't give it through you until He gives it to you.
God-centeredness makes you a complete person.
God chooses us to be trophies of His grace, glory, and goodness.
God created you to do something good. –Ephesians 2:10
God did not cause this mess, but He will clean it up.
God did not create me for time; He created me for eternity. –Henry Blackaby
God did not promise us an easy life; only a bright future.

God does not accept second-hand glory. –Henry Blackaby
 God does not call people who are qualified; He calls people who are willing and then He qualifies them.
 God does not call us to an assignment; He calls us to Himself. –Henry Blackaby
 God does not need me; He wants me.
 God does not grade on a curve.
 God does not promise a smooth flight, but He has promised a safe landing.
 God does not run the world by opinion polls.
 God does not save us from the trials; He saves us in the trials.
 God does not want the credit for what we do. –Henry Blackaby
 God does not waste suffering; if he plows it is because He purposes a crop. –J. Oswald Sanders
 God does not what my ability, He wants my availability.
 God doesn't call the quailed; He qualifies the called.
 God dwells in our worship.
 God-focused; remembering that behind it all God is at work.
 God formed me for a special place where I fit perfectly. —O.S. Hockins
 God gives each man a special task in life, and a blessing to carry it out.
 God gives us the vision, then takes us into the valley to shape us into that vision. –Oswald Chambers
 God has a comprehensive purpose for your life.
 God has a creative plan for your life.
 God has a clear priority for your life.
 God has a job for me that no one else can do. – Ephesians 2:10
 God has a God-sized job for me. –Henry Blackaby
 God has given every one of us something we love to do to reach others for Jesus.
 God has made us in such a way that He is the only One who can meet our needs for significance.
 God has not called us to do everything, but He has called us to do something.
 God has revealed Himself through Scripture not only as the Creator but as the Redeemer in “Christ. –John Calvin
 God helps those who recognize their need—seek, ask, knock.
 God honors persistence.
 God is able to provide inner peace amid outer storms.
 God is always at work; but we miss it if we are following our plans. –Henry Blackaby
 God is attracted to our weakness because it is then that pride is gone and we are open to Him.
 God is building His Church His way.
 God is greater than any problem I have.
 God is grooming you for His purposes.
 God is honored by how well we do things.
 God is honored when I do my best.
 God is in control.
 God is interested in developing my character. –Henry Blackaby
 God is more concerned about your character than your comfort.
 God is more interested in what I become than what I do. –Henry Blackaby
 God is moving me toward something better. Joy comes in the morning.
 God is never checkmated.
 God is not holding out on you; you are holding out on God.
 God is not holding out on you; Satan is lying to you.
 God is not in a hurry because God is God.

God is on the move.
God is relentless in developing our character.
God is still worthy of awe, fear, honor, respect, and reverence.
God is the One with whom all men have to do, one who had stepped into human affairs, who had spoken through the Scriptures, who continued to speak through them and who deals with all men personally. –the Reformers
God is the Pursuer—if you keep bumping into Christians, you are being pursued.
God is up to something bigger than we are.
God is up to something great.
God isn't trying to mess up our lives.
God judges at the proper time.
God knows our weaknesses and struggles.
God knows our pain.
God knows what He is doing.
God lets us say “No” so that “Yes” means something.
God loves dependence upon Him—God helps the helpless.
God loves me and there is nothing I can do about it.
God loves you so much that if He had a refrigerator you'd be on it.
God makes no mistakes. <http://www.cowboylyrics.com/lyrics/lynn-loretta/god-makes-no-mistakes-12982.html>
God never says, “Opps.”
God not only orders our steps but He orders our stops.
God often does His work through suffering—even Jesus suffered. –Henry Blackaby
God often orders us to cross our Jordan River at flood stage.
God only says “no” so that He can say “yes” to something better.
God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
God promotes at His discretion and in His time.
God reserves the right to use people who disagree with me. –Robert A. Cook
God stretches us to strengthen us.
God sustains us through deep waters so that we might be wounded healers.
God takes everything in your life and focuses it for His purposes. –Henry Blackaby
God takes His time in preparing His leaders: Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses.
God tests us before He uses us.
God tries your faith so that we may; try His faithfulness.
God turns losers into winners.
God uses the unlikely to do the impossible for His glory.
God usually assigns us to a place where we are most needed, not where we are most wanted.
God wants the very best for us.
God wants to change the world through us. Matthew 5:14-15
God wants to spend eternity with me.
God wants us to seek Him, not just His will.
God wants us to view our failures as a way we move forward in our relationship with Him.
God whispers in our pleasures, but shouts in our pain. –2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
God will never say to us, “What a great plan!”
God will only use people according to their brokenness.
God will use you if you are available, prepared, and praying.
God won't fill a full cup.
God works the night shift too.
God, forgive us for being rough when we should have been gentle.
God, I want to be doing what You are blessing.

God, show me where I am, and take me to where I need to be.
 God's commands are designed to guide you to life's very best. —Henry Blackaby
 God's commandments are God's enablements.
 God's fingerprints in my life.
 God's glory matters.
 God's grace is sufficient.
 God's love is not a pampering love—it is a perfecting love (Heb. 12:12).
 God's love is the glue that pulls us back together.
 God's promises are like the stars, the darker the night the brighter they shine.
 God's purpose is bigger than your problem.
 God's purpose is to be accomplished by ordinary people who believe in and serve an
 extraordinary God. —Avery Willis
 God's ways keep you humble.
 God's will should be our highest priority.
 God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply. —Hudson Taylor
 God's work is never inexpensive or convenient; becoming His faithful servant is always a trying
 experience, bound up with sacrifice, devotion, and obedience. —Peters
 Good works do not determine salvation—they demonstrate salvation. God makes us strong
 through our suffering.
 Grace prepares the way for truth (John 4).
 Good deeds create good will which leads to receiving Good News.
 Good deeds → good will → Good News
 Good fences make good neighbors.
 Grace, like manna, comes one day at a time.
 Grace – Truth = Sentimentalism (Flattery)
 Truth – Grace = Legalism
 Grace + Truth = Power to change lives (John 1: 14)
 Gratefulness comes out of the barren times—when you don't have all you need.
 Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.
 Great servants are grateful individuals. —Psalm 32
 Grumbling ruins team spirit.
 Grumbling is blaming a teammate/leader for things not going well. —James 5:9

H

Handle the present with honor, and you will be honored by the future.
 Happiness is a choice.
 Happiness is a perfume that you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.
 Happiness is the by-product of holiness, not circumstances.
 Happiness is when both are giving 100%--it reflects divine splendor.
 Hate is taking poison and expecting your enemy to die.
 Have a mission that motivates you.
 Have You Forgotten? <http://media.darrylworley.com/hyf01.ram>
<http://darrylworley.dreamworksnashville.com/>
 Have you noticed that those who are unwilling to be champions do not want others to be
 champions either?
 He died my death that I might live His life.
 He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose —Jim Eliot
 He only profits from praise who values criticism. —Heinrich Heine

He who angers you controls you!
He who burns candle at both ends ends up burned-out.
He who ceases to learn cannot adequately teach.
He who endures conquers.
He who forgets the language of gratitude can never be on speaking terms with happiness.
He who kneels the most stands best. –D. L. Moody
He who refuses to learn from history if forced to repeat its mistakes.
Heaven is going to be all we can stand.
Heavenly wisdom for your earthly walk.
Helping churches to be as successful as possible—to reach their potential.
Here are your options: Get better or get bitter (Heb. 12:12ff).
Histories make men wise; poets witty; the mathematics subtle; natural philosophy deep; moral
grave; logic and rhetoric able to content. –Francis Bacon
History is full of winners who encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they triumphed—who
won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats. (Washington,
Lincoln, Churchill).
History is not destiny.
Hold out for God's best.
Hope = God is in control + God keeps His promises + God knows the future
Hope is eagerly looking toward the future and expecting the best—based on the promises of
God.
Hope is joyful anticipation that the future will be better than the past.
How can we help you move from a 2 to a 4?
How do you know God is building His church? —the gates of hell are coming down and people
are being added.
How do you negotiate with those whose objective is to kill you?
How many people are being set free as a result of your ministry?
How will history remember you? –The Emperor's Club
Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.
Humility seeks God's glory, surrenders to God's will, and submits to God's leaders.
Hurts we don't deserve often develop into an unforgiving spirit; hurt leads to hatred.
"Hustle and Harmony—The Recipe of Champions. Stars Shine, but Teams Win."

I

I address you as my fellow students. – Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch
I am a child of destiny because God is in charge of tomorrow.
I am a friend to all who are friends of Christ.
I am more loved than I ever hoped.
I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward. –
Thomas A. Edison
I am the way I am because God made me the way I am.
I'm not OK, but that's OK, God loves me anyway, where you do or not.
I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because
by it I see everything else. –C. S. Lewis
I can beat the world's fastest runner—if I have enough of a head start.
I can control my feelings by controlling my thoughts. –John Maxwell
I come to know God by experience as I obey Him and He accomplishes His work through me. --
Blackaby
I don't want justice, I need mercy.

I don't want to take anything for you; I want to help you have the time of your life.
 I don't work for God—God works through me—the Christian life.
 I don't know the secret to success, but I do know the secret to failure—trying to please everyone. – Bill Cosby

I have cerebral palsy, now what's your problem? Dr. David Ring
 I have failed Him, but He has never failed me.
 I have nothing to offer you but blood, toil, tears, and sweat.
<http://www.rigeib.com/thoughts/britain/britain.html>

I know the future—God wins.
 I know the plans I have for you. --Jeremiah 29
 I must do something" will always solve more problems than "something must be done."
 I want to be a nobody, who is willing to tell everybody, that there is Somebody, who can save anybody.

I was born to attack badgers.
 I was born to serve the Lord.
 I was created for service. –Ephesians 2:10
 I won't back up, shut up, or give up, until my work is done.
 If a church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
 If God is not working there is a reason—unbelief.
 If God says "no" He has a reason.
 If I have an obedience problem, I have a love problem. –Henry Blackaby
 If I try to meet the needs of people I will never complete the work of the Father. –Henry Blackaby

If it is worth doing, do it today!
 If not now, when? There is no better time to chose to be happy than now.
 If not us—Who? If not now—when? –Ronald Reagan
 If one gives himself to the Lord, all other giving is easy.
 If someone agrees with you 70 percent of the time, he is not your enemy. –Ronald Reagan
 If the devil can't make you bad, he will make you busy.
 If the pace of change within the organization is slower than the pace of change in the culture, you are falling behind.

If there is no storm you need to wonder if you are in God's will.
 If there were no afterlife, life would be unfair.
 If there were no God, there would be no atheists.
 If there is a rhinoceros in the room, it is best to acknowledge that fact.
 If we desire God's best in our lives, then we must realize His best for us includes both are strengths and weaknesses.

If we don't climb on the shoulders of the giants of the past, we will be very shortsighted.
 If we don't respond properly to our hurts we will develop hatred; how can we be unforgiving in light of the cross.

If we fear competing viewpoints, if we fail to state the unpopular because of some sense of political correct civility, it is not civility at all; it is the denigration of the human capacity for thought, the suggestion that we are fragile flowers incapable of disagreement, argument, or civil intellectual combat.

If you add to the truth, you subtract from it. - *The Talmud*
 If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you always have gotten; if you want to get something new you have to do something new.
 If you are a person who gets angry, then you are an angry person.
 If you are lonely, focus on significance.
 If you are strangers to prayer you are strangers to power. - Billy Sunday

If you are going to be faithful, it's not going to be easy.
 If you are grouchy, irritable, or just plain mean there will be a \$10 charge for putting up with you.
 If you are not hearing God, the problem is not God. –Henry Blackaby
 If you are on the winning team, you are not a loser.
 If you are patient, God will come through. Job, James, I Peter
 If you aren't serving Jesus, you are a slave to the devil. –John 8:39
 If you can't fix it—break it.
 If you could ask the pastor anything, what would you ask?
 If you desire to excel for Christ, you must narrow your choices. –Philippians 3:13
 If you don't believe in God, you will believe in anything.
 If you give up on purity, holiness, righteousness, integrity, and love, God will give you up to uncleanness (Romans 1:24,26,28).
 If you have the right friends you can grow together. –John Maxwell
 If you haven't obeyed past truth you aren't open to more truth.
 If you hate those who hurt you, you can't forget them, you can't wish them well, you want them to suffer as you have suffered. These attitudes are not compatible with forgiveness.
 If you keep in step with God, you will be out of step with the world.
 If you love life, life will love you back.
 If you pay the price today, you will experience success in the future.
 If you read the Word of God, it will help you; if you study the Word of God, it will change you.
 If you really love Jesus, you won't be flirting with the Devil.
 If you revive the leader, the people will be revived.
 If you search for good you will find it; if you search for evil, it will find you.
 If you spend 30 minutes a day reading and 30 minutes reflecting, it will transform your life. – Howard Hendricks
 If you think you can't—you won't.
 If you treat time well, it will return the favor.
 If you wait until you can feed all the hungry, you will feed no one.
 If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.
 If you're looking up to God you won't be looking down on people.
 If your ministry is not drawing you closer to God, you need to reconsider it.
 Ignorance is not the cause of evil--evil is the cause of ignorance, of willfully ignoring the truth.
 I'm against sin. I'll kick it as long as I've got a foot, and I'll fight it as long as I've got a fist. I'll butt it as long as I've got a head. I'll bite it as long as I've got a tooth. And when I'm old and fistless and footless and toothless, I'll gum it till I go home to Glory and it goes home to perdition! --Billy Sunday
 Ignoring the problem is never the solution.
 Immorality interferes with intimacy because immorality desires to remain hidden.
 In most cases the problem isn't that we lack information; the problem is that we lack obedience. –Henry Blackaby
 In my weakness God is strong.
 In my wide association in life, meeting with many and great men in various parts of the world, I have yet to find the man, however great or exalted his station, who did not do better work and put forth greater effort under a spirit of approval than he would ever do under a spirit of criticism. –Charles M. Schwab
 In the essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; and in all things, charity or love –Pascal
 In reading the Scriptures I find a great moral power. Therein I am made aware of two great forces for good...; the fear of God and the grace of God. The one is a deterrent to evil and the other is an encouragement to good. –Jim Elliot

In serious conflict, if a husband reassures his wife that he truly loves her in spite of the argument they are having, and he avoids like the plague sending the message, "I don't love you," all will be fine. –Emerson Eggerichs

In the service of a greater good.

In the shadows of doubt; in the depths of despair; in the struggle for hope—be assured God is there!

Information tends to be interesting when it has immediate application.

Information without application is deadening.

Inner peace originates with God. –Philippians 4:7

Insanity is doing the same thing in the same way and expecting different results.

Inside every old person is a young person trying to figure out what happened.

Instead of asking, why can't I do this? Ask why should I do this?

Is there a word from the Lord today?

Is what I am doing, thinking, or saying building trust or is it undermining trust?

It appears we have appointed our worst generals to command forces, and our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspapers! In fact, I discovered by reading newspapers that these editor/geniuses plainly saw all my strategic defects from the start, yet failed to inform me until it was too late.

Accordingly, I'm readily willing to yield my command to these obviously superior intellects, and I'll, in turn, do my best for the cause by writing editorials—after the fact. –Robert E. Lee, 1863

It is a barren kind of criticism which tells you what a thing is not. –R. W. Griswold

It is always helpful to learn from your mistakes, because then your mistakes are worthwhile.

It is amazing what can be accomplished when you don't care who gets the credit.

It is an adventure to follow Christ.

It is better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail.

It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them. – Samuel Clemens

It is better for my enemy to see good in me than for me to see evil in him. -Yiddish proverb

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

It is better to shun the bait than it is to struggle in the snare.

It is easier to avoid the pitfalls of sin if you avoid the paths of temptation.

It's good to be a man.

It is in the storms of life that we see the power of God.

It is minor surgery when it is on you; it is major surgery when it is on me.

It's never easy to forgive, to start over, to resist temptation—but it is right.

It's never too late to be what you might have been. –George Elliot

It is not about what you think—it's about what is.

It is not enough to be *under* the Word, we must be *in* the Word; God has spoken and He has not stuttered. God has communicated because He wants us to understand.

It is not good doctrine but good deeds that reach the world.

It is not how many times you have gone through the Bible; it is how many times the Bible has gone through you.

It's not over until God says its over. It is not really tiredness but unsuccessfulness that brings fatigue.

It is never too late in life to change.

It is one mark of a friend that he makes you wish to be at your best while you are with him. – Henry Van Dyke

It is only it is usually best to be generous with praise, but cautious with criticism.

It's not about affluence; it's about availability.

It's not how much you know, but how much you practice that counts.

It's not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never tasted victory or defeat."-Theodore Roosevelt

It's not the situation; it's your reaction to the situation that matters.

It's not what's taught, but what's caught that counts.

It is not what you are on the outside; it's everything you are on the inside.

It is not what you say, but what you do, that counts.

I believe so that I may understand. –Anselm

It is only when we encounter the living God in faith that we are in a position to grasp the truth of Christian faith. –Colin Brown

It is rare that God can use a person greatly until He has hurt him deeply.

It is the passive-aggressives you must watch out for (Psalm 55:12-14). It is time for Christians to speak up and not just silently stand by watching nonbelievers go their way.

It is unbecoming for a child of God to worry.

It is well with my soul.

It is your perspective of life that determines your response to life's challenges—the Word of God determines your perspective.

J

Jacob is the ultimate example of God's chosen man doing God's will in his own strength.

Jeremiah 29:11. A great verse in a depressing chapter in a depressing book.

Jesus deserves to be #1 because nothing else can satisfy.

Jesus graciously applied truth to each person's need.

Jesus sent His disciples into the storm.

Journaling allows you to break free of sequential thinking and examine your thoughts from a bird's-eye view

Journaling benefits: (1) Helps in self-understanding and evaluation; (2) Helps in meditation; (3) Helps in expressing thoughts and feelings to the Lord; (4) Helps in remembering the Lord's works; (5) Helps in creating and preserving a spiritual heritage; (6) Helps in clarifying and articulating insights and impressions; (7) Helps in monitoring goals and priorities; and (8) helps in maintaining the other spiritual disciplines.

Journaling captures our thoughts and feelings on paper. This shows us how we think, create, learn and intuit. When we can see what we're thinking, we can work with our thoughts in new ways. We break through our habitual patterns to apply God's Word. And when we do this, our lives transform.

Journaling gets your thoughts out of your head and puts them down in writing, where you gain insights you'd otherwise never see.

Journaling helps you to understand yourself through writing; an unexamined life is not worth living.

Journaling helps you direct and change your focus.

Journaling is an effective stress management tool that provides numerous spiritual, emotional, and physical benefits.

Journaling is one of the easiest and most powerful ways to accelerate your personal development.

Journaling results in character development, inner confidence, leadership, wisdom, and a positive attitude in life.

Joy comes from making others happy. –Rick Warren

K

Keep on doing what God called you to do.
Keep your dreams greater than your memories.

L

Language matters.

Laughter is healing to the soul.

Law of "unintended consequence: Every act has unforeseen and unintended consequences that may determine its impact far more than the act's intended goal. [Friedrich von Hayek](#)

Lay any burden on me, Lord, only sustain me. Sever any tie, but the tie that binds me to Thyself.
–David Livingston

Leaders are readers; readers are leaders. –Howard Hendricks

Leaders fail when they believe themselves to be invincible.

Leaders take risks for what they believe in.

Leadership is about getting somewhere.

Leadership is about making the difficult calls.

Leadership is going from me to we.

Learn three knock-knock jokes so you will always be ready to entertain children.

Learning is changing your thinking, feeling, and behavior.

Let God give you back your dignity.

Let God love your spouse through you.

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal: my strength lies solely in my tenacity. –
Louis Pasteur

Let your heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God.

Let some things remain mysterious.

Let the work of God become your pattern.

Let your test become your testimony.

Liberty – Love = License

Liberty + Love = Service

Life – Love = Zero

Life is a losing battle against the second law of thermodynamics.

Life is 10% what happens to you, 90% how you respond to it. –Church Swindoll

Life is hard; but God is good.

Life is a marathon, not a sprint. –Dennis Preager Many protégés burn out.

Life is not a marathon; it is a series of sprints.

Life is relationships—the rest is details.

Life is short. Eternity isn't. –God

Life is so sacred that if someone takes another's life they cannot keep their own.

Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans.

Life on earth was never meant to be a waiting room for heaven.

Light destroys darkness (John 1:5), detects evil (John 3:19-20; Eph. 5:13), discovers good (John 3:21), defines Christianity (Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5), and demands exposure (Matt. 5:14-15; Phil. 2:15).

Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

Listen to inspiring music and teaching tapes rather than talk radio.
Little is much when God is in it!
Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above it. –Washington Irving
Live a courageous life.
Live in the light of eternal values (2 Pet. 3:11).
Live life to the full—be more adventurous, courageous, passionate.
Look carefully for what God put in the Scriptures. –John 21:25
Look for an opportunity to help someone this week who cannot pay you back.
Look for opportunities to give your life away; that is your calling.
Love finds its greatest pleasure in the pleasure of the other.
Love is expressed in patience.
Love is the measure of maturity—If you love me keep my commandments...

M

Make people feel important.
Man is in an abnormal state, hence the need for redemption, regeneration, reformation, restoration, renewal. If man were in a normal state, then God would have to be evil.– Josh McDowell
Many start, but few finish.
Make sure to be in with your equals if you're going to fall out with your superiors. - *Jewish proverb*
Make your life count.
Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.
Marriage is not a place to 'stand up for your rights.' Marriage is a decision to serve the other (1 Cor. 7:4 MSG).
Maturity is doing the right thing even when you feel like doing the wrong thing.
Maximum holiness leads to maximum pleasure.
May desire and opportunity never meet.
Meditation is more than just reading the Bible or quietly thinking about God. It involves asking ourselves questions, reflecting on possible answers and carrying on an inner dialogue with God concerning His Word.
Meet every week with someone who can teach you something.
Memorize Scripture as though your spiritual growth depended on it—because it does.
Memorize your favorite love poem.
Memorizing is important because Scripture is your authority. –Ralph Neighbor
Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them. – Author unknown
Men who love a crucified God need never fear torture. --Evelyn Waugh/Pope John Paul II
Messages from God: “Let’s meet at my house Sunday before the game.” “C’mon over and bring the kids.” “Keep using my name in vain, I’ll make rush hour longer.” “Loved the wedding. Invite me to the marriage.” “Life is short. Eternity isn’t.” “As my apprentice, you’re never fired.” “The real Supreme Court meets up here.” “It’s a small world; I know...I made it.” “One nation under me.” “If you must curse, use your own name!” “All I know is...everything.” “Feeling lost? My Book is your map.” “I love you... Te amo...{Chinese characters}.” www.oaaa.org/public
Militant Agnostic -- I don't know and you don't either!
Ministry is a marathon—not a sprint.

Mistakes are a fact of life—it is the responses to the error that counts.
Mobilize your people to open their eyes and ears to what God is doing around them. –Henry Blackaby
Money and success don't change people; they merely amplify what is already there.
Moral poverty is growing up without loving, capable, responsible adults who teach you right from wrong. –John DiLulio Jr.
Moral poverty is being without parents and other authorities who teach you to feel joy at others' joy, pain at others' pain, happiness when you do right, remorse when you do wrong. –John DiLulio Jr.
Moral poverty is growing up in the virtual absence of people who teach morality by their own everyday example and who insist that you follow suit. –John DiLulio Jr.
Most people are kind, some are honest, but few are courageous.
Most people miss out on opportunities because its dressed up in overalls and it looks like work. –Thomas Edison
Motivated people are not afraid of high standards.
Motivation is the key to almost everything (1 Pet. 2:2).
Music increases the effectiveness of memory.
Music is the tip of the sword that opens the heart toward God.
Music teaches and trains, and it does so with a power that speaks not only to the mind, but also to the heart. –David Jeremiah
My job is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable.

N

Nagging never works on anyone.
Never be satisfied with mediocrity. –John Maxwell
Never give the devil a ride; he will always want to drive.
Never have so many been so wrong about so much.
Never have so many owed so much to so few. –Winston Churchill
Never let a problem to be solved become more important than a person to be loved.
Never, never, never, never give up. –Winston Churchill
Never wrestle with a pig. You'll both get dirty and the pig likes it.
Never try to win an argument with your wife.
No amount of technology will improve schools until principles can fire bad teachers; teachers unions hurt children. –Steve Jobs
No matter how grouchy you are feeling, you will find a smile more or less healing.
No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone.
No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. –Eleanor Roosevelt
No one can make you unforgiving—it's a choice.
No one is born to be a failure. –Jimmy Stewart
No one is not gifted.
No one makes a bigger mistake than he who does nothing because he can only do a little. –Edmond Burke.
No one who loves God is a failure.
No pressure is greater than God's power.
No retreat, no surrender.
No victory without suffering; no freedom without sacrifice. Lord of the Rings
No woman wants to marry a weak man; she wants a man she reveres enough to trust her life to.
Nothing happens by accident

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. –Calvin Coolidge

Nothing is as contagious as enthusiasm.

Nothing is a waste of time if you learn from it.

Nothing reveals our attitude toward God better than our attitude toward others.

Now abide these three: information, understanding and clarity; but the greatest of these is clarity.

O

Obedience is costly to me and those around me; disobedience is even more costly.

Obedience is the outward expression of my love for God (John 14:15). – Blackaby

Obedience requires total dependence on God to work through me. --Blackaby

Obedience to God will lead to opposition and misunderstanding. –Henry Blackaby

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your mind off your goals.

Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most.

On earth we are building our capacity to enjoy heaven—heaven is going to be all we can stand.

One of the worst things about lying is that no one believes you when you tell the truth.

One of the great challenges in life is the challenge of self-identity.

One of the greatest turn-ons is removing a turn-off.

One person cannot change another. –John Maxwell

One reason sin flourishes is that it is treated like a cream puff instead of a rattlesnake.

--Billy Sunday

One with God is a majority. –Billy Graham

Only discipline can free us from the slavery of laziness and mediocrity.

Only God can shape our hearts as a Potter fashions the clay. –Henry Blackaby

Only God knows what is best.

Only Jesus can satisfy the great thirst of the human soul.

Only those who do not expect anything are never disappointed. Only those who never try, never fail. Anyone who is currently achieving anything in life is simultaneously risking failure. It is always better to fail in doing something than to excel in doing nothing. A flawed diamond is more valuable than a perfect brick. People who have no failures also have few victories. --John L. Mason

Only through trials do we come to maturity.

Opposites attract when it comes to personality; opposites do not attract when it comes to character.

Opportunity may knock only once, but temptation bangs on your front door every minute.

Organization is people.

Organization is getting the right people in the right place to do the right thing at the right time.

Getting the right people in the right place takes into consideration the spiritual giftedness of the people who make up the organization.

Organization is our best ally in reaching our goals and objectives.

Our attitude determines our altitude.

Our culture overemphasizes the gifts of intelligence rather than the application of intelligence. – Carol Dweck

Our culture overemphasizes intelligence and self-esteem to the detriment of character and commitment. –Carol Dweck

Our goal is not to avoid our emotions, but to detect false beliefs.
Our greatest need is HOPE.
Our main limitation is our expectation.
Our neighbor is anyone who needs our help.
Our problem is not raising our hopes too high but setting our sights too low. —Charles Swindoll
Our problem is that we are too easily satisfied; we don't ask for God's intervention.
Our sense of emptiness is not accidental; it is a fundamental clue as to our origin, purpose and destiny. Nothing that we experience on earth can truly satisfy.

P

Pain either makes you or breaks you.
Pain is weakness leaving the body. —US Marines
Pain reveals who we are deep within.
Painful emotions tell us our beliefs are wrong.
Paint the town by Sam Williams.
Passive men => wild women.
Patient endurance under suffering draws people to Christ. —Henry Blackaby
Pay as much attention to the things that are working positively in your life as you do to those that are giving you trouble.
Peace in the storm. Psalm 126.
Peace is not the absence of conflict—it is the tranquility of order in the chaos of life. John 16:33
Peace is the presence of power, not the absence of trouble.
People are eternal—everything else will go up in smoke.
People are must about as happy as they make up their minds to be. —Abraham Lincoln
People usually aren't as closed as we think they are. They just need time to think about the decision we're asking them to make. - **Rick Warren**
People are starved for love and encouragement.
People ask you for criticism, but they only want praise. W. Somerset Maugham
People care if you care for them—establish relationships.
People do as people see; therefore, walk your talk.
People do not lack strength; they lack will.
People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.
People learn by doing, not by listening.
People need coaching rather than criticism. —GCW
People need to hear the bad news straight, so that when they hear the good news it means something. —John Maxwell
People struggle with guilt because they are guilty.
People support what they help create. —John Maxwell
People who quit never write a book or dissertation.
People's behavior makes sense if you think about it in terms of their goals, needs, and motives. Thomas Mann
Perhaps the transformation of the disciples of Jesus is the greatest evidence of all for the Resurrection. —*John Stott*
Perspective is everything—God measures the universe with the span of His hand.
Peter's Sermons: God sent Jesus. Your sin killed Him. But God raised Him from the dead. By faith you can be changed. So, repent! (There is a God and He loves you. All mankind killed Jesus. If we did not have a debt, Christ would not have had to pay it. The unique claim of Christianity is that we serve a risen, living God.
Play to your strengths, not to your weaknesses.

Power belongs to God—if we had power we would not need to pray.
Practice does not make perfect but a perfect practice makes perfect.
Praising effort, strategy, process, and progress makes children willing to risk more. –Carol Dweck
Praising intelligence backfires as it causes children to think success means I am smart and mistakes mean I am dumb. –Carol Dweck
Praising intelligence causes children to think they are dumb when they make mistakes; it makes children willing to risk less. –Carol Dweck
Praising intelligence causes children to think they will lose your esteem if they slip up. –Carol Dweck
Pray for a faith that will not shrink when it is washed in the waters of affliction. - Ernest Wadsworth
Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. –Mother Teresa
Prayer is connecting to the Source of ultimate power. –Swindoll
Prayer is God's way of bonding us to Him. –Adrian Rogers
Prayer is our Declaration of Dependence upon God.
Prayer should be our first resource, not the last resort.
Prayer will put backbone where your wishbone is.
Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words. –Francis of Assisi
Preaching is about transformation, not information. –Rick Warren
Pressure reveals who you are; pressure makes you what you are; pressure demonstrates what you can become.
Pride blocks God's grace in our lives, which we must have in order to grow, change, heal, and help others.
Pride builds walls between people; humility builds bridges.
Pride quenches spiritual power quicker than anything else.
Problems are the seeds of opportunities to go higher.
Problems we openly acknowledge are solvable.
Problems=Possibilities, Reminders, Opportunities, Blessings, Lessons, Everywhere, Messages, Solvable.
Probably he who never made a mistake, never made a discovery. –Samuel Smiles.
Process = diagnosis → Treatment Plan → Engage and Energize → Well care phase → After care phase.
Procrastination, forgetfulness, laziness and sleep--these four form the coveted ship that bears men to their destined ruin.
Procrastination is a thief that robs dreamers of their dreams and the talented of their greatest achievements.
Prospective Husband Test: Will he swim through shark-infested water to bring you lemonade?
Purity leads to intimacy because intimacy desires to be fully known.

Q

Quit griping about your church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong to it.
Quitters never win and winners never quit.

R

Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man; and writing an exact man. –Francis Bacon
Reading the Bible without mediating on it is like trying to eat without swallowing.
Real effectiveness is developed through many years of improving just a few steps at a time.

Real love is when you become selfless and you are more concerned about your mate's or your children's egos than your own.

Recently Spotted Bumper Stickers:

I Give Evolution Two Opposable Thumbs Up.

I Know the Future—God Wins!

Regardless of the situation, react with class.

Reincarnation comes with strings attached: karma, illusion

Reincarnation is based on Karma—Karma teaches that you get what you deserve—and negates mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and helping others. One should allow others to suffer to get rid of bad Karma.

Rejoice when God blesses your brother.

Release people to do what God is calling them to do. –Ephesians 4

Religious work does not make a person religious.

Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something, and has lost something.

Remembering God's goodness is the key to overcoming today.

Remorse is not repentance; repentance is a change of direction.

Repent or perish.

Repentance is a work of God to bring us back to Him. –David Jeremiah

Repentance is choosing God over sin.

Repentance is turning your back on sin and moving toward God. –David Jeremiah

Replace your concerns with prayer.

Respect and romance are cousins.

Reward people according to their interests.

Reward people only if they deserve it.

Reward people immediately; the longer the delay the less the value. –John Maxwell

Rules – Relationship = Rebellion

Rules + Relationship = Response / Responsibility / Obedience

Run the race for those who passed the baton to you and pass it on to the next generation.

Runners and finishers must break through the wall of fatigue.

S

Sandpaper people = those God is using to make you more Christlike.

Salt holds back evil, light promotes good.

Salt prevents decay, provides flavor, promotes thirst, and permeates food.

Satan cannot make anyone sin; but he can trick them.

Satan does not care what Christians are divided over, just as long as we are divided.

Satan does not tell complete lies; he tells partial lies to deceive us into disobedience.

Satan is a genius, a mastermind as seen by how rampant sin is.

Satan loads us with false guilt now so that he can load us with true guilt later.

Satan wants to ruin your life.

Satan's lie: Self-worth = my performance + others' opinions about me.

Satan's most effective tools are Christians who don't walk their talk.

Satan's #1 weapon is that you can sin without consequences (without dying).

Satan's plan is to divide and conquer.

Satan's strategies: Balaam strategy, Diotrephes strategy, Eliab strategy, Goliath strategy.

Satisfaction comes from relationships, not accomplishments.

Secular negativism = life is full of pain and ends in pain.
Seek insight as well as information.
September 11, 2001 www.geocities.com/SoHo/Coffeehouse/4271/stairwell.html
Servant leadership.
Serving God is accomplished by serving others. –Matthew 25:40
Sex has a price tag.
Shalom. The wholeness of life; that which pulls all of life together. Luke 10:40ff
Share God's love with those who hurt.
Ships are safe in the harbor, but that is not what they were made for.
Shortcuts cut short five things: experience, gratitude, maturation, discipline, and perspective. –
John Maxwell
Significance is sowing seeds that benefit others.
Significance will cost you something.
Silence breeds consent.
Simplicity is the secret to success.
Sin does not bring blessing; sin brings discipline.
Sin is basically irrational.
Sin is fun for a while; but your sin will find you out.
Sin keeps you from hearing the voice of God.
Sin never satisfies, it always requires more.
Sin short-circuits lasting pleasure and satisfaction
Sin would have few takers if its consequences occurred immediately. -W.T. Purkiser
Sin will always take you farther than you planned to go.
Situations expose what is already inside—water or acid, love or anger. –McGee
Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and a few to be chewed and digested. –
Francis Bacon
Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers.
Someone who agrees with you 80% of the time is your friend, not your enemy. –Ronald Reagan
Someone is waiting on the other side of your obedience.
Sometimes dreams are worth chasing.
Sometimes God calms the storm; sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.
Sometimes success can be your greatest enemy.
Sometimes you just have to do the best you can with the information you have.
Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up.
Spend more time determining what you do well than what you do poorly.
Spiritual victory comes only to those who are prepared for battle.
Spiritual warfare can cause us to be fearful in the midst of victory (don't give up); lose our
strength for daily living (rest up); lose our focus (listen up); or become proud and reject
truth (study up).
Stop playing with sin; it will do you in.
Stop telling God how big your mountain is, and start telling your mountain how big your God is.
Stay in the presences of God until He shares His heart and mind. –Henry Blackaby
Strength comes from weakness. –Jeremiah 1:7
Students learn better when they talk, not when you talk.
Strutting is a characteristic of the wicked.
Success has many fathers; failure is an orphan.
Success in life consists not so much in marrying the person who will make you happy, as in
escaping the many who could make you miserable. –Chuck Swindoll
Success in life is to find the will of God and do it.
Success is focusing on self; significance is focusing on others.

SUDs – seemingly unimportant decisions
Suffering brings our shortcomings to the surface.
Suffering is God’s megaphone.
Synergism = Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

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Take a leap of faith into the arms of the great adventure of an authentic life.
Take the love of Christ into the darkness of the world—Mother Teresa.
Take your directions from the Owner’s Manuel.
Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.—Moses
Teaching is not about covering a lesson; it is about setting people free. —Henry Blackaby
Teaching that impacts is not head to head, but heart to heart.
Teens have a “tank” inside them that must be filled in order for them to combat peer pressure. –
Josh McDowell
Tell me what you love, and I will tell you who you are. —John Paul II
Temptation is a complement—Satan only messes with those who are doing what they are
supposed to do.
Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting
him in. —Billy Sunday
Temptation is the opportunity to do right.
Thanksgiving is counting your blessings instead of your crosses; gains instead of losses; joys
instead of woes; friends instead of foes; smiles instead of tears; courage instead of
fears; full years instead of lean; kind deeds instead of mean; health instead of wealth; on
God instead of yourself.
That which does not kill us makes us stronger.
The absence of vices is not the same as the presence of virtue.
The ability to adjust to thing you cannot control—the difference between couples who make it
and those who don’t.
The abundant life is the experience of God’s love, forgiveness, and power in the midst of our
problems.
The antidote to a spiritually dry spell is living on the evangelistic edge.
The antidote to pride is praise.
The apparent defeat of the cross is followed by the victory of the resurrection.
The balanced life: In dwelling, live close to the ground. In thinking, keep to the simple. In
conflict, be fair and generous. In governing, do not try to control. In work, do what you
enjoy. In family life, be completely present. When you are content to be simply yourself,
and do not compare or compete, those you respect will respect you.
The best is yet to come!
The best prize life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing. —Teddy Roosevelt
The best rarely are composed of the people who have the most natural talent, but rather by
those few who have a passion to fulfill their God-given talents and reach for the top of
their potential
The best use of life is love; the best expression of love is time; the best time to love is now.
The best way to learn to be successful is to surround yourself with successful people.
The best way to reach the heart is through the mind.
The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend time
denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick alongside it. —D.L. Moody
The best way to spell love is T-I-M-E.
The bitterness of poor quality outlasts the sweetness of cheap price.

The by-product of discipline is holiness (Heb. 12:13).

The carnal Christian takes the Bible literally, but he does not take it seriously. –Jack Graham

The carnal Christian wants to be ministered to, but not to minister to others. –Jack Graham

The challenge is to bring light, and hope, and encouragement into the dark places.

The child is the father to the man

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried. –G.K. Chesterton

The Christian life is not so much running from evil as it is facing God.

The church is a service department for sinners, not a showcase for saints.

The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. –E.M. Bounds

The church is the only organization that exists for the benefit of its non-members.

The cross gives preaching its power.

The cross is the central theme of the Bible.

The cross strips us of the right to be unforgiving.

The danger of the downward pull.

The darker the world gets the brighter a candle shines.

The difference between greatness and mediocrity is vision –Habakkuk 2:2

The difference between your expectations and reality is your level of frustration.

The difference between your pretending and the real you is your emptiness.

The devil cannot do anything with a humble man.

The equipping always follows the assignment; it never precedes it. –Henry Blackaby

The essence of accountability is that we are less likely to fall into a trap when others are watching out for us.

The essence of the educational process is a teacher helping a learner apply knowledge to a problem.

The evidence for Christianity is sufficient, but not exhaustive.

The eyes of fear are focused on the flesh; the eyes of faith are focused on the Father. ---Kin Nichols

The fate of empires depends on the education of youth. –Aristotle

The farther backward you can look, they farther forward you are likely to see. –Winston Churchill

The flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today. The function of the teacher is to create the most favorable conditions for self-learning. —John Milton Gregory

The glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time you fail. –Chinese Proverb

The God who calls me is also the One who will enable me to do His will. –Henry Blackaby

The good is often the enemy of the best.

The greater the difficulty the greater the glory. --Cicero

The greatest battles are fought in the mind.

The greatest threat to marriage is busyness—the pace of living. –Dobson

The high cost of low living.

The higher the expectation, the lower the reality, the greater the disappointment.

The higher you want to go the deeper you must dig.

The highest good leads to maximum pleasure. –R.C. Sproul

The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.

The four /s of leaders—integrity, intellect, intensity, insight.

The important thing is not to stop questioning. –Albert Einstein

The investment of our talent is what grows the kingdom of God.

The issue is not what is popular, but what is right.

The key to a spiritual leaders life is his personal relationship with God. –Henry Blackaby

The key to connecting with people is to value them. –John Maxwell

The key to just about everything is, you gotta love it. You gotta crave it. You gotta want it. You gotta like it. –Josh Hunt

The key to spiritual growth is spiritual appetite

The key to success in life is to put the right prices on the right items.

The key to motivating people is catching them doing something right.

The kinds of assignments God gives are God-sized. –Henry Blackaby

The kings still has one move.

The light shines brightest in the darkness.

The light shines brightest when the world is the darkest.

The majority of people in the world do not value liberty; they value security (e.g. Europe). “Give me liberty or give me death” is a distinctively American concept.

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

The masculine soul experiences healing when it realizes that it is not alone.

The measure of faith is equal to its impossibility.

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed. Lloyd Jones

The message of the Living Word in the Written Word is simply this: God loves you; Christ died for you; and He will forgive you of all your sin, and he will set you free to be the person you always wanted to be down in your heart; he will take you to places you have never gone to before with joy indescribable if you will believe in Him. –David Jeremiah

The mind is to the soul, what the brain is to the body.

The most important test of teacher effectiveness is student performance.

The most pervasive problems of the modern era are loneliness and a sense of meaninglessness brought about by depersonalization.

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The need for change is proportional to the need to be relevant.

The needs of people do not set the agenda of the spiritual leader—the will of God sets the agenda. –Henry Blackaby

The next best thing to being in heaven is knowing that you are going there (blessed assurance, oh, what a foretaste of glory above).

The new is concealed in the Old—and the old is revealed in the New. –St. Augustine

The number one problem in education today is the failure to motivate learners...to get them off the dime and into action.

The only person you have any control over is you.

The only real disability in life is a bad attitude.

The only real failure in life is the failure to try.

The opposite of grumbling is loving confrontation.

The opposite of ignorance in the Scriptures is not knowledge; its obedience.

The peace of God pulls a shattered life back together

The peace of God doesn’t deliver you from the problems of life; it delivers you through the problems of life.

The people who make a difference are not the ones with the credentials, but the ones with the concern. —Max Lucado.

The popularity of the Christian with the world is in inverse ratio with his popularity with Christ.

The power of hope in the midst of adversity.

The power of the cross is seen in family restoration.

The presence of problems does not indicate the absence of God’s presence.

The problem is not that God is holding back on us; the problem is that we are holding back on God.

The problem with atheism is not that the atheist believes in nothing, but that he believes in everything. –G. K. Chesterton <http://www.chesterton.org/acs/quotes.htm>

The problem with the average guy coming out of the university is that he can't read, he can't write, and he can't think. And if you can't read, write, or think, what can you do? – Howard Hendricks

The process of evangelism is not completed until the evangelized become evangelists.

The promises of God: I have sent you. I will be with you. I will empower you. Gideon

The purpose I was made for is for Jesus (Col. 1:16).

The reality is that criticism and opposition will drive you somewhere. Let it drive you closer to God and you will become better; let it drive you away from God and you will become bitter." –Dan Southerland

The reason we don't talk to our friends about God is because we don't talk to God about our friends.

The reason we journal is that the unexamined life is not worth living.

The rebel can never find peace.

The riches of the generous never waste away, while he who will not give finds none to comfort him.

The righteous will be exalted.

The road to success is always under construction.

The role of a spiritual leader is to know the will of God. –Henry Blackaby

The secret of life is one thing—when you focus on that one thing, everything else makes sense.

The secret to Jesus' power is His relationship to the Father.

The secret to life is gratitude.

The secret to loving is not found in religion or rules; the secret to loving is found in relationships.

The self-deceived know but do not do (James 1:22-25).

The seven works of bodily mercy be these: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and the needy, harbor the homeless, comfort the sick, visit prisoners, bury the dead.

The seven works of spiritual mercy be these: teach men the truth, counsel men to how with Christ's law, chastise sinners by moderate reproofing in charity, comfort sorrowful men by Christ's passion, forgive wrongs, suffer meekly reproofs for the right of God's law, pray heartily for friend and for foe. – Middle English sermons

The spirit and the flesh are at war and the one that we let win gets the body.

The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to do the work of God.

The state of your heart dictates whether you harbor a grudge or give grace, seek self-pity or seek Christ, drink human misery or taste God's mercy. –Max Lucado

The storms of life are designed to make us better people.

The storms of life reveal your beliefs.

The storms of life reveal your foundation.

The story of God is the story of how He uses ordinary men and women to accomplish the extraordinary.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The teacher has not taught until the student has learned

The times of Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and Daniel were great, but now it is our time!

The timing of God = divine appointments.

The tree didn't fall far from the nut.

The three sources of an unforgiving spirit: pride, selfishness, ignorance—and time doesn't heal them.

The true function of the teacher is to create the most favorable conditions for self-learning... True teaching is not that which gives knowledge, but that which stimulates pupils to gain it. –John Milton Gregory

The true test of a person's life is not successfulness but faithfulness.

The victory over mediocrity is found in the search for excellence. We are prone to evaluate our practice and quality of work on "the bell curve." If that's what everybody else is doing it must be good. So we become comfortable in the middle of the "bell curve" where most are satisfied to live.

The vision that God gives you for the future is rooted in your past. –David Jeremiah

The weakest ink is better than the best memory—study with a pen in your hand. –Adrian Rogers

The whole truth is generally the ally of virtue; a half-truth is always the ally of some vice.

The will of God for the believer is always found within the parameters of the Word of God.

The will of God never takes you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

The wisdom of parenting: Just get them through it.

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated in quotations. --
Benjamin Disraeli

The wise learn from their trials.

The wise prefer the good to the pleasant, but fools choose pleasure through greed.

The world is extremely interesting to a joyful soul.

The world is run by exhausted, fatigued, tired people.

The Written Word reveals the Living Word.

The young don't know what age is, and the old forget what youth was. –Seumas MacManus

The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions. –Oliver Wendell Holms

There are no seven easy steps to success.

There are no nice subtle crosses in the Bible.

There are one-story intellects, two-story intellects, and three-story intellects with skylights. All fact collectors, who have no aim beyond their facts, are one-story men. Two-story men compare, reason, generalize, using the labors of the fact collectors as well as their own. Three-story men idealize, imagine, and predict—their best illumination comes from above, through the skylight. –Oliver Wendell Holms

There are only two types of men: Those who struggle with lust and liars.

There are three types of leaders: risk-takers, care-takers, undertakers.

There are things worse than death.

There are two choices: Humble yourself or be humbled by God.

There are two kinds of people: those who lift others up and those who lean on others.

There are two types of dissertations: the great ones and those that are completed!

There are two types of education. One should teach us how to make a living, And the other how to live. –
John Adams

There but for the grace of God go I.

There has never been a happy feminist—they are filled with paranoia and anger.

There is a design behind my life—a purpose, a plan. Jeremiah 1:4

There is a distinct difference between what we can do and what God can do. –Henry Blackaby

There is a fight for your soul.

There is a God-shaped vacuum in every one of us.

There is a great gap between how men want to act and how they do act.

There is a healing when men realize they are not alone.

There is a little boy or girls within you that needs to be loved—let God love you.

There is a right and there is a wrong.

There is twistedness in everyone of us.

There is no accidental information in the Bible.

There is no darkside to God's force.
 There is no more lovely, friendly or charming relationship, communion or company, than a good marriage. –Martin Luther
 There is no pit so deep that He is not deeper still –Corrie tem Boon
 There is no ying-yang with God.
 There is nothing I can do to make God love me more or to make God stop loving me.
 There is nothing more exalting than requited love.
 There is nothing so fatal to character as half-finished tasks.
 There is nothing you have done that God cannot forgive.
 There is nothing wrong with people possessing riches—the wrong comes when riches possess people. –Billy Graham
 There is opportunity in every difficulty.
 There is something beyond this life that is more real than what we can see.
 There isn't much justice in this world; but there is some.
 There worst we go through is only God helping us grow up.
 Things are not as bad as they seem. –John Gray
 Think before you speak.
 Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it. – Henry Ford
 This life is but the introduction to eternity.
 This life is only a brief prelude, a puny grain of sand compared to the vast, infinite seashore of eternity.
 Those who are closest to you will determine your level of success. –John Maxwell
 Those who are kind when they ought to be cruel will be cruel when they ought to be kind. – Jewish proverb
 Those who are out of shape mentally are soon victimized by the thoughts and feelings of others.
 Those who constantly take shortcuts end up with far less than these expect.
 Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly. —Robert F. Kennedy
 Those who do not think for themselves grow dependant upon the thoughts of others. –John Maxwell
 Though no one can go back and make a brand new start; anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.
 Thoughtlessness is the path of death, for those who are thoughtless aer as if dead already.
 Throughout last year God was preparing you for this year—did you take notes?
 Time is precious; don't waste it—read.
 Time wasters: Doing things you are not gifted to do, not focusing on your purpose, thinking negatively about people and life.
 To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, not must observe and reflect.
 To battle temptation we have to change the mind by doing something that is more appealing.
 To be happy one must develop a tender heart—and a rhinoceros hide thick skin.
 To be motivated people need to have (1) heard enough they have to; (2) learn enough they want to; and (3) receive enough they are able to. –John Maxwell
 To change the world you need to start by changing yourself.
 To do great things for God you must imagine yourself doing great things for God. So what are you dreaming about?
 To err is human, to forgive divine.
 To fail when the battle rages is to fail when it counts most.
 To find out who you really are, you must follow Christ.
 To follow the straight path, choose a good colleague; to avoid the evil path, avoid a wicked colleague. –Mishna: Abot

To have no cause is to have no accomplishment.
To motivate people we must connect with people by finding common ground: What do you sing about? What do you cry about? What do you dream about? –John Maxwell
To motivate yourself just do it!
To put the puzzle together, it helps to look at the picture.
To reach your potential you have to keep growing.
To say “No” to the flesh is actually saying “Yes” to one’s deepest being.
To wish you were someone else is to waste the person you are.
Today is the first day of the rest of your life.
Today is the tomorrow I worried about yesterday and it did not happen.
Too often we exchange the power of God for religious activity.
Tough times do not last, but tough people do.
Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living.
Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being. –Goethe
Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle. --Michelangelo
True education is a bridge between theory and praxis.
Trust is built one block at a time, but when it is violated the entire wall comes crashing down. – David Branker
Truth is black and white; grace is multicolored.
Truth is not motivational until it is applied.
Truth – Grace = Legalism (Rules – Love)
Tyranny flourishes when words have no meaning. –George Orwell, 1984.

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Under-promise and over-deliver: The amazing power of understatement.
Use the right tool for the job—multiple intelligence, spiritual gift, passion, person.
Unhappiness is not knowing what we want and killing ourselves to get it. –Don Herald

V

Values: personal growth of each team-member; priority of adding value to others, power of partnership, raising up and development of leaders; stewardship of the organization, glorifying God to the ends of the earth.
Virtually anything is possible if you break it down to small steps.
Virtue is more than the absence of vices.
Vision is a bridge from the past to the future.
Vision is seeing things as they could be.
Vision is the eye of faith to see the invisible and then make it happen.
Vision is the art of seeing things that are invisible.
Vision is the dominant factor that determines your life.
Vision is the power that causes people to make huge sacrifices and become all they can be.
Vision is a clear mental image of a preferable future imputed by God.
Vision is the God-given energy that will make you become a risk-taker.
Vision is adopting an action plan that will enable you to move forward.
Vision: “That every man and woman, boy and girl, have an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel” –Fermin Whitticker

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Waiting on God is worth the wait. –Henry Blackaby

Wake Up!, Dress Up!, Shut Up!, Stand Up!, Look Up!, Reach Up!, Lift Up! And Back Up your dreams with actions.

Watch to see where God is working and join Him. –Henry Blackaby

Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

We all want to hear, “Well done!”

We are all at the crossroads.

We are all broken pots, but it’s the cracks that let the light out.

We are all called to lives of compassion.

We are all desperate to be loved.

We are all of us richer than we thin we are.

We are all special, but none is better than the rest.

We are broken.

We are called to lives of compassion.

We are called to make a difference in the world.

We are designed for service.

We are gold in the making.

We are going through a refining process—a refining process is not fun. –1 Peter

We are less likely to fall into a trap when others are watching out for us.

We are like solar panels—we need the energy of the Son.

We are made for a mission in the world.

We are not now living in a post-Judeo-Christian era but rather in an anti-Judeo-Christian era. –
Josh McDowell

We are salt when we do our best and are generous.

We are vital members of a special team: (1) We belong (adopted); (2) We have worth (bride); (3) We are competent (gifted); (4) We are diverse (unique); (5) We have specialties (body); (6) We complement one another (fit together); (7) We are one (1 Cor. 12).

We are never free until we are free to be ourselves.

We are no longer mere men (1 Corinthians 3:3), we are supernatural men.

We are not called to entertain believers while the world goes to hell. –Henry Blackaby

We are not in the land of the living and heading for the land of the dying; we are in the land of the dying trying to get to the land of the living. –Larry Moody

We are not made to carry hurt and hatred and bitterness and unforgiveness.

We are responsible not only for what we do but also for what we do not do. – Jean-Baptiste
Molière

We are still afraid of one another, and of ourselves.

We are the sum total of our choices.

We are useless unless God chooses to use us.

We attract who we are, not who we want = The law of magnetism.

We become like those we worship.

We can experience healing only to the degree that we are aware we need it.

We cannot connect with God’s plan until we connect with God.

We don’t change the message, the message changes us.

We don’t go to church—we are the church.

We don’t need information; we need transformation.

We don’t work for God; God works through us.

We exist for God—not the other way around.
 We experience suffering and trials for a reason.
 We forget that we are mortal.
 We forget that we are eternal.
 We forget that our mortal life impacts our eternal life; Therefore, focus on the eternal rather than the temporal.
 We have an unfair advantage: the truth is on our side.
 We have met the enemy and he is us.
 We have no problems, just challenges to adjust to the plan of God.
 We have substituted religion for relationship. –Henry Blackaby
 We learn wisdom from failure more than from success. –Samuel Smiles
 We live by encouragement, and die without it—slowly, sadly, and angrily.
 We live in unparallel times of opportunities.
 We look upon prayer simply as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the Biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself. –Oswald Chambers
 We may lose this battle, but we will win this war.
 We need to not only concentrate on finding the right person, but more important, on becoming the right person. –Joshua Harris
 We need to be more critical of our own motivations, and less critical of the motivations of others—love does not come up with the worst motivation possible (1 Cor. 13).
 We need to crucify sin rather than manage sin. –Henry Blackaby
 We need to show Christ's love before we can share Christ's love.
 We only grow when we are uncomfortable.
 We want to be Christ-like without the cross. –Henry Blackaby
 We'll get along fine just as soon as you realize I'm right.
 What are my plans for personal and professional growth?
 What are the five best books you have read in the last year?
 What are the key issues in your community?
 What are the key issues you are facing?
 What are you learning in your time of darkness?
 What are your goals for the next ten years?
 What are your physical, mental, social, and spiritual shortcomings, and how do they keep you humble?
 What do you believe God wants you to do next?
 What do you get excited about? What really turns you on?
 What do you have that you did not receive?
 What do you want to accomplish with your life?
 What does God want me to do today?
 What gets rewarded gets done.
 What has come clear to you since we last met?
 What I do reveals what I believe about God, regardless of what I say. –Henry Blackaby
 What I believe about God will determine what I do and how I live. –Henry Blackaby
 What if God designed marriage to make us *holy* more than to make us *happy*?
 What if there were no Christmas?
 What is necessary is not that we have great faith but rather that we have simple trust in God's great faithfulness –Hudson Taylor
 What is one thing you believe will make an impact on your city?
 What is the point of free speech if we are always afraid to speak freely?
 What is your greatest vice? I drink way too much coffee.
 What we believe defines us and determines how we approach every day of life.

What you do now impacts what will happen later.
 What you do proves what you believe. Your works demonstrate your beliefs.
 What you said really interests me. Could you give me an example?
 What we fear usually doesn't happen, and if it does, it is not nearly as bad as we thought it would be.
 What were you placed on earth for—to life for Jesus—eternal gain.
 What worries you, masters you. –Haddon Robinson
 What would I try to do if I thought I could succeed?
 Whatever captures a man's mind captures him and becomes his true objective.
 Whatever, Wherever, and Whenever: This is how we should witness. Whatever the situation we are in, wherever we are at the time, and whenever we get the chance.
 When a man angers you, he controls you.
 When a man ceases to grow he begins to decay.
 When evil is ignored, it flourishes.
 When God gives a commandment, He is not restricting me; He is freeing me. --Blackaby
 When God puts a period, do not change it to a question mark.
 When God wants to do an incredible thing, He takes an impossible man and crushes him.
 When I am weak, then I am strong.
 When I pray coincidences happen, and when I stop they don't.
 When I worry, I add more things to an already full schedule.
 When I worry, I add pressure by thinking my image and reputation are involved in this.
 When I worry, I add expectations to what has not yet happened.
 When I worry, I subtract God's presence from my crisis.
 When I worry, I subtract prayer from my day.
 When I worry, I subtract perspective from the moment.
 When I worry, I multiply my problems by inserting my own solutions to rapidly.
 When I worry, I multiply my fears with my imagination.
 When I worry, I divide life into the secular and sacred.
 When I worry, I divide my day into the Lord's part and my business.
 When I tell God about my limitation, He responds with, "Tell me something I don't know." – Moses
 When it comes to suiting the comfort level of diverse groups of students, it is not my job to make people comfortable, it is to educate them.
 When leaders lack accountability they fail.
 When Jesus saw broken humanity, His heart was moved with compassion.
 When our hearts are moved with compassion, we are moved to action.
 When someone agrees with you over 75% of the time, he is not your enemy.
 When the internal is connected to the eternal the externals will fall into place.
 When the Bible speaks, God speaks. –B.B. Warfield
 When the God of the universe tells me something important, I should write it down. –Henry Blackaby
 When was the last time you exercised your faith in a major way when something kept you from your dream (1 Samuel 14:6).
 When we face fear, (1) reflect on God's faithfulness in the past, (2) focus on the presence of God here and now, (3) believe the promises of God for success.
 When we respond to hardship the way God wants us to respond—people are impressed.
 When we focus on Christ we won't have time for the lusts of the flesh. –Galatians 5:16
 When words and actions are in opposition, actions always overpower words.
 When you are faithful, you will touch the ages.

When you are living in the fast land you tend to overlook the basic components that give your life meaning—relationships, getting to know someone really well, putting someone else first.

When you are out of the will of God those you love will suffer most. –Henry Blackaby

When you disobey, you miss out on some of life's greatest experiences.

When you help others get to the top, they will help you get to the top.

When you pass the test you go on to the blessing.

When you stop looking at your problems and fix your eyes on Jesus you will experience God.

Whenever we learn something new, we pay for it with something old. We must give up ignorance and prejudice and falsehood if we are to gain truth. To add a new idea to the mind, we must eject an old one. So all learning is subtracting as well as adding, dying as well as birthing. —Socrates

Whenever you do something for God, there will be opposition (e.g. Nehemiah, Paul).

Where does your mind go when it is not legitimately occupied?

Where we see weakness, God sees possibilities (e.g. Moses, Gideon, David).

Whether we experience failure or success, God can use each situation to teach us that our worth is secure in Him.

Whether we know it or not, we are all following something or someone.

Who needs my encouragement, my written and oral blessing?

Who you want to become is less than who you already are. –McGee

Whoever teaches the child to doubt, The rotting grave will ne'er get out. –William Blake

Why are we feuding when lost souls are dying and going to hell?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Wisdom is doing the right thing without a precedent.

Wise people seek criticism. –Gary Smalley

With all due respect.

With every opportunity comes responsibility.

With only knowledge, I dry up, With only spirit, I blow up, But with a balance, I grow up.

While you can't see the future, you can help shape the future.

Without emotional trust you can't have emotional intimacy.

Women crave emotional touch; Men crave physical touch.

Women spell love t-e-n-d-e-r-n-e-s-s; Men spell love r-e-s-p-e-c-t.

Work less, think more.

Worry is forgetting God.

Worry is like a rocking chair: no matter how much you rock, you get nowhere.

Worry is unhealthy.

Worry is when you meditate on the problem, rather than on the Problem-Solver.

Worry states that you don't trust God's wisdom, sovereignty, and love.

Worship is about encountering God.

Worship and worry cannot live in the same heart.

Worship is giving all of ourselves to God.

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God.

Worship opens your heart to God and His Word.

Worship the Lord in your work.

Writing makes a person more precise.

X

Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God. –William Carey

Experience is what enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Expository Preaching is when the message is centered around explaining and applying the text of the Bible for life change. - Rick Warren

Y

You are a child of God, lover, man, saint—act like one.

You are a vital member of a special team:

You are the pointer—not the Savior; lay your burden down.

You are called to love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself, not just to enjoy or suffer. - *S.R. Hirsch, "Nineteen Letters," 1836*

You are different from everyone else.

You are either dying or developing.

You are either in a storm, just getting out of a storm, or about to enter a storm.

You are free to make choices, but you are not free to escape the consequences.

You are God's ambassador—act like it.

You are more important than what you do.

You are not alone in your depression and in your questions. –Job, Psalms, Elijah, Luther, Spurgeon

You are the sum of everything you see, watch, read, hear, and think.

You are the way God made you for a reason.

You become a somebody when Jesus comes into your life.

You can be incredibly successful and an abysmal failure. –Henry Blackaby

You can do all the right things, in all the right ways, for all the right reasons—and you will still be attacked by those who are intimidated by good (Daniel).

You can do better than that.

You can do wonderful things as long as you don't care who gets the credit.

You can lead from anywhere.

You can only go as high as the people you associate with—don't ever be the smartest person you know.

You can say what you want about the South, but I ain't never heard of anyone retiring to the North.

You can tell a type of tree by the fruit—people are checking your fruit to see what type of tree you are.

You can tell the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.

You can worry or you can meditate (Phil. 4; Psalm 1).

You cannot be prideful and teachable at the same time.

You cannot direct the wind but you can adjust the sails. --Anonymous

You cannot operate on the margins of your knowledge—you have to know ten times as much as you apply.

You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself. –Galileo Galilei

You can't do spiritual things in the power of the flesh.

You can't motivate positively, those to whom you feel negatively.

You can't negotiate with evil; when good compromises with evil, evil always wins.

You can't serve the Lord with a burden of unrepentant sin on your back.

You can't operate on the margins of your knowledge—you have to know ten times as much as you apply.

You can't please everyone, but you can love everyone.

You control your attitude or it controls you.

You do not teach what you do not live.

You do your very best when Jesus is with God.
You do not teach what you do not live.
You don't come closer to God by making more commitments; you come closer to God by denying self and taking up your cross.
You don't get much done by starting tomorrow.
You don't see God's power in the boat.
You get a lot more out of a man when you make smile first. –Dr. Laura
You have been called to a life of significance.
You have choice: You can select joy over despair. You can select happiness over tears. You can select action over apathy. You can select growth over stagnation. –Leo Buscaglia
You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life. –Winston Churchill
You have to buy the field to find the treasure.
You have to deal with your pain—or it will destroy you.
You have to give a little more than you take.
You matter to God.
You must choose between the pain of discipline and the pain of regret.
You must experience the sorrow and the pain before you can be released to feel the joy.
You need to pour your foundation before the hurricane.
You never learn about yourself until you have been all the way down.
You only get the victory when you surrender.
You only have one life to live so make it count—live it the way God intended.
You want a woman to admire you, treat her like a princess.
You were made to rule the world.
You will most likely discover your greatest moments in the midst of a mundane pursuit of good habits.
You will never do what God wants you to do without passion.
You will never find time for anything; if you want time, you must make it.
You'll get through this.
You'll never be held accountable for a spiritual gift you do not have. –John Maxwell
You're reading too much if you reflect on it too little. –Howard Hendricks
Your choice of closest friends will determine your level of success.
Your kids will sometimes fail to listen to you, but never fail to imitate you.
Your gifts are meant to be given away.
Your response to change will result in either growth or grief.
Your task as a communicator is not to impress people, but to impact them; not just to convince them, but also to change them. –Howard Hendricks
Your time, abilities, skills are all gifts from God.
Your vision determines your character; your character determines your leadership.
You're holding too much pain in your life—you need to be loved by God. –Nicky Cruz
You're just a player in a much bigger plan.
You've got a story to tell.

Z

Zeal without knowledge; knowledge without zeal .

Anger

Anger is a thief who steals away the nice moments.

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. --Thomas A. Kempis

Don't get angry at the sheep for acting like sheep.

Hurts we don't deserve often develop into an unforgiving spirit; hurt leads to hatred.

If you are a person who gets angry, then you are an angry person.

There has never been a happy feminist—they are filled with paranoia and anger.

When a man angers you, he controls you.

Anxiety

Do not be afraid—Genesis to Revelation

Drive out fear: You must refuse to be cowed by the opinions of others. You must have the strength to say no to the wrong things and to embrace the right ones, even if you are the only one who seems to know the difference.

Fear chases out faith and faith chases out fear.

Fear forces, love leads, faith follows.

FEAR = False Evidence Appearing Real

We are still afraid of one another, and of ourselves.

What we fear usually doesn't happen, and if it does, it is not nearly as bad as we thought it would be.

When we face fear, (1) reflect on God's faithfulness in the past, (2) focus on the presence of God here and now, (3) believe the promises of God for success.

Apologetics

Christianity gives us moral law; Naturalism gives us survival of the fittest—it takes away human dignity.

Christianity is the only religion that has at its core event the humiliation of its God.

Here I stand, I can do no other. –Martin Luther

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. –C. S. Lewis <http://www.quotedb.com/authors/cs-lewis>

If God exists and we are made in His image we can have real meaning, and we can have real knowledge through what He has communicated to us. –Francis Schaeffer

If we fear competing viewpoints, if we fail to state the unpopular because of some sense of political correct civility, it is not civility at all; it is the denigration of the human capacity for thought, the suggestion that we are fragile flowers incapable of disagreement, argument, or civil intellectual combat.

Is Christianity true? Is an historical question, not a philosophical question. – Josh McDowell

Is there sufficient historical evidence to justify belief in Christianity?

Jesus Christ is God's unequivocal divine yes! (2 Cor. 1:19).

Man is in an abnormal state, hence the need for redemption, regeneration, reformation, restoration, renewal. If man were in a normal state, then God would have to be evil.–
Josh McDowell

Negativism (life is full of pain and ends in pain) or surprised by joy, it's your choice.

Occam's Razor: the best explanation is usually the simplest.
The evidences for Christianity are sufficient, but not exhaustive (John 20).
The greatest possible miracle: to find 12 men willing to die painfully for a life, knowing it was a life, when their "great cause" died on the cross. The resurrection is the only cause great enough for this effect.
There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "All right, then, have it your way." –C.S. Lewis
There is no darkside to God's force.
There is no ying-yang with God.
Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee. –St. Augustine
We are not now living in a post-Judeo-Christian era but rather in an anti-Judeo-Christian era. – Josh McDowell
We have an unfair advantage: the truth is on our side.

Attitude

Attitude. The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It's more important than appearances, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes. –Charles Swindoll
Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. –Winston Churchill
I like a man who grins when he fights. –Winston Churchill
Our attitude determines our altitude.
The only real disability in life is a bad attitude.
You control your attitude or it controls you.

Bible

A Bible that is never touched will never touch you.
All Scripture points to Christ.
All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated through this book; but for the book we could not know right from wrong. All the things desirable to man are contained in it. – Abraham Lincoln
If you read the Word of God, it will help you; if you study the Word of God, it will change you; if you meditate on the Word of God, it will keep you.
In reading the Scriptures I find a great moral power. Therein I am made aware of two great forces for good...; the fear of God and the grace of God. The one is a deterrent to evil and the other is an encouragement to good. –Jim Elliot
It is not enough to be *under* the Word, we must be *in* the Word; God has spoken and He has not stuttered. God has communicated because He wants us to understand.
Look carefully for what God put in the Scriptures. –John 21:25
Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.

Often we miss the truths of Scripture because we are not looking for them.
Reading the Bible without mediating on it is like trying to eat without swallowing.

Sola fidei regula: the Bible is the only authoritative voice of God to man.

Sola scriptura.

Take your directions from the Owner's Manual.

There is no accidental information in the Bible.

There are no nice subtle crosses in the Bible.

The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man.

The Bible is a library of sixty-six books.

The Bible is a treasure of divine instruction.

The Bible provides the floor plan for life.

The Bible reveals the principles by which God will judge.

The Bible tells how men can be saved and how saved men should live.

The Bible, through its principles and ideals, provides an enduring, relevant guide to Christian conduct.

The Holy Spirit and the Bible do not conflict.

The message of the Living Word in the Written Word is simply this: God loves you; Christ died for you; and He will forgive you of all your sin, and he will set you free to be the person you always wanted to be down in your heart; he will take you to places you have never gone to before with joy indescribable if you will believe in Him. —David Jeremiah

The new is concealed in the Old—and the old is revealed in the New. —St. Augustine

The purpose of Scripture is not to enlarge our heads but to conform our character to the image of Christ. (Rom. 8:28-29; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 5:12-14).

The Written Word reveals the Living Word.

To be guided by the Holy Spirit is to be led into a knowledge of the will of God as revealed in the Bible and climaxed in Christ.

To find God's will, we need both the Holy Spirit and the Bible: inspiration, preservation, illumination, and motivation.

To pray well is to study well.

When the Bible is studied just as a textbook it leads to arrogance; it must be read devotionally for application.

When the Bible speaks, God speaks. —B.B. Warfield

You're reading too much if you reflect on it too little. —Howard Hendricks

Bible Interpretation

A good application is personal, specific, measurable, timely, and reasonable.

A knowledge of marriage customs, economic practices, military systems, legal systems, agricultural methods, etc., is all very helpful in the interpretation of Scripture. —Bernard Ramm

Application asks: (1) Is there a command I should obey? (2) Is there an exhortation I should follow? (3) Is there a prohibition or something I should avoid? (4) Is there a godly example I should follow?

Application should be personal, specific, measurable, timely, and reasonable.

Application without interpretation is mysticism.

Connecting words—and, but, now, or, for, according to, wherefore, therefore, in order that, if, from, out of—are keys to correctly interpreting a passage.

Determining what the passage says is observation.

Determining what the passage means is interpretation.

Facts are stupid things until brought into connection with some general law.

The Bible uses figures of speech to add vitality to its verbal message

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/article_idioms.html

Hermeneutics bridges the gap between our minds and the words of the Bible.

If you read the Word of God, it will help you; if you study the Word of God, it will change you' if you mediate on the Word of God, it will keep you.

In deduction you begin with a general principle or conclusion, then observe whether the conclusion is true. –Irving Jensen

In inductive Bible study you first observe, then make conclusions based on the text.

Inspiration is infallible, but not illumination. –Bernard Ramm

Interpretation without application is rationalism.

Literal interpretation is crippled without the help of cultural studies. –Bernard Ramm

Look carefully for what God put in the Scriptures. –John 21:25

Only grammatical interpretation fully honors the verbal inspiration. Roy Zuck

Paraphrasing a passage forces the student to concentrate on the meaning of the words.

Qualifications of an interpreter: born again, a passion to know God's Word, a deep reverence for God, utter dependence on the Holy Spirit to guide and direct (spiritual things are spiritually discerned). –Bernard Ramm

Scripture interprets Scripture. –Martin Luther

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Sola fidei regula: the Bible is the only authoritative voice of God to man.

Study without application leads to pride.

Study without obedience leads to a cold heart.

Syntax is the orderly arrangement of words and their relation to one another to convey meaning in a sentence. –Summers

Textual criticism [or lower criticism] is the Biblical science which determines the text of Scripture... Historical criticism deals with authorship, date of composition, historical circumstances, the authenticity of its contents, and its literary unity.... Radical criticism [or higher criticism] is the liberal attempt to explain away the supernatural based on German rationalism. –Bernard Ramm

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The Bible was not written with paragraph breaks in it which is why different translations suggest different paragraph divisions.

The Bible was written to influence our thoughts and spur us to appropriate action.

The paragraph is the fundamental unit of expression.

The steps of inductive interpretation are: (1) observation, (2) interpretation, (3) correlation, and (4) application.

The importance of first-hand observation: The Student, the Fish, and Agassiz
<http://www.bethel.edu/~dhoward/resources/Agassizfish/Agassizfish.htm>

The understanding of most passages of Scripture is dependent on some understanding of *history*. –Bernard Ramm

The primary and basic need of hermeneutics: to ascertain what God has said in Sacred Scripture; to determine the meaning of the Word of God. –Bernard Ramm

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The study of the canon determines the inspired books, the study of text [textual criticism] determines the working of the books; the study of historical criticism gives us the framework of the books; hermeneutics gives us the rules for the interpretation of the books; exegesis is the application of these rules to the books; and Biblical theology [preaching and application] is the result. –Bernard Ramm

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To pray well is to study well.

Until we can recreate and understand the cultural patterns of the various Biblical periods we will be handicapped in our understanding of the fuller meaning of Scripture. –Bernard Ramm

We know what God has said by the faithful and accurate interpretation of the Scriptures. – Bernard Ramm

When reading a book of the Bible concentrate on understanding the story line, the doctrines it discusses, the various characters, and the themes.

When summarizing a passage, ask the six questions: who, what, when, where, why, and how. You're reading too much if you reflect on it too little. –Howard Hendricks

Character

Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

Be more concerned about your character than with your reputation.

Belief = Behavior

Belief determines behavior.

Bitterness contaminates those around you.

Blessed are the flexible for they shall not break.

Blessed are the flexible for they shall not snap and be broken.

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

Character is what you are in the dark – Dwight Moody

Circumstances are just raw material out of which God makes character and strength and virtue.

Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong.

Do not give way to cynicism.

You can tell the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.

Don't get bitter; get better.

God is more concerned about your character than your comfort.

God-centeredness makes you a complete person.

God is interested in developing my character. –Henry Blackaby

It is a fine thing to be honest, but it is also very important to be right. –Winston Churchill

It is not what you are on the outside; it's everything you are on the inside.

Maturity is doing the right thing even when you feel like doing the wrong thing.

There is twistedness in everyone of us.

To find out who you really are, you must follow Christ.

You are the sum of everything you see, watch, read, hear, and think.

You can tell a type of tree by the fruit—people are checking your fruit to see what type of tree you are.

Choices

Death is just a matter of time; life is a matter of choice.

Here are your options: Get better or get bitter (Heb. 12:12ff).

If you desire to excel for Christ, you must narrow your choices. —Philippians 3:13

It's not the situation; it's your reaction to the situation that matters.

People usually aren't as closed as we think they are. They just need time to think about the decision we're asking them to make. - **Rick Warren**

SUDs – seemingly unimportant decisions

There is a great gap between how men want to act and how they do act.

We are the sum total of our choices.

We are all at the crossroads.

You are free to make choices, but you are not free to escape the consequences.

You have choice: You can select joy over despair. You can select happiness over tears. You can select action over apathy. You can select growth over stagnation. —Leo Buscaglia

Church

A major theme of the Bible is that of reconciliation.

A prepared city/church gets better results than an unprepared city/church.

Bring them in—build them up—send them out.

Church health indicators = baptisms (conversions) + attendance (fellowship) + stewardship (discipleship) + kingdom vision (partnership)

Dynamic people make for a dynamic church.

God is building His church His way

Helping churches to be as successful as possible—to reach their potential.

How do you know God is building His church—the gates of hell are coming down and people are being added.

One of the main purposes of the Church is to bring men and women to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is a service department for sinners, not a showcase for saints.

The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. —E.M. Bounds

The church is the only organization that exists for the benefit of its non-members.

We don't go to church—we are the church.

Communication

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

A dull delivery takes the edge off of your message.

A secret is something you tell to only one person—at a time.

According to Ecclesiastes 12:9 the communicator needs to ponder, to arrange, This person is worth listening to because he has done his homework. Accurate with the facts, the communicator is careful with the text.

According to Ecclesiastes 12:10, the communicator needs to find delightful words and to write words of truth correctly. Good communication not only starts by being well prepared, it is delivered in an interesting manner.

As communicators we come not to impress, but to impart.

Being boring is a gross violation, being dull is a grave offense, being irrelevant is a disgrace to the gospel—and yet most preachers are guilty of all three crimes. As a result our

evangelical messages does not have a ring to it but instead it drops with a sickening thud as it falls from the pulpit. –Charles Swindoll

Clutter is a failure of design, not an attribute of information.

Communication is the foundation of relationships.

Communication requires a balance of grace and truth.

Creativity perpetuates the learning process, brings freshness to your communication

Don't give someone a piece of your mind; you can't afford to lose it.

Ethos (character), pathos (compassion), and logos (content) equal communication. –Howard Hendricks

Good communication is interesting, clear, and practical.

Good communication is never automatic. It comes when you have thought through the subject so that you can deliver it in an interesting, passionate, convincing manner; it also sticks because it has been made practical, so that no one leaves saying I was bored listening to the Bible. –Charles Swindoll

Good communication is not about impressing people; it is about imparting the wisdom and power of God.

Good communication is not guaranteed by knowledge alone.

Good communication starts by being well prepared, is delivered in an interesting manner, and is practical; words act like goads.

If words are to enter people's heart and bear fruit, they must be the right words, shaped to pass defenses and explode silently and effectually within their minds. –J.B. Phillips

If you communicate the gospel in all aspects that the exception of the issues that deal specifically with your times, you are not communicating at all. –Martin Luther

If you are going to bore someone, bore them with Shakespeare, don't bore them with the Bible. It is a crime to make the Word of God dull and boring.

It is important to be respectful and to build bridges in communicating the gospel.

It is not a complement to be so deep that no one understands you.

It's not what you say; it's what people hear. *Words that Work*

Knowing the material by itself does not equip you to communicate effectively. –Charles Swindoll

Knowledge of the Word does not guarantee the proper communication of the Word.

Life is all about leaving a legacy.

Long words have paralysis in their tails. –Haddon Robinson

May we not neglect the disciplines of prayer and thought and study so that we will not be responsible for causing others to be bored by the Word of God.

Never take it for granted that what you are about to say is automatically interesting to your audience.

Nothing magical happens when we open the inspired Word of God; it is essential therefore that we be well prepared with the message of truth, which is the first point of good communication.

Our commission is not to know the Word; it is to preach the Word.

Passion is contagious.

People are hungry; there is a famine in the land for the Word of the Lord.

Search for powerful stories that act like well-driven nails that send your point home.

Seek materials that are accurate to the biblical text; clearly delivered without having to be decoded; and practical enough for people to take with them when the message is over.

Since reading makes a broad man, speaking makes a ready man, and writing an exact man. I suggest in the process of preparing your message, write out your thoughts—or you will be like that proverbial river, a mile wide and an inch deep. –Charles Swindoll

Start with a bang and end with a challenging story.

Stay clear of clichés and tired bromides. Use words that everyone understands. Say it with enthusiasm or you don't really believe it.

Stay away of long horn extemporaneous messages with a point here and a point there and a lot of bull in between.

The job of the communicator is to build a bridge from the text to the audience.

The simple truths are often the best ones.

The speaker is responsible to build a bridge between the text and the audience by being interesting.

The words you use often determine the outcome.

We need to take seriously Paul's charge to the Colossians that we let our speech always be with grace seasoned with salt.

We shape the way people treat us.

What I say is not what you hear, and what you think you heard is not what I meant at all.

What we have here is a failure to communicate.

When you seek to make your message interesting, you are not trying to impress your audience with your knowledge; you are helping them see how relevant the Bible is. That takes short sentences, easily understood words, terms that are grasped by everyone in attendance.

You build a bridge by being interesting; you become interesting by hard work, searching for material to make your message interesting.

You can be dull and boring and not know it.

You can think you are communicating clearly when in fact you are not.

You cannot take shortcuts with the Word of God. To communicate effectively you must to the hard work behind the scenes, digging, searching, pondering, and arranging your thoughts. —Charles Swindoll

You may think you are interesting and clearly communicating when you are not.

Compassion

Compassion is the ultimate power.

Compassion is to suffer with someone

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. —Mother Teresa

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

The people who make a difference are not the ones with the credentials, but the ones with the concern. —Max Lucado.

When our hearts are moved with compassion, we are moved to action.

We are all called to lives of compassion.

Conflict Resolution

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots. —Frank A. Clark

Criticisms may not be contempt at all; they are simply her way of crying, "Please love me." —Emerson Eggerichs

From our greatest conflicts come our greatest victories!

If someone agrees with you 70 percent of the time, he is not your enemy. —Ronald Reagan

I'm not OK, but that's OK, God loves me anyway, whether you do or not.

In serious conflict, if a husband reassures his wife that he truly loves her in spite of the argument they are having, and he avoids like the plague sending the message, "I don't love you," all will be fine. –Emerson Eggerichs

In the essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; and in all things, charity or love. –Pascal

Regardless of the situation, react with class.

The opposite of grumbling is loving confrontation.

The words you use often determine the outcome.

We need to take seriously Paul's charge to the Colossians that we let our speech always be with grace seasoned with salt.

We shape the way people treat us.

Courage

A real hero goes in when everyone else is going out.

Courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm. –Winston Churchill

Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point. –C.S. Lewis

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality that guarantees all the others. –Winston Churchill

Courage is the mastery of fear, not the absence of fear.

Courage is the perfect sensibility of the measure of danger and a perfect willingness to endure it.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. –Winston Churchill

Deuteronomy 31:6

Fear constricts the mind preventing it from taking in new information and creative responses.

Most people are kind, some are honest, but few are courageous.

Sometimes one man with courage is a majority. –Andrew Jackson

What is seen as stubbornness in the present is often seen as steadfastness in the future.

Without fear there could be no courage.

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Creation

Biblical Creation - the Cornerstone Anchor of Christianity

Evolution cannot explain creation.

From nothing nothing comes.

Criticism

Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship. –Zeuxis

Criticism has few terrors for a man with a great purpose. –Disraeli

Criticism is both cancerous and contagious. –GCW

Criticism is the disapproval of people, not for having faults, but having faults different from your own.

Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots. –Frank A. Clark

Criticisms may not be contempt at all; they are simply her way of crying, "Please love me." –Emerson Eggerichs

Complaining and criticizing are cancerous and contagious –Philippians 2:14

Condemning yourself does not make you a better person.

Do what God has called you to do and let God answer the critics.

Doubtless criticism was originally benignant, pointing out the beauties of a work rather than its defects. The passions of men have made it malignant, as a bad heart of Procrustes turned the bed, the symbol of repose, into an instrument of torture. —Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

He only profits from praise who values criticism. —Heinrich Heine

In my wide association in life, meeting with many and great men in various parts of the world, I have yet to find the man, however great or exalted his station, who did not do better work and put forth greater effort under a spirit of approval than he would ever do under a spirit of criticism. —Charles M. Schwab

It is a barren kind of criticism which tells you what a thing is not. —R. W. Griswold

It is usually best to be generous with praise, but cautious with criticism.

People ask you for criticism, but they only want praise. W. Somerset Maugham

People need coaching, not criticism. —GCW

The reality is that criticism and opposition will drive you somewhere. Let it drive you closer to God and you will become better; let it drive you away from God and you will become bitter." —Dan Southerland

To avoid criticism do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. —Elbert Hubbard

We need to be more critical of our own motivations, and less critical of the motivations of others—love does not come up with the worst motivation possible (1 Cor. 13).

Wise people seek criticism. —Gary Smalley

Cross

If we don't respond properly to our hurts we will develop hatred; how can we be unforgiving in light of the cross.

Our problem is that we want to be Christ-like without the cross. —Henry Blackaby

The apparent defeat of the cross is followed by the victory of the resurrection.

The cross strips us of the right to be unforgiving.

The cross is the central theme of the Bible.

The power of the cross is seen in family restoration.

You don't come closer to God by making more commitments; you come closer to God by denying self and taking up your cross.

Crucial Issues

First, The Bible's documents are inerrant (without error) in the original autographs (documents first penned by the human authors).

Second, Without the deity of Christ, there is no Christianity to defend.

Third, Christ Himself claimed to be God, accepted worship from others, and was viewed as deity by the apostles and the early church

Fourth, The message of the gospel centers around the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Fifth, If Jesus Christ did not die for sin as the only adequate substitute for a sinful human being, and if He was not literally raised from the dead, then there is no good news for the world.

A supernatural superhero will one day intervene in human history and save the world—that person will in fact be Jesus Christ Himself!

Death

Death isn't the worst thing that can happen to you.

In the garden He faced it; on Calvary He embraced it; three days later He erased it.

Diligence

Agonize before your organize.

Competence = God-given giftedness applied through hard work.

Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then...find the way. –Abraham Lincoln

He who endures conquers.

Embrace God's standards.

God honors persistence.

Have you noticed that those who are unwilling to be champions, do not want others to be champions either.

History is full of winners who encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they triumphed—who won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats (e.g., Washington, Lincoln, Churchill).

I have nothing to offer you but blood, toil, tears, and sweat.

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I won't back up, shut up, or give up, until my work is done.

It's not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never tasted victory or defeat."-Theodore Roosevelt

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal: my strength lies solely in my tenacity. – Louis Pasteur

Most people miss out on opportunities because its dressed up in overalls and it looks like work. –Thomas Edison

Never, never, never, never give up. –Winston Churchill

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common that unsuccessful talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. –Calvin Coolidge

Only discipline can free us from the slavery of laziness and mediocrity.

Quitters never win and winners never quit.

There is nothing so fatal to character as half-finished tasks.

Tough times never last, but tough people do.

Discipleship

A disciple is one whose life is a balance between the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

Discipleship results in character development, inner confidence, leadership, wisdom, and a positive attitude in life.

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose –Jim Eliot

Journaling--(1) Helps in self-understanding and evaluation; (2) Helps in meditation; (3) Helps in expressing thoughts and feelings to the Lord; (4) Helps in remembering the Lord's

works; (5) Helps in creating and preserving a spiritual heritage; (6) Helps in clarifying and articulating insights and impressions; (7) Helps in monitoring goals and priorities; and (8) helps in maintaining the other spiritual disciplines.

Perhaps the transformation of the disciples of Jesus is the greatest evidence of all for the Resurrection. —*John Stott*

The disciples followed Jesus because He loved them; He was full of compassion.

The spiritual journey requires intense concentration on God's point of view. Such concentration will cause a narrowing of all our interests on earth and an immense broadening of our interest in God. —*Jonathon Edwards*

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. —*Winston Churchill*
You are God's ambassador—act like it.

Dreams

Be driven by a God-given dream.

Keep your dreams greater than your memories.

Sometimes dreams are worth chasing.

To do great things for God you must imagine yourself doing great things for God. So what are you dreaming about?

Wake Up!, Dress Up!, Shut Up!, Stand Up!, Look Up!, Reach Up!, Lift Up! And Back Up your dreams with actions.

When was the last time you exercised your faith in a major way when something kept you from your dream (1 Samuel 14:6).

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. —*Steve Jobs*

Encouragement

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. —*Theodore Roosevelt*

Don't quit, God has plans for you.

Don't let the things you can't do stop you from doing the things you can do.

Doing good brings joy; doing evil brings sorrow.

Don't go out with a whimper.

Even a stopped clock is right twice a day.

Even the poorest heart has some jewel on which it hangs.

Everybody that breathes needs encouragement and recognition.

Every blade of grass has an angel that bends over it and whispers, "Grow! Grow!" —*The Talmud*

God can work in the eleventh hour.

God works the night shift too.

God never says, "Opps."

God is not holding out on you; you are holding out on God.

God is not holding out on you; Satan is lying to you.

God is up to something great.

God is up to something bigger than we are.

God is on the move.

God sustains us through deep waters so that we might be wounded healers.

God and all the angels in heaven are pulling for you.

God stretches us to strengthen us.

God knows what He is doing.

God is able to provide inner peace amid outer storms.

God is in control.

God does not save us from the trials; He saves us in the trials.
God knows our weaknesses and struggles.
God did not cause this mess, but He will clean it up.
God does not promise a smooth flight, but He has promised a safe landing.
God's promises are like the stars, the darker the night the brighter they shine.
God is greater than any problem I have.
God only says "no" so that He can say "yes" to something better.
If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. –Booker T. Washington
In my weakness God is strong.
Little is much when God is in it!
Remembering God's goodness is the key to overcoming today.
Stop telling God how big your mountain is, and start telling your mountain how big your God is.
The best is yet to come!
Things are not as bad as they seem. –John Gray
We live by encouragement, and die without it—slowly, sadly, and angrily.
We may lose this battle, but we will win this war.
Who needs my encouragement, my written and oral blessing?
You'll get through this.
You matter to God.
You are different from everyone else.
You are more important than what you do.
You can do better than that.

Ethics

A little lie is like a little pregnancy it doesn't take long before everyone knows. –C.S. Lewis
A person who is partly bad is aware that he is not very good; one who is thoroughly bad thinks he is all right. –C.B. Eavey
A real hero goes in when everyone else is going out.
A reprobate mind weeps at the killing of newborn animals while demanding the right to abort humans.
All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. –Edmund Burke
As we bring the greatest principles to bear on the smallest duties, these small duties grow great to match the principles by which we do them. –C.B. Eavey
Character develops from within; we build it by turning the central part of the self, every time we make a choice, into something a bit different from what it was before. –C.B. Eavey
Christian ethics are transcultural and universal.
Christians have more to fear from atheists than atheists have to fear from Christians (e.g. Lenin, Stalin, Hitler, Mao, Paul Pot).
Christianity in essence is not a philosophy or a system of ethics but a life dependent upon the power of God and a matter of union with Him through Christ. This life originates in God, is in grace sustained by God, and reaches ultimate perfection in God, its source (1 John 1:2). –C.B. Eavey
God is by nature ethical.
Good people see the good and the bad in their lives; bad people see neither in their lives. –C.B. Eavey
Ethics deals with what people ought to do.
Ethics focus specifically on what Human beings ought to do. –DeWolf
Ethics involves a standard of right and wrong.
Ethics is about oughtness.

Ethics is about service to others.

Ethics is guidance for the conduct of life. –Long

Ethics is seeking the highest good. –Aristotle

Ethics is the science of what is morally right. –Titus

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right—stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong. –Abraham Lincoln

I have learned silence from the talkative, tolerance from the intolerant and kindness from the unkind. –Kahlil Gibran

In the struggle of good and evil, the good will win. –Revelation

It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them. – Samuel Clemens

It is well to have perfection in view so that we may always advance toward it, even if we are aware that it can never be reached. –C.B. Eavey

Mankind is responsible for doing God's will as revealed in the Bible.

Moral poverty is growing up without loving, capable, responsible adults who teach you right from wrong. –John DiLulio Jr.

Moral poverty is being without parents and other authorities who teach you to feel joy at others' joy, pain at others' pain, happiness when you do right, remorse when you do wrong. – John DiLulio Jr.

Moral poverty is growing up in the virtual absence of people who teach morality by their own everyday example and who insist that you follow suit. –John DiLulio Jr.

Practical Christian ethics is the systematic study of the application to conduct of the principles of Christian living. –C.B. Eavey

Proverbs is the book on practical ethics.

Right relations to God also involve right relations to society (Matt. 22:17-22).

Science cannot provide a basis for ethics, only a belief in God can provide a basis for ethics.

The 10 commandments are the foundation of ethics.

The best index to a person's character is (a) how he treats people who can't do him any good, and (b) how he treats people who can't fight back. –Abigail Van Buren

The Bible tells how men can be saved and how saved men should live.

The Bible, through its principles and ideals, provides an enduring, relevant guide to Christian conduct.

Augustine added the three Christian virtues (faith, hope, and love) to the four cardinal Greek virtues (wisdom, temperance, fortitude, and justice).

The essence of ethics is to love God with all your being, and to love your fellowman as yourself.

The good consists in always doing with God wills at any particular moment. --T.B. Maston

The lesser of two evils is still the better of the two.

The moral character of the Christian has its root in faith. –C.B. Eavey

The principles of ethics are universal. –C.B. Eavey

The teachings of Jesus transcend all time and culture.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. –Martin Luther King Jr.

There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of even one small candle. – Robert Alden

To persuade is better than to legislate.

Ultimately honesty will vanquish falsehood.

We are responsible for our own conduct in little things as well as in great things. Life is made up not of great duties but of little duties and small obligation. –C.B. Eavey

When a person is becoming worse, he understands his own badness less and less. –C.B. Eavey

While secular ethics centers in man (anthropo-centric) and depends on human reason for its standards and methodology; Christian ethics centers in God (Theo-centric) and depends on revelation for its standards and methodology.

Without God there is no absolute standard for ethics.

You can't negotiate with evil; when good compromises with evil, evil always wins.

Evangelism

Be the salt that makes souls thirsty for Christ.

Be tactful with those who are not Christians ... Talk to them agreeably and with a flavor of wit, and try to fit your answers to the needs of each one." - Col. 4:5-6 (JB)

Evangelism-one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.

Give up your small ambitions—win souls for Christ.

God has given every one of us something we love to do to reach others for Jesus.

Good deeds create good will which leads to receiving Good News.

Good deeds → good will → Good News

How many people are being set free as a result of your ministry?

I want to be a nobody, who is willing to tell everybody, that there is Somebody, who can save anybody.

It is time for Christians to speak up and not just silently stand by watching nonbelievers go their way.

Militant Agnostic -- I don't know and you don't either!

People are eternal—everything else will go up in smoke.

Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something, and has lost something.

Sharing God's love with those who hurt.

The process of evangelism is not completed until the evangelized become evangelists.

The reason we don't talk to our friends about God is because we don't talk to God about our friends.

The best way to reach the heart is through the mind.

We are not called to entertain believers while the world goes to hell. –Henry Blackaby

What are the key issues in your community?

What I do reveals what I believe about God, regardless of what I say. –Henry Blackaby

What has come clear to you since we last met?

What you said really interests me. Could you give me an example?

What is one thing you believe will make an impact on your city?

Whatever, Wherever, and Whenever: This is how we should witness. Whatever the situation we are in, wherever we are at the time, and whenever we get the chance.

Why are we feuding when lost souls are dying and going to hell?

Would God be eager for you to walk into a crowd and begin spouting religious rhetoric, thus antagonizing people and driving them away from Him? Or would He empower you to serve and counsel people at their point of need, and would He help you be a better and more attentive friend? –David Jeremiah, MHD, 40

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Excellence

Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected. –Steve Jobs

Be the best original of who God has called you to be.

Christian living requires a 3-D commitment: the single-mindedness of a soldier, the discipline of an athlete, and the hard-worker of a farmer (2 Tim. 2:1-7).

Commitment must be total, or it's no commitment at all. –John W. Peterson

Don't get used to average or second best. –John Maxwell

Embrace discipline as a friend. –John Maxwell

Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God. –William Carey

God is honored when I do my best.

God is honored by how well we do things.

God always gives his very best to those who leave the choice to Him –Hudson Taylor

High standards attract motivated people.

Hold out for God's best.

I am easily satisfied with the very best. –Winston Churchill

If we desire God's best in our lives, then we must realize His best for us includes both are strengths and weaknesses.

If you want to motivate people, set high standards. –John Maxwell

Live in the light of eternal values (2 Pet. 3:11).

Motivation is the key to almost everything (1 Pet. 2:2).

Real effectiveness is developed through many years of improving just a few steps at a time.

Self-motivated people are attracted to a vocabulary of challenge (risk, learning, growth, potential), autonomy, and significance. –John Maxwell

Self-motivated people are not scared off by high standards. –John Maxwell

Shortcuts cut short five things: experience, gratitude, maturation, discipline, and perspective. – John Maxwell

The beginning is the most important part of the work. –Plato

The difference between being a soldier and being a good soldier is the single-minded commitment to please the commander (2 Tim. 2:1-7).

The higher the expectation, the lower the reality, the greater the disappointment.

The higher you want to go the deeper you must dig.

The highest good leads to maximum pleasure. –R.C. Sproul

The only people you will scare off with high standards are people who aren't motivated—they want something for nothing. –John Maxwell

There is no shortcut to excellence. You will have to make the commitment to make excellence your priority. Use your talents, abilities, and skills in the best way possible and get ahead of others by giving that little extra. Live by a higher standard and pay attention to the details that really do make the difference. Excellence is not difficult - simply decide right now to give it your best shot - and you will be amazed with what life gives you back.

To be motivated people need to have (1) heard enough they have to; (2) learn enough they want to; and (3) receive enough they are able to. –John Maxwell

To motivate people we must connect with people by finding common ground: What do you sing about? What do you cry about? What do you dream about? –John Maxwell

Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle. –Michelangelo

We are here to make a dent in the universe. –Steve Jobs

What we talk about is what we are motivated about (Matt. 12:34).

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might (Ecc. 9:10).

Who you are is who you attract. –John Maxwell
You do your very best when Jesus is with God.

Failure

Disappointments are often His appointments

Disillusionments come because our circumstances don't fit our concept of who God is and how He works.

Disappointments make one stronger. Do right and let God take care of the results.

Don't let failure keep you from risking, trusting, imagining, trying, believing—you are made in the image of God.

Failure means you were willing to try.

Failures are events, not people.

Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement. –C.S. Lewis

God turns losers into winners.

God is attracted to our weakness.

God wants us to view our failures as a way we move forward in our relationship with Him.

I don't know the secret to success, but I do know the secret to failure—trying to please everyone. –Bill Cosby

I have failed Him, but He has never failed me.

It is better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail.

No one is born to be a failure. –Jimmy Stewart

No one who loves God is a failure.

Not failure, but low air, is a crime. –James Russell Lowell

Only those who do not expect anything are never disappointed. Only those who never try, never fail. Anyone who is currently achieving anything in life is simultaneously risking failure. It is always better to fail in doing something than to excel in doing nothing. A flawed diamond is more valuable than a perfect brick. People who have no failures also have few victories. --John L. Mason

Our problem is not raising our hopes too high but setting our sights too low. –Charles Swindoll

The glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time you fail. –Chinese Proverb

To fail when the battle rages is to fail when it counts most.

Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly. —Robert F. Kennedy

The greatest thing you have to fear is not failure, it is aiming too low—it's trusting God for too little. –Charles Swindoll

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.—Lloyd Jones

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Faith

A faith that hasn't been tested can't be trusted. –Adrian Rogers

Every step of faith you take will look like presumption to those who have not heard from God. –Henry Blackaby

Faith forces you to act in the face of risk.

Faith is confidence that what God has promised will come to pass. –Henry Blackaby

Faith is trusting God in the present to do what He promises to do in the future.

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

God tries your faith so that we may; try His faithfulness

God tests us before He uses us.

God always responds to those who respond to what they know. –David Jeremiah

If you are going to be faithful, it's not going to be easy.

Pray for a faith that will not shrink when it is washed in the waters of affliction. - Ernest Wadsworth

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up.

The eyes of fear are focused on the flesh; the eyes of faith are focused on the Father. ---Kin Nichols

The measure of faith is equal to its impossibility.

The true test of a person's life is not successfulness but faithfulness.

We need truth, and we need sound theology. The right information is essential. But above all else, we need *relationship*. –David Jeremiah, MHD: 168

When you are faithful, you will touch the ages.

What is necessary is not that we have great faith but rather that we have simple trust in God's great faithfulness –Hudson Taylor

Fatherhood

Dads turn boys into men. – Dr. Laura

Love is powerful through a father's heart, protective and generous, forgiving and strong, faithful and true. With a look and a smile it says, 'I'm proud of you; with a hand held out it says, 'I'll take care of you'. With a faith placed in God, it says, 'I'm praying for you.' A father's heart says so much without words – and his love is the song that can always be heard.

The child is the father to the man.

The wisdom of parenting: Just get them through it.

Your kids will sometimes fail to listen to you, but never fail to imitate you.

Forgiveness

An unforgiving spirit is a slow burn—it will make you sick.

Forgiveness is an act of setting someone free from a debt that was a result of a wrong done against you.

Forgiveness is not an emotion—forgiveness is an act of will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart. –Corrie ten Boom

God uses injustice to teach forgiveness.

If you hate those who hurt you, you can't forget them, you can't wish them well, you want them to suffer as you have suffered. These attitudes are not compatible with forgiveness.

No one can make you unforgiving—it's a choice.

The three sources of an unforgiving spirit: pride, selfishness, ignorance—and time doesn't heal them.

To err is human, to forgive divine.

We are not made to carry hurt and hatred and bitterness and unforgiveness.

God

God allows hard times to accomplish His purposes.

God allows persecution to accomplish His purposes.

God allows storms because He wants to see what you do with His Word when He seems to be asleep.

God always gives his very best to those who leave the choice to Him –Hudson Taylor

God always responds to those who respond to what they know. –David Jeremiah

God and all the angles in heaven are pulling for you.
 God assigns tailor-made trials for us to enduring knowing they can develop our faith (Gen. 35:8).
 God blesses those who are busy for Him.
 God can work in the eleventh hour.
 God can't bless you if you try to be someone other than who He made you to be.
 God can't give it through you until He gives it to you.
 God-centeredness makes you a complete person.
 God chooses us to be trophies of His grace, glory, and goodness.
 God created you to do something good. –Ephesians 2:10
 God did not cause this mess, but He will clean it up.
 God did not create me for time; He created me for eternity. –Henry Blackaby
 God did not promise us an easy life; only a bright future.
 God does not accept second-hand glory. –Henry Blackaby
 God does not call people who are qualified; He calls people who are willing and then He qualifies them.
 God does not call us to an assignment; He calls us to Himself. –Henry Blackaby
 God does not grade on a curve.
 God does not need me; He wants me.
 God does not promise a smooth flight, but He has promised a safe landing.
 God does not run the world by opinion polls.
 God does not save us from the trials; He saves us in the trials.
 God does not want the credit for what we do. –Henry Blackaby
 God does not waste suffering; if he plows it is because He purposes a crop. –J.Oswald Sanders
 God does not what my ability, He wants my availability.
 God doesn't call the quailed; He qualifies the called.
 God dwells in our worship.
 God-focused; remembering that behind it all God is at work.
 God formed me for a special place where I fit perfectly. —O.S. Hockins
 God gives each man a special task in life, and a blessing to carry it out.
 God gives us the vision, then takes us into the valley to shape us into that vision. –Oswald chambers
 God has a comprehensive purpose for your life.
 God has a creative plan for your life.
 God has a clear priority for your life.
 God has a job for me that no one else can do. – Ephesians 2:10
 God has a God-sized job for me. –Henry Blackaby
 God has given every one of us something we love to do to reach others for Jesus.
 God has made us in such a way that He is the only One who can meet our needs for significance.
 God has not called us to do everything, but He has called us to do something.
 God helps those who recognize their need—seek, ask, knock.
 God honors persistence.
 God is able to provide inner peace amid outer storms.
 God is always at work; but we miss it if we are following our plans. –Henry Blackaby
 God is attracted to our weakness because it is then that pride is gone and we are open to Him.
 God is building His Church His way.
 God is greater than any problem I have.
 God is grooming you for His purposes.
 God is honored by how well we do things.

God is honored when I do my best.
God is in control.
God is interested in developing my character. –Henry Blackaby
God is more concerned about your character than your comfort.
God is more interested in what I become than what I do. –Henry Blackaby
God is moving me toward something better. Joy comes in the morning.
God is not holding out on you; you are holding out on God.
God is not holding out on you; Satan is lying to you.
God is not in a hurry because God is God.
God is on the move.
God is relentless in developing our character.
God is still worthy of awe, fear, honor, respect, and reverence.
God is the Pursuer—If you keep bumping into Christians, you are being pursued.
God is up to something bigger than we are.
God is up to something great.
God isn't trying to mess up our lives.
God judges at the proper time.
God knows our weaknesses and struggles.
God knows our pain.
God knows what He is doing.
God loves dependence upon Him—God helps the helpless.
God loves you so much that if He had a refrigerator you'd be on it.
God makes no mistakes. <http://www.cowboylrics.com/lyrics/lynn-loretta/god-makes-no-mistakes-12982.html>
God never says, "Opps."
God not only orders our steps but He orders our stops.
God often does His work through suffering—even Jesus suffered. –Henry Blackaby
God often orders us to cross our Jordan River at flood stage.
God only says "no" so that He can say "yes" to something better.
God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
God promotes at His discretion and in His time.
God reserves the right to use people who disagree with me. –Robert A. Cook
God stretches us to strengthen us.
God sustains us through deep waters so that we might be wounded healers.
God takes everything in your life and focuses it for His purposes. –Henry Blackaby
God takes His time in preparing His leaders: Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses.
God tests us before He uses us.
God tries our faith so that we may; try His faithfulness.
God turns losers into winners.
God uses the unlikely to do the impossible for His glory.
God usually assigns us to a place where we are most needed, not where we are most wanted.
God wants the very best for us.
God wants to change the world through us. Matthew 5:14-15
God wants to spend eternity with me.
God wants us to seek Him, not just His will.
God wants us to view our failures as a way we move forward in our relationship with Him.
God whispers in our pleasures, but shouts in our pain. –2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
God will never say to us, "What a great plan!"
God will only use people according to their brokenness.
God will use you if you are available, prepared, and praying.

God won't fill a full cup.
God works the night shift too.
God, forgive us for being rough when we should have been gentle.
God, I want to be doing what You are blessing.
God, show me where I am, and take me to where I need to be.
God's commands are designed to guide you to life's very best. —Blackaby
God's fingerprints in my life.
God's glory matters.
God's grace is sufficient.
God's love is not a pampering love—it is a perfecting love (Heb. 12:12).
God's promises are like the stars, the darker the night the brighter they shine.
God's purpose for humans is that they become actually extensions of His life through a dependent relationship with Him. --David Needham
God's purpose is bigger than your problem.
God's purpose is to be accomplished by ordinary people who believe in and serve an extraordinary God. –Avery Willis
God's ways keep you humble.
God's will should be our highest priority.
God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply. –Hudson Taylor
God's work is never inexpensive or convenient; becoming His faithful servant is always a trying experience, bound up with sacrifice, devotion, and obedience. –Peters
How could God let something like this happen? "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"
I believe that as a whole, we modern evangelical Christians are far guiltier of dry intellectual faith than we ever want to realize. –David Jeremiah, MHD:167
Our first line of defense in the naysaying of the supernatural is to confine it to Bible times. Our second is to concede that perhaps supernatural events happen far across the sea, in some exotic Third World setting we're never likely to behold. –David Jeremiah, MHD:135
The Holy Spirit does not walk beside us; He lives inside us.
We need truth, and we need sound theology. The right information is essential. But above all else, we need *relationship*. –David Jeremiah, MHD:168

Grace

Grace – Truth = Sentimentalism (Flattery)
Truth – Grace = Legalism
Grace + Truth = Power to change lives (John 1: 14)
Grace prepares the way for truth (John 4).
God's grace is sufficient.
There is nothing you have done that God cannot forgive.
There but for the grace of God go I.
The most radical concept in the universe: God's amazing grace. www.mastersimage.com

Gifts

No one is not gifted.
The investment of our talent is what grows the kingdom of God.

The best rarely are composed of the people who have the most natural talent, but rather by those few who have a passion to fulfill their God-given talents and reach for the top of their potential

Use the right tool for the job—multiple intelligence, spiritual gift, person.

Your time, abilities, skills are all gifts from God.

Your gifts are meant to be given away.

Happiness

All men are seeking happiness, but by different means.

Happiness is a perfume that you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

Happiness is the by-product of holiness, not circumstances.

If not now, when? There is no better time to choose to be happy than now.

People are most about as happy as they make up their minds to be. —Abraham Lincoln

To be happy one must develop a tender heart—and a rhinoceros hide thick skin.

Heaven

All that is not eternal is eternally out of date.

Death opens the door from a little dark room into the sunshine. —C.S. Lewis

Do you think you are going to get to heaven and be disappointed!

Experiences that we have on earth are hints of something greater which is yet to come.

God wants to spend eternity with me.

Heaven is going to be all we can stand.

Life is short. Eternity isn't. —God

This life is but the introduction to eternity.

On earth we are building our capacity to enjoy heaven—heaven is going to be all we can stand.

History

At key moments in their history, the Israelites created songs to commemorate the great works of God: The Red Sea, Deborah, David, Solomon, Temple, Nehemiah, Ezra, Zerubbabel, Jehoshaphat.

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. —Winston Churchill

Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill.

Continuous effort—not strength or intelligence—is the key to unlocking our potential. —Winston Churchill

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality that guarantees all the others.

--Winston Churchill

He who refuses to learn from history is forced to repeat its mistakes.

Historians make men wise; poets witty; the mathematics subtle; natural philosophy deep; moral grave; logic and rhetoric able to content. —Francis Bacon

History is full of winners who encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they triumphed—who won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats. (Washington, Lincoln, Churchill).

History is philosophy teaching by example, and also warning; its two eyes are geography and chronology. —James A. Garfield

History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life and brings us tidings of antiquity. —Cicero

It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of

energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance. –Robert F. Kennedy

The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see. –Winston Churchill

Whoso neglects learning in his youth, loses the past and is dead to the future. –Euripides

Holiness

A faithful priest is responsible to stay in the presence of God. –Acts 7

Everyone who is truly born again has a passion for holiness (Heb. 12:13).

The by-product of discipline is holiness (Heb. 12:13).

If you give up on purity, holiness, righteousness, integrity, and love, God will give you up to uncleanness (Romans 1:24,26,28).

Immorality interferes with intimacy because immorality desires to remain hidden.

Maximum holiness leads to maximum pleasure.

Purity leads to intimacy because intimacy desires to be fully known.

Hope

Choose to live with hope.

Dying with hope is better than living without it.

For the Christian there is hope.

Hope is eagerly looking toward the future and expecting the best—based on the promises of God.

Hope, the belief that it can get better, is the foundation for change.

Hope is joyful anticipation that the future will be better than the past.

In the shadows of doubt; in the depths of despair; in the struggle for hope—be assured God is there!

Our greatest need is HOPE.

The power of hope in the midst of adversity.

Humility

God's ways keep you humble.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

Humility seeks God's glory, surrenders to God's will, and submits to God's leaders.

The devil cannot do anything with a humble man.

There are two choices: Humble yourself or be humbled by God.

What are your physical, mental, social, and spiritual shortcomings, and how do they keep you humble?

Humility

Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues. –Saint Augustine

Humor

Be nice to nerds: Chances are you'll end up working for one. – Charles Sykes

Laughter is healing to the soul.

Church Signs

Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.

If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
The wedding was great, now invite Me to the marriage. –God
If you are grouchy, irritable, or just plain mean there will be a \$10 charge for putting up with you.
If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.
Learn three knock-knock jokes so you will always be ready to entertain children.
Messages from God: “Let’s meet at my house Sunday before the game.” “C’mon over and bring the kids.” “Keep using my name in vain, I’ll make rush hour longer.” “Loved the wedding. Invite me to the marriage.” “Life is short. Eternity isn’t.” “As my apprentice, you’re never fired.” “The real Supreme Court meets up here.” “It’s a small world; I know...I made it.” “One nation under me.” “If you must curse, use your own name!” “All I know is...everything.” “Feeling lost? My Book is your map.” “I love you... Te amo...{Chinese characters}.” www.oaaa.org/public
Recently Spotted Bumper Stickers:
I Give Evolution Two Opposable Thumbs Up.
I Know the Future—God Wins!

Joy

God is moving me toward something better. Joy comes in the morning.
Joy comes from making others happy. - Rick Warren
The world is extremely interesting to a joyful soul.
You must experience the sorrow and the pain before you can be released to feel the joy.

Leadership

A spiritual leader always knows what God is doing in the life of his congregation. –Henry Blackaby
Are you a spiritual leader or a religious politician?
All great leaders are optimists—dealers in hope.
Bureaucratic leaders make others feel unimportant.
Counseling pastors focus on people’s weaknesses; equipping pastors focus on people’s strengths. –John Maxwell
Consensus is the absence of leadership. –Margaret Thatcher
Develop the strengths of your leaders.
Don’t let authority go to your head.
Genuine leaders do not make excuses; they don’t start with the problem; they start with God.
God usually assigns us to a place where we are most needed, not where we are most wanted.
Great leaders are specialists, they won’t do what they can’t do.
If you are lonely at the top you are not a leader. –John Maxwell
If you are lonely, get down from the mountain and connect with your people. –John Maxwell
If you revive the leader, the people will be revived.
It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.
Leaders are readers, and readers are leaders.
Leaders are only for change if it is their idea. –John Maxwell
Leaders fail when they believe themselves to be invincible.
Leaders take risks for what they believe in.
Leaders who are lonely are lonely—because they have never had significance in their lives; they have lived for themselves. –John Maxwell
Leadership is about getting somewhere.

Mobilize your people to open their eyes and ears to what God is doing around them. –Henry Blackaby

Release people to do what God is calling them to do. –Ephesians 4

Remember, the greatest risk is not to risk at all.

The #1 rule of management: whatever gets rewarded gets done. We don't get what we want to get, nag to get, ask to get or beg to get. We get what we reward. Whatever gets rewarded gets done.

The key to a spiritual leaders life is his personal relationship with God. –Henry Blackaby

The key to motivating people is catching them doing something right.

The four "i"s of leadership—integrity, intellect, intensity, insight.

The needs of people do not set the agenda of the spiritual leader—the will of God sets the agenda. –Henry Blackaby

The role of a spiritual leader is to know the will of God. –Henry Blackaby

There are three types of leaders: risk-takers, care-takers, undertakers.

You can lead from anywhere.

Your destiny is determined by the books that you read and the people that you meet. –Howard Hendricks

Your vision determines your character; your character determines your leadership.

We have to have managers, but if the pastor is managing the church, who is leading the church?

When leaders lack accountability they fail.

Life

Are you satisfied with the level of God's power in your life?

God's commands are designed to guide you to life's very best. —Henry Blackaby

God's fingerprints in my life.

I don't work for God—God works through me—the Christian life.

If there were no afterlife, life would be unfair.

It is in the storms of life that we see the power of God.

It is never too late in life to change.

It is your perspective of life that determines your response to life's challenges—the Word of God determines your perspective.

Life is a losing battle against the second law of thermodynamics.

Life is 10% what happens to you, 90% how you respond to it. –Charles Swindoll

Life is hard; but God is good.

Life is not a marathon; it is a series of sprints.

Life is so sacred that if someone takes another's life they cannot keep their own.

Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans.

One of the great challenges in life is the challenge of self-identity.

Pay as much attention to the things that are working positively in your life as you do to those that are giving you trouble.

Shalom = The wholeness of life; that which pulls all of life together. Luke 10:40ff

Take a leap of faith into the arms of the great adventure of an authentic life.

The abundant life is the experience of God's love, forgiveness, and power in the midst of our problems.

The balanced life: In dwelling, live close to the ground. In thinking, keep to the simple. In conflict, be fair and generous. In governing, do not try to control. In work, do what you enjoy. In family life, be completely present. When you are content to be simply yourself, and do not compare or compete, those you respect will respect you.

The Christian life is not so much running from evil as it is facing God.
There is something beyond this life that is more real than what we can see.
What do you want to accomplish with your life?
When you are living in the fast land you tend to overlook the basic components that give your life meaning—relationships, getting to know someone really well, putting someone else first.
You become a somebody when Jesus comes into your life.

Love

Do something fun and ridiculous with someone you love.
God's love is not a pampering love—it is a perfecting love (Heb. 12:12).
I am more loved than I ever hoped.
Liberty – Love = License
Liberty + Love = Service
Life – Love = Zero
Love finds its greatest pleasure in the pleasure of the other.
Love finds its greatest pleasure in the pleasure of the other.
Love is expressed in patience.
Love is the measure of maturity—If you love me keep my commandments...
Memorize your favorite love poem.
Never let a problem to be solved become more important than a person to be loved.
People are starved for love and encouragement.
Real love is when you become selfless and you are more concerned about your mate's or your children's egos than your own.
Tell me what you love, and I will tell you who you are. —John Paul II
The best way to spell love is T-I-M-E.
There is a little boy or girls within you that needs to be loved—let God love you.
There is nothing more exalting than requited love.
The best use of life is love; the best expression of love is time; the best time to love is now.
We are all desperate to be loved.
You can't please everyone, but you can love everyone.

Marriage

A great marriage is not so much finding the right person as being the right person.
A great marriage is about making your spouse happy he is married to you.
A great marriage is about making your spouse happy she is married to you.
A man is excited by what he hears and by what he sees.
A man would rather live with a wife who respected him but did not love him than live with a wife who loved him but did not respect him.
A wife needs love just as she needs air to breathe. A husband needs respect just as a wife needs love.
A woman gets married thinking things will change; a man gets married praying things never change.
All marriages suffer from the second law of thermodynamics.
Christians have the guidelines to be the happiest people on earth.
Craziness happens when we keep doing the same things over and over with the same ill effect.
—Emerson Eggerichs
Disrespect is the most corrosive force in marriage.

Ephesians 5 is the most significant treatise on marriage in the New Testament.
 God has given wives the power to turn a husband into a man—or a failure.
 God is not calling on wives to *feel* respect; He is calling them to *show* respectful behavior (1 Pet. 3:1-2).
 God is telling husbands to value and prize their wives as equals within the grace of God (1 Pet. 3:7).
 God wants you to have a great life, and the Bible tells you how to do it.
 Happy is the bride that understands how simple a man is.
 Happiness is when both are giving 100%—it reflects divine splendor.
 Her criticisms may not be contempt at all; they are simply her way of crying, “Please love me.”
 —Emerson Eggerichs
 Husbands and wives must realize that they communicate in code. And the problem is, they don’t know how to decipher the messages they send to one another. —Emerson Eggerichs
 Husbands and wives have needs that are truly equal. She needs unconditional love, and he needs unconditional respect. —Emerson Eggerichs
 Husband shouldn’t have to “earn respect” any more than wives shouldn’t have to “earn love.” —Emerson Eggerichs
 If a wife becomes disrespectful and contemptuous, the marriage is in serious danger. If this cycle isn’t broken, it will probably end in divorce. —John Gottman
 If women had men’s sex drive, we would still be in the stone age. If men had women’s sex drive, we would be extinct.
 If you cannot forgive your husband, forgive your children’s father.
 If you respect your husband, he will love you. If you love your wife, she will respect you.
 In earthly relations as in the spiritual real, there is no true blessing live love—love received and love given. Thus, Christian marriage is the school of true love and the source of the highest earthly bliss. —C.B. Eavey
 In marriage our joys are doubled since the happiness of one is the happiness of the other; our burdens are halved when we share them, we divide the load.
 In serious conflict, if a husband reassures his wife that he truly loves her in spite of the argument they are having, and he avoids like the plague sending the message, “I don’t love you,” all will be fine. —Emerson Eggerichs
 It is easy to get married, it is work to stay married.
 It is rarely the content but rather the manner of delivery that causes problems in marriage.
 Let God love your spouse through you.
 Let your love be like the misty rain, coming softly but flooding the river.
 Love and respect are the foundation of a successful marriage.
 Love finds its greatest pleasure in the pleasure of the other.
 Love is a feeling directed at someone that acknowledges their goodness (1 Cor. 13:5-7; when you see goodness in someone—that’s love; when you don’t see goodness in someone—that’s not love. —John Gray
 Love is caring more for the other person than for yourself.
 Love is not simply the coming together of two bodies; it is the total blending of two lives.
 Love is the willful intent to serve the well being of another—to meet their needs.
 Loving couples don’t compete, they compliment one another.
 Feminine Love = Caring + Understanding + Devoted concern
 Man attains completion in the woman and woman in the man. —C.B. Eavey
 Masculine Love = Trust + Acceptance + Respect
 Marriage is a unity in which the two, forsaking all others, become “one flesh.” —C.B. Eavey

Marriage is God's answer to human loneliness; it offers the possibility for two persons to establish the intimacy that can fulfill the hunger of each for someone truly to care. Marriage is not a place to 'stand up for your rights.' Marriage is a decision to serve the other (1 Cor. 7:4 MSG).

Marriage is not living merely for each other; it is two joining hands to serve God.

Marriage is the opportunity to lay down our lives for others.

Marriage is the promise to love and respect unconditionally.

Marriage is the uniting of a man and a woman into one personality. –C.B. Eavey

Men are commanded to love because they don't love naturally, and on the other side, women are commanded to respect because they don't respect naturally. –Emerson Eggerichs

Men cooperate when they are seen as the solution rather than the problem.

Men have an honor code.

My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me. – Winston Churchill

Moody people never marry moody people—they are not stupid.

Moody people tend to marry non-moody people.

Never try to win an argument with your wife.

Never underestimate your power. A good woman has the power to make a bad man good. A bad woman has the power to make a good man bad (1 Kings 11:4). Rarely does a good man have the power to make a bad woman good, or a bad man have the power to make a good woman bad.

No matter how desperate or hopeless a marriage may seem, if husband and wife both have basic goodwill in their hearts—and are not on drugs, they can stop the Crazy Cycle.

No woman wants to marry a weak man; she wants a man she reveres enough to trust her life to.

Nothing temporal so elevates and purifies life as to know that we are loved faithfully and truly by some person. –C.B. Eavey

Notice that the One who designed our bodies made them fit.

Often, we focus on our own needs and simply overlook the needs of the other person. The wife needs love; she is not trying to be disrespectful. The husband needs respect; he is not trying to be unloving. Once you grasp this basic principle—that the “issue” is not the real issue at all—you are on your way to cracking the communication code. –Emerson Eggerichs

One cannot be a person of integrity and honesty and have an affair.

One of the greatest turn-ons is removing a turn-off.

Only Jesus can meet our needs.

Our choice of a partner for life means the choice of our future, the development of our character, the completion of our personality, our destiny, and, probably, the kind of children we bring into the world. –C.B. Eavey

Our thoughts determine the ruts our feelings must follow (Phil).

Passive men = wild women.

Personal attacks never, ever work with anybody. –Emerson Eggerichs

Prayer of St. Francis

Prospective Husband Test: Will he swim through shark-infested water to bring you lemonade?

Purity leads to intimacy because intimacy desires to be fully known.

Resentment and intimacy cannot dwell together in peace.

Respect does something to the soul of a man. God made him that way. –Emerson Eggerichs

Respect for the husband is just as important as love for the wife (Eph. 5:33). –Emerson Eggerichs

Respect and romance are cousins.

Respect is a man's deepest value. –Emerson Eggerichs

Respect is the key to motivating a husband. –Emerson Eggerichs

Respect is trusting a man, giving him the freedom to change.

Respect is yielding your wishes for the wishes of another.

Saying “I don’t know how to say this” is an effective way to avoid an argument.

Sexual union binds the couple to each other in a physical and emotional blending of persons.

Sex is God’s idea, and next to salvation, it is the greatest idea God ever had.

Sex was created as an expression of love.

Something in a man longs for his wife to look up to him as he fulfills his role of protector. And when she does, it motivates him, not because he is arrogant, but because of how God has constructed him. –Emerson Eggerichs

Spiritual submission is the most powerful tool the Holy Spirit uses to change others.

Spontaneity is seen as sensitivity when it comes to romance.

The ability to adjust to things you cannot control—the difference between couples who make it and those who don’t.

The act of marriage is a great mystery, a symbol of the mystical union existing between Christ and His Church. –C.B. Eavey

The balance of power is with the woman. God has built into womanhood a strength which no man enjoys and without which no man can be everything he ought to be.

The best way to get a man to change is to treat him with unconditional respect. –Emerson Eggerichs

The best way to love a husband is to show him respect in ways that are meaningful to him. Such respect lets him feel his wife’s love for him and ignites in him feelings of love for his wife. –Emerson Eggerichs

The best way to love a wife is to look beyond her criticisms and complaints to see why she isn’t feeling loved. –Emerson Eggerichs

The Bible provides the directions for mind-blowing marriage.

The Bible provides the floor plan for life.

The glory of man is his masculinity; the beauty of woman is her femininity; the fellowship of love is the harmonious combination of the two to form a complete union. –C.B. Eavey

The God of love has established marriage for our welfare and happiness.

The greatest gift you can give your husband is your happiness.

The greatest power a woman has is spiritual submission—no man can resist it.

The greatest threat to marriage is busyness—the pace of living. –James Dobson

The husband *must* love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife *must* respect her husband (Eph. 5:33).

The key to a good life is to put God first--JOY.

The key to creating fond feelings of love in a husband toward his wife is through showing him unconditional respect. –Emerson Eggerichs

The key to energizing your spouse is meeting your spouse’s heartfelt desire. –Emerson Eggerichs

The love of a good woman is the most refining influence in a man’s life.

The more wives complain and criticize, the more husbands withdraw and stonewall; the more husbands withdraw and stonewall, the more wives complain and criticize. –John Gottman

The perfect husband does not exist; he must be built.

The real issues in marriage are always love and respect. Everything else is just filling in the details. –Emerson Eggerichs

The secret to a great marriage is one word—commitment.

The wife is to yield herself to her husband in the same spirit of voluntary self-giving that she demonstrated in giving herself to Christ (Eph. 5:22). The husband is commanded to give to his wife the same care that he would give to his own body (Eph. 5:28-29).

The worst thing you can do to a man is to try to change him—that's the Holy Spirit's job.

The woman absolutely needs love, and the man absolutely needs respect. It's as simple—and as difficult—as that. —Emerson Eggerichs

The yearning and need of husbands is that their wives give them honor and respect. —Emerson Eggerichs

There is no more lovely, friendly or charming relationship, communion or company, than a good marriage. —Martin Luther

They way of agape is a more excellent way.

Time + Fun = Romance

Two unselfish people rarely fight and never get divorced.

To be loving is to do loving things.

To get the BEST: Bless her. Encourage her. Serve her. Touch her.

To show disrespect is to kill the marriage.

Trusting and obeying God's Word because we love and reverence God never, ever makes us a hypocrite! When the alarm goes off in the morning, we get up, even when we don't feel like getting up. Because we do what we don't feel like doing, does that make us hypocrites? No, it is a sign we are responsible people. —Emerson Eggerichs

Unconditional love and unconditional respect are powerful change agents.

Unhappy marriage are caused almost always by lack of mutual respect and lack of mutual consideration. —C.B. Eavey

What I say is not what you hear, and what you think you heard is not what I meant at all.

What if God designed marriage to make us *holy* more than to make us *happy*?

When a husband feels disrespected, it is especially hard to love his wife. When a wife feels unloved, it is especially hard to respect her husband. —Emerson Eggerichs

When a man begins to feel that his wife no longer looks up to him but is looking down at him, the Crazy Cycle kicks in. —Emerson Eggerichs

When a wife respects her husband she does not become a doormat; in fact, he starts rolling out the red carpet for her! —Emerson Eggerichs

When husbands feel respected, wives feel loved.

When husbands feel significant, wives feel secure.

When husbands feel in control, wives feel connected.

When you love your spouse the way you want to be loved, you are poisoning him.

When you touch your spouse's deepest need, something good almost always happens. —Emerson Eggerichs

Whenever a husband is speaking harshly or sometimes not speaking at all, he is sending his encoded message: "I want your respect." —Emerson Eggerichs

Whenever a wife is complaining, criticizing, or crying, she is sending her encoded message: "I want your love!" --Emerson Eggerichs

Whenever you are loving a man with the intent to change him, you are not loving him—you are hurting him.

Without love, a wife reacts without respect. Without respect, a man reacts without love—ad nauseam. —Emerson Eggerichs

Wives are basically good-willed women. They are only acting critical, contentious, and disrespectful because they are crying out for love. —Emerson Eggerichs

Wives are made to love, want to love, and expect love. Husbands are made to be respected, want respect, and expect respect. —Emerson Eggerichs

Wives can win their husbands through respect (1 Pet. 3:1-2).

Wives have far more power to change their marriage than many ever imagined. –Emerson
Eggerichs

Women crave emotional touch; Men crave physical touch.

Women want love far more than respect and men want respect far more than love. –Emerson
Eggerichs

Women spell love r-o-m-a-n-c-e; Men spell love r-e-s-p-e-c-t.

Women spell love t-e-n-d-e-r-n-e-s-s; Men spell love r-e-s-p-e-c-t.

Women want to feel cherished, men want to feel appreciated.

You can win battles while losing the war.

You want a woman to admire you, treat her like a princess.

Men

A man can go longer without love than without respect.

A woman is better at being a woman than a man is.

Every man does what he does for the admiration of one woman.

God calls us to do the humanly impossible.

It's amazing what happens when a woman give a man respect and admiration. –Emerson
Eggerichs

Man in the Arena

Manliness = confidence in the face of risk.

Manliness is a quality that causes individuals to stand for something.

Men are motivated by respect.

Men express hurt as anger.

Men generally act the way they are treated.

Men live by an honor code that there are certain things you just don't do, certain things you just don't say to a man—unless you want a fight.

Men need to feel respected during conflict more than they need to feel loved. –Emerson
Eggerichs

Men would rather shout than be heard.

Most men try to live up to the level of your expectations.

Never try to win an argument with your wife.

No matter how big they may be physically, emotionally men are vulnerable to what sounds like contempt. –Emerson Eggerichs

No woman wants to marry a weak man; she wants a man she reveres enough to trust her life to.

Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord. –St. Augustine

Passive men = wild women

Sex is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

The glory of God is man fully alive. –St. Irenaeus of Lyons

There is something in most men, placed there by God, to fight and die for honor, to fight and die for women, children, and their buddies. –Emerson Eggerichs

To be respected is more important than to be loved.

To be trusted is a greater complement than to be loved. –George MacDonald

We are not called to be good little boys; we are called to be heroic warriors—soldiers of light.

We not only do not understand the opposite sex; we do not understand our own sex.

We'll get along fine just as soon as you realize I'm right.

When a general respects his men and believes in them more than they believe in themselves, they want to improve, they want to get better, they want to fulfill that potential this general sees in them.

Without perspective, the skirmishes of life suck out the courage
Women crave emotional touch; Men crave physical touch.
Women spell love t-e-n-d-e-r-n-e-s-s; Men spell love r-e-s-p-e-c-t.
You want a woman to admire you, treat her like a princess.

Mercy

The seven works of spiritual mercy be these: teach men the truth, counsel men to how with Christ's law, chastise sinners by moderate reproofing in charity, comfort sorrowful men by Christ's passion, forgive wrongs, suffer meekly reproofs for the right of God's law, pray heartily for friend and for foe. – Middle English sermons

The seven works of bodily mercy be these: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and the needy, harbor the homeless, comfort the sick, visit prisoners, bury the dead.

The state of your heart dictates whether you harbor a grudge or give grace, seek self-pity or seek Christ, drink human misery or taste God's mercy. - Max Lucado

Missions

God wants to change the world through us. Matthew 5:14-15

It is not good doctrine but good deeds that reach the world.

Ships are safe in the harbor, but that is not what they were made for.

Take the love of Christ into the darkness of the world—Mother Teresa.

The promises of God: I have sent you. I will be with you. I will empower you. Gideon

To change the world you need to start by changing yourself.

We are made for a mission in the world.

We are not called to entertain believers while the world goes to hell. –Henry Blackaby

We are called to make a difference in the world.

Mistakes

Experience is what enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

God makes no mistakes. <http://www.cowboylyrics.com/lyrics/lynn-loretta/god-makes-no-mistakes-12982.html>

He who refuses to learn from history if forced to repeat its mistakes.

I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward. –

Thomas A. Edison

It is always helpful to learn from your mistakes, because then your mistakes are worthwhile.

Mistakes are a fact of life—it is the responses to the error that counts.

Probably he who never made a mistake, never made a discovery. –Samuel Smiles.

Music

Music is the tip of the sword that opens the heart toward God.

Obedience

Any assignment that comes from the Maker of the universe is an important assignment. –Henry Blackaby

Be obedient to God and leave the consequences to Him.

Disobedience is costly. --Blackaby

Do it God's way.

Do right and fear not.

Do right and let God take care of the results.

Every time you do God's work in God's way you will have God's power. –Henry Blackaby

God often orders us to cross our Jordan River at flood stage.

I come to know God by experience as I obey Him and He accomplishes His work through me. –

Henry Blackaby

If I have an obedience problem, I have a love problem. –Henry Blackaby

In most cases the problem isn't that we lack information; the problem is that we lack obedience.

–Henry Blackaby

Keep on doing what God called you to do.

Obedience is costly to me and those around me; disobedience is even more costly.

Obedience is the outward expression of my love for God (John 14:15). – Blackaby

Obedience requires total dependence on God to work through me. --Blackaby

Obedience to God will lead to opposition and misunderstanding. –Henry Blackaby

Someone is waiting on the other side of your obedience.

When you disobey, you miss out on some of life's greatest experiences.

What does God want me to do today?

You cannot obey God without being blessed. –Charles Stanley

Pain

Frustration + tedium + loneliness = pain

God whispers in our pleasures, but shouts in our pain. –2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

God knows our pain.

Pain either makes you or breaks you.

Pain reveals who we are deep within.

Pain is weakness leaving the body—a marine proverb.

You have to deal with your pain—or it will destroy you.

You must choose between the pain of discipline and the pain of regret.

You're holding too much pain in your life—you need to be loved by God. –Nicky Cruz

Patience

Courtesy is respecting our differences, being considerate of each other's feelings, and being patient with people who irritate us.

If you are patient, God will come through. Job, James, I Peter

Patient endurance under suffering draws people to Christ. –Henry Blackaby

Waiting on God is worth the wait. –Henry Blackaby

Pastoral Ministry

Pastoral burnout statistics by Barna and Focus on the Family

1,500 pastors are forced to resign each month.

80% of pastors feel discouraged and inadequate.

80% of seminary graduates leave the minister after 5 years.

50% of pastors want to leave the ministry but lack other job skills.

Peace

Inner peace originates with God. –Philippians 4:7

Peace in the storm. Psalm 126.

Peace is not the absence of conflict—it is the tranquility of order in the chaos of life. –John 16:33

Peace is the presence of power, not the absence of trouble.

The rebel can never find peace.

The peace of God pulls a shattered life back together.

The peace of God doesn't deliver you from the problems of life; it delivers you through the problems of life.

Philosophy

The test of a philosopher is whether or not he lives his philosophy. No existentialist lives his philosophy. No existentialist can criticize anyone—however, they all want to criticize conservatives. –Josh McDowell

Postmodernism

There is a distinction between tolerance and pluralism. Tolerance gives us room to say, "I think you're wrong, but I'll defend your right to be wrong." Pluralism strongly suggests that there isn't any such thing as right and wrong—and no such thing as truth and error. As is practiced more and more in America, pluralism tends to require that you not only leave room for your neighbor to believe what he believes, but that you also refrain from disagreeing with it—Joel Belz. "Tolerance vs. Pluralism," *World* (Nov/Dec. 2001).

We are not now living in a post-Judeo-Christian era but rather in an anti-Judeo-Christian era. – Josh McDowell

Prayer

Always respond to every impulse to pray. The impulse to pray may come when you are reading or when you are battling with a text. I would make an absolute law of this – always obey such an impulse. –Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Ask for what you want; but be willing to take what God gives you—it may be better than what you ask for.

God helps those who recognize their need—seek, ask, knock.

He who kneels the most stands best. –D. L. Moody

I have so much to do that I spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it.—John Wesley

If Jesus needed to pray...

If you are strangers to prayer you are strangers to power. —Billy Sunday

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? –Corrie Ten Boom

Notice, we never pray for folks we gossip about, and we never gossip about the folk for whom we pray! For prayer is a great deterrent. --Leonard Ravenhill

Pray, and let God worry. -- Martin Luther

Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan --John Bunyan

Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. –Mother Teresa

Prayer is connecting to the Source of ultimate power. –Swindoll
Prayer is God's way of bonding us to Him. –Adrian Rogers
Prayer is our Declaration of Dependence upon God.
Prayer is the link between God's will and our works.
Prayer should be our first resource, not the last resort.
Prayer stops the worrying.
Prayer will put backbone where your wishbone is.
Replace your concerns with prayer.
Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers.
The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men...Men of prayer." --E. M. Bounds
There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God. --Brother Lawrence
We look upon prayer simply as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the Biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself. –Oswald Chambers
When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't pray, they don't. --William Temple
When we pray, Jesus prays.
Without Scripture, prayer becomes a one-way conversation.

Preaching

Don't just use the microscope to discover the minutia of just a few verses, use the telescope to examine the grand themes of the Bible. –Charles Swindoll
Expository Preaching: When the message is centered on explaining and applying the text of the Bible for life change. –Rick Warren
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Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words. –Francis of Assisi
Preaching is about transformation, not information. –Rick Warren
The cross gives preaching its power.
Your task as a communicator is not to impress people, but to impact them; not just to convince them, but also to change them. –Howard Hendricks

Pride

Knowledge is proud that it knows so much; wisdom is humble that it knows so little.
Pride blocks God's grace in our lives, which we must have in order to grow, change, heal, and help others.
Pride builds walls between people; humility builds bridges.
Pride quenches spiritual power quicker than anything else.
Satan does not care what Christians are divided over, just as long as we are divided.
The antidote to pride is praise.

Prophecy

Prophecy is God's authentication of His Word.
Prophecy is what makes Christianity unique.
The purpose of prophecy is to provide confidence and hope in the hard times.

Purpose

God gives each man a special task in life, and a blessing to carry it out.
God has a comprehensive purpose for your life.
God created you to do something good. –Ephesians 2:10
God allows persecution to accomplish His purposes.
God formed me for a special place where I fit perfectly. —O.S. Hockins
God takes everything in your life and focuses it for His purposes. –Henry Blackaby
God's purpose is to be accomplished by ordinary people who believe in and serve an extraordinary God. –Avery Willis
God has made us in such a way that He is the only One who can meet our needs for significance.
God has a creative plan for your life.
God has a clear priority for your life.
God has a job for me that no one else can do. – Ephesians 2:10
God has plans for you (Jer. 29).
God isn't trying to mess up our lives.
God, I want to be doing what You are blessing.
God chooses us to be trophies of His grace, glory, and goodness.
God is more interested in what I become than what I do. –Henry Blackaby
God is grooming you for His purposes.
God's purpose is bigger than your problem.
God's will should be our highest priority.
Our sense of emptiness is not accidental; it is a fundamental clue as to our origin, purpose and destiny. Nothing that we experience on earth can truly satisfy.
The God who calls me is also the One who will enable me to do His will. –Henry Blackaby
There is a design behind my life—a purpose, a plan. Jeremiah 1:4
What do you believe God wants you to do next?
What were you placed on earth for—to live for Jesus—eternal gain.
We have no problems, just challenges to adjust to the plan of God.
You are the way God made you for a reason.
You're just a player in a much bigger plan.
You were made to rule the world.

Relationships

Accountability is necessary because we all have blind spots that keep us from sound decisions.
Bonding takes place in times of trouble.
Do not despise any person, and do not consider anything impossible, for there is no person who does not have an hour and no thing that does not have its place.
Einstein was no Einstein when he was a kid. –Walter Isaacson
Everybody's normal till you get to know them.
Life is relationships—the rest is details.
I am a friend to all who are friends of Christ.
Make sure to be in with your equals if you're going to fall out with your superiors. -*Jewish proverb*
Make people feel important.
People care if you care for them—establish relationships.
Rules – Relationship = Rebellion
Rules + Relationship = Response / Responsibility /Obedience

To follow the straight path, choose a good colleague; to avoid the evil path, avoid a wicked colleague. —*Joshua b. Hanania, Mishna: Abot*
Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being. —Goethe
You can only go as high as the people you associate with—don't ever be the smartest person you know.

Repentance

A question (or story) appeals to the conscience where an accusation hardens the will.
Allow the weight of your sin to bring you to your knees.
Repent or perish.
Repentance is choosing God over sin.
Repentance is turning your back on sin and moving toward God. —David Jeremiah
Remorse is not repentance; repentance is a change of direction.
Peter's Sermons: God sent Jesus. Your sin killed Him. But God raised Him from the dead. By faith you can be changed. So, repent! (There is a God and He loves you. All mankind killed Jesus. If we did not have a debt, Christ would not have had to pay it. The unique claim of Christianity is that we serve a risen, living God.
True faith always includes genuine repentance. —David Jeremiah
You can't serve the Lord with a burden of unrepentant sin on your back.

Righteousness

Evil must be defeated for righteousness to reign.
The righteous will be exalted.

Salvation

Good works do not determine salvation—they demonstrate salvation. God makes us strong through our suffering.
He died for my death that I might live His life.
Jesus paid a debt He did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay!
The next best thing to being in heaven is knowing that you are going there (blessed assurance, oh, what a foretaste of glory above).
There is a fight for your soul.

Satan

If the devil can't make you bad, he will make you busy.
If you really love Jesus, you won't be flirting with the Devil.
If you aren't serving Jesus, you are a slave to the devil. —John 8:39
Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive.
Satan cannot make anyone sin; but he can trick them.
Satan does not tell complete lies; he tells partial lies to deceive us into disobedience.
Satan is a genius, a mastermind as seen by how rampant sin is.
Satan loads us with false guilt now so that he can load us with true guilt later.
Satan wants to ruin your life.
Satan's lie: Self-worth = my performance + others' opinions about me.
Satan's most effective tools are Christians who don't walk their talk.

Satan's #1 weapon is that you can sin without consequences (without dying).
Satan's plan is to divide and conquer.
Satan's strategies: Balaam strategy, Diotrephes strategy, Eliab strategy, Goliath strategy.

Servanthood

Before and After: David (shepherd boy to giant killer); Joseph (convict to prime minister); Ruth (pagan to messianic line), Paul (persecutor to missionary).

Calling one to difficult service may actually be God's way of honoring His servant's strength of character.

Don't grow weary in being faithful—a reward awaits faithful servants. —Henry Blackaby

God has a God-sized job for me. —Henry Blackaby

God blesses those who are busy for Him.

God does not call us to an assignment; He calls us to Himself. —Henry Blackaby

God does not want my ability, He wants my availability.

God does not call people who are qualified; He calls people who are willing and then He qualifies them.

God does not want the credit for what we do. —Henry Blackaby

God's work is never inexpensive or convenient; becoming His faithful servant is always a trying experience, bound up with sacrifice, devotion, and obedience — Peters

Great servants are grateful individuals. —Psalm 32

I was created for service. —Ephesians 2:10

I was born to serve the Lord.

In the service of a greater good.

It is not what you say, but what you do, that counts.

Let the work of God become your pattern.

Servant leadership.

Serving God is accomplished by serving others. —Matthew 25:40

The equipping always follows the assignment; it never precedes it. —Henry Blackaby

We are designed for service.

Watch to see where God is working and join Him. —Henry Blackaby

We all want to hear, "Well done!"

Sin

Anytime you rationalize sin, you are having a conversation with the devil.

Arrogance, egoism, greed, insolence, lust, pride, selfishness lead to hate.

Be sure your sins will find you out.

By choosing the good, you will miss the evil.

Confronting your sin is painful.

Do you really think God is holding out on you?

Evil contaminates the good—water that is 99% pure is contaminated.

God is not holding out on you; you are holding out on God.

God is not holding out on you; Satan is lying to you.

If you search for good you will find it; if you search for evil, it will find you.

Ignorance is not the cause of evil--evil is the cause of ignorance, of willfully ignoring the truth.

I'm against sin. I'll kick it as long as I've got a foot, and I'll fight it as long as I've got a fist. I'll butt it as long as I've got a head. I'll bite it as long as I've got a tooth. And when I'm old and fistless and footless and toothless, I'll gum it till I go home to Glory and it goes home to perdition! --Billy Sunday

It is easier to avoid the pitfalls of sin if you avoid the paths of temptation.
One reason sin flourishes is that it is treated like a cream puff instead of a rattlesnake.

- Billy Sunday

Sin does not bring blessing; sin brings discipline.

Sin has consequences that cannot be avoided.

Sin is basically irrational.

Sin is fun for a while; but you sin will find you out.

Sin keeps you from hearing the voice of God.

Sin never satisfies, it always requires more.

Sin short-circuits lasting pleasure and satisfaction

Sin will always take you farther than you planned to go.

Sin would have few takers if its consequences occurred immediately. -W.T. Purkiser

Stop playing with sin; it will do you in.

The devil is a genius, if you talk with him he will convince you to exchange every spiritual blessing (Eph. 3:1) for that which does not satisfy.

They who see sin where there is no sin, and see no sin where there is sun, are prone to great evil.

To say "No" to the flesh is actually saying "Yes" to one's deepest being.

We need to crucify sin rather than manage sin. -Henry Blackaby

When we focus on Christ we won't have time for the lusts of the flesh. -Galatians 5:16

When evil is ignored, it flourishes.

Success

Continuous effort—not strength or intelligence—is the key to unlocking our potential. -Winston Churchill

Don't get stuck on stupid. -Lt. Gen. Russel Honore

Don't let failure and embarrassment keep you from success. -GCW

Focus on your potential instead of your limitations. -Alan Loy McGinnis

Is it my goal to complete with other are to complete them?

It is not really tiredness but unsuccessfulness that brings fatigue.

Life is all about leaving a legacy.

Money and success don't change people; they merely amplify what is already there.

Once significance is sensed nothing else will satisfy.

Satisfaction comes from relationships, not accomplishments.

Selfishness and significance are incompatible words.

Significance is doing something for someone else.

Simplicity is the secret to success.

Sometimes success can be your greatest enemy.

Success has many fathers; failure is an orphan.

Success in life consists not so much in marrying the person who will make you happy, as in escaping the many who could make you miserable. -Chuck Swindoll

Success in life is to find the will of God and do it.

Success involves three things: knowing my purpose in life, growing in my maximum potential, sowing seeds that benefit others. -John Maxwell

Success is focusing on self; significance is focusing on others.

Success is when I add value to myself; significance is when I add value to others. -John Maxwell

The best way to learn to be successful is to surround yourself with successful people.

The differences between success and significance: unselfish motives, values people, cross-generational, other-focused, and reward is the success of others. –John Maxwell

The key to success in life is to put the right prices on the right items.

The price of greatness is responsibility. –Winston Churchill

The road to success is always under construction.

There are no seven easy steps to success.

There is no more noble occupation in the world than to assist another human being, to help someone succeed. –Alan Loy McGinnis

To love what you do and feel that it matters, how could anything be more fun. –Kathrine Graham

What can I do with others for others?

What is it that brings a sparkle to your eyes?

What would I try to do if I had the right perspective on failure?

What would I try to do if I thought I could succeed?

What would you do if you knew you could not fail?

What would you do if you knew you could survive failure?

When you add value to yourself, you add; when you add value to others, you multiply. –John Maxwell

When you help others you help yourself.

Whether we experience failure or success, God can use each situation to teach us that our worth is secure in Him.

You can be incredibly successful and an abysmal failure. –Henry Blackaby

<http://www.quotedb.com/categories/success>

Suffering

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity. –Winston Churchill

Emotional bondage results in damaged emotions—painful memories, overreaction, decreased capacity to give and receive love, damaged relationships with those you love, damaged relationship with God, guilty conscience.

From our greatest conflicts come our greatest victories!

For the proper perspective, gaze upon God and glance at the problems.

God often does His work through suffering—even Jesus suffered. –Henry Blackaby

God allows hard times to accomplish His purposes.

God will only use people according to their brokenness.

God does not waste suffering; if he plows it is because He purposes a crop. –J. Oswald Sanders

God allows storms because He wants to see what you do with His Word when He seems to be asleep.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world” –C.S. Lewis

It is rare that God can use a person greatly until He has hurt him deeply. –Tozer

Let your test become your testimony.

Only through trials do we come to maturity.

Problems we openly acknowledge are solvable.

Suffering brings our shortcomings to the surface.

Suffering is God’s megaphone.

Sometimes God calms the storm; sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.

The greater the difficulty the greater the glory. –Cicero

The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.
The storms of life are designed to make us better people.
The storms of life reveal your beliefs.
The storms of life reveal your foundation.
The worst we go through is only God helping us grow up.
There is opportunity in every difficulty.
We are going through a refining process—a refining process is not fun. —1 Peter
We experience suffering and trials for a reason.
What are you learning in your time of darkness?
When we respond to hardship the way God wants us to respond—people are impressed.
When you pass the test you go on to the blessing.
When you are out of the will of God those you love will suffer most. —Henry Blackaby
When you stop looking at your problems and fix your eyes on Jesus you will experience God.
When God wants to do an incredible thing, He takes an impossible man and crushes him.
When I am weak, then I am strong.
Whenever you do something for God, there will be opposition (e.g. Nehemiah, Paul).
You are not alone in your depression and in your questions. —Job, Psalms, Elijah, Luther, Spurgeon
You never learn about yourself until you have been all the way down.
You are either in a storm, just getting out of a storm, or about to enter a storm.

Teaching

A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others. --Author Unknown
A man should never be ashamed to own he has been wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday. --Alexander Pope
A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. --Henry Adams
A teacher is one who makes himself progressively unnecessary. --Thomas Carruthers
A teacher needs to communicate to students: (1) That I know you; (2) I care for you; (3) I value you; (4) You can do this; (5) I can add value to your life.
A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron. ~Horace Mann
An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. John W. Gardner
And if a picture is worth a thousand words, a metaphor is worth a thousand pictures. —Dan Pink
Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. --Henry Ford
As a teacher I am primarily a student of the Word of God and of my students.
Avoid the soft bigotry of low standards. Intentions don't have to be cruel for the results to be cruel.
Awaken people's curiosity. It is enough to open minds, do not overload them. Put there just a spark. --Anatole France
Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. Thomas A. Kempis
Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact. George Eliot (Mary-Ann Evans)
By viewing the old we learn the new. --Chinese Proverb
Do not do anything for a student that a student can do for himself.

Education is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning, by praise, but above all—by example. --John Ruskin

Education should turn out the pupil with something he knows well and something he can do well. --Alfred North Whitehead

Einstein thought creatively in pictures.

Einstein was no Einstein when he was a kid. --Walter Isaacson

Every artist was at first an amateur. --Ralph W. Emerson

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler. --Albert Einstein

Give me a fish and I eat for a day. Teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime. --Chinese Proverb

God can't bless you if you try to be someone other than who He made you to be.

Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers. --Josef Albers

Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theater. --Gail Godwin

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.

He who ceases to learn cannot adequately teach.

How can the teacher's manner fail to be earnest and inspiring when his subject matter is so rich in radiant reality? --John Milton Gregory

I address you as my fellow students. -- Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch

I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand. --Chinese Proverb

I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework.

If I had more time, I would have written a shorter letter. --Marcus T. Cicero

If we desire God's best in our lives, then we must realize His best for us includes both our strengths and weaknesses.

If you desire to excel for Christ, you must narrow your choices (Philippians 3:13).

If you do not expect it, you will not find the unexpected, for it is hard to find and difficult. -- Heraclitus

If you don't love them, they will know.

If you spend 30 minutes a day reading and 30 minutes reflecting, it will transform your life. -- Howard Hendricks

In the fields of observation, chance favors only the prepared mind. --Louis Pasteur

It is important that students bring a certain barefoot irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it. --Jacob Bronowski

It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. -- Albert Einstein

It is the teacher's mission...by sympathy, by example, and by every means of influence—by objects for the senses, by facts for the intelligence—to excite the mind of the pupils, to stimulate their thoughts.... The greatest of teachers said: "The seed is the word." The true teacher stirs the ground and sows the seed. --John Milton Gregory

It's not what's taught, but what's caught that counts.

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts. --Harry S. Truman

Information tends to be interesting when it has immediate application.

Information without application is deadening.

Knowledge cannot be passed like a material substance from one mind to another, for thoughts are not objects, which may be held and handled.... Ideas must be rethought, experience must be re-experienced. --John Milton Gregory

Learning is changing your thinking, feeling, and behavior.

Let us discern for ourselves what is right; let us learn together what is good. --Job 34:4 NIV

Listen and ask questions; don't lecture.

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above it. --Washington Irving

Make learning interesting through the use of stories.

Many teachers go to their work either partly prepared or wholly unprepared. They are like messengers without a message. They lack entirely the power and enthusiasm necessary to produce the fruits which we have a right to look from their efforts. –John Milton Gregory

Master the five overlooked fundamentals and clear communication (1 Thes. 2:3-6).

Men learn while they teach. –Lucius A. Seneca

Most of what we learn, we learn from people.

Most people who read, read too much and reflect too little. –Howard Hendricks

Motivated people motivate people.

No amount of technology will improve schools until principles can fire bad teachers; teacher unions hurt children. –Steve Jobs Feb. 16, 2007

No matter how good teaching may be, each student must take the responsibility for his own education. --John Carolus S.J.

No one can become really educated without having pursued some study in which he took no interest ...T.S. Eliot

Not only is the learning process exciting and logical, but it's also a discovery process. Truth is always most profitable and productive when you can see it for yourself. –Howard Hendricks

Now abideth these three: information, understanding and clarity; but the greatest of these is clarity.

Once seen never forgotten.

One can think effectively only when one is willing to endure suspense and to undergo the trouble of searching.

One must learn by doing the thing; for though you think you know it, you have no certainty, until you try. --Sophocles

One-liners create unforgettable teaching (Deut. 4:9)

Opposites are not contradictory but complementary. --Niels Bohr

Ours is an informational culture. We worship information. But information without application is an empty deity.

People learn by doing, not by listening.

People learn more quickly by doing something or seeing something done. --Gilbert Highet

People's behavior makes sense if you think about it in terms of their goals, needs, and motives. Thomas Mann

Praise, like gold and diamonds, owes its values only to its scarcity. --Samuel Johnson

Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted; but to weigh and consider. --Francis Bacon

Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man. –Francis Bacon

Real effectiveness is developed through many years of improving just a few steps at a time.

Reinventing the wheel is a process. --Rashid Elisha

Relate principles to biblical characters to cement those principles in people's minds.

Relate principles to real people to cement those principles in people's minds.

Some people see what you mean; others need to hear or feel it (Psalm 34:8).

Students learn better when they talk, not when you talk.

Teach according to how students and adults learn—they learn by doing.

Teachers must convince students that we know you; we value you, we are here to serve you, and we deserve your support.

Teachers should guide without dictating, and participate without dominating. --C.B. Neblette

Teaching doesn't take place unless the students have learned.

Teaching is not about covering a lesson; it is about setting people free. –Henry Blackaby

Teaching should be full of ideas instead of stuffed with facts.

Teaching must be intentional, practical, and relational (2 Tim. 3:14-17).

Teaching that impacts, is not head-to-head, but heart-to-heart.

Teaching without an accompanying experience is like filling a lamp with water. Something has been poured in, but the result is not illuminating.

The basic idea behind teaching is to teach people what they need to know. --Carl Rogers

The best learning happens in real life with real problems and real people—and not in classrooms.

The best rarely are composed of the people who have the most natural talent, but rather by those few who have a passion to fulfill their God-given talents and reach for the top of their potential.

The best teacher is the one who suggests rather than dogmatizes, and inspires his listener with the wish to teach himself. --Edward Bulwer-Lytton

The best way to become acquainted with a subject is to write a book about it. --Benjamin Disraeli

The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick alongside it. -- D.L. Moody

The critical factor is not class size but rather the nature of the teaching as it affects learning. -- C.B. Neblette

The empires of the future are the empires of the mind. --Winston Churchill

The essence of the educational process is a teacher helping a learner apply knowledge to a problem.

The four basic skills students need to master are: (1) reading, (2) writing, (3) listening, and (4) speaking. --Howard Hendricks

The function of the teacher is to create the most favorable conditions for self-learning. --John Milton Gregory

The greatest battles are fought in the mind.

The important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. --Pierre de Coubertin

The job of an educator is to teach students to see discern the Truth.

The Law of the Student states that the student is responsible to learn regardless of the quality of the teacher.

The limits of your language are the limits of your world. Ludwig Wittgenstein

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. --William Arthur Ward

The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be ignited. --Plutarch

The mind is to the soul, what the brain is to the body.

The most important test of teacher effectiveness is student performance.

The number one problem in education today is the failure to motivate learners—to get them off the dime and into action. --Howard Hendricks

The nature of mind, as far as we can understand it, is that of a power or force actuated by motives. The striking clock may sound in the ear, and the passing object may paint its image in the eyes, but the inattentive mind neither hears nor sees. --John Milton Gregory

The opposite of ignorance in the Scriptures is not knowledge; its obedience.

The problem with the average guy coming out of the university is that he can't read, he can't write, and he can't think. --Howard Hendricks

The purpose of journaling is to ensure that the heart does not grow cold while the brain is being feed facts about the Bible.

The task of the teacher is to make the complex simple.

The teacher has not taught, until the student has learned

The teacher must know that which he would teach--imperfect knowing must be reflected in imperfect teaching. --John Milton Gregory

The three basic goals of teaching are: (1) Teach people how to think. (2) Teach people how to learn. (3) Teach people how to work. –Howard Hendricks

The true function of the teacher is to create the most favorable conditions for self-learning... True teaching is not that which gives knowledge, but that which stimulates pupils to gain it. –John Milton Gregory

The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear. --Socrates

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated in quotations. -- Benjamin Disraeli

There are two types of education. One should teach us how to make a living, And the other how to live. – John Adams

There are one-story intellects, two-story intellects, and three-story intellects with skylights. All fact collectors, who have no aim beyond their facts, are one-story men. Two-story men compare, reason, generalize, using the labors of the fact collectors as well as their own. Three-story men idealize, imagine, and predict—their best illumination comes from above, through the skylight. –Oliver Wendell Holmes

There is no education like adversity. --Benjamin Disraeli

They know enough who know how to learn. --Henry Adams

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it. – Henry Ford

Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing the ground. --Frederick Douglass

To arrive at the simple is difficult. --Rashid Elisha

To teach is to learn twice. --Joseph Joubert

True education is a bridge between theory and praxis.

We think of the effective teachers we have had over the years with a sense of recognition, but those who have touched our humanity we remember with a deep sense of gratitude. -- Anonymous student

We think too much about effective methods of teaching and not enough about effective methods of learning. --John Carolus S.J.

What we hear we remember a little; what we write we remember much better. –David Jeremiah

When a man ceases to grow he begins to decay.

When it comes to suiting the comfort level of diverse groups of students, it is not my job to make people comfortable, it is to educate them.

When you demand excellence you offer hope.

When words and actions are in opposition, actions always overpower words.

Whenever we learn something new, we pay for it with something old. We must give up ignorance and prejudice and falsehood if we are to gain truth. To add a new idea to the mind, we must eject an old one. So all learning is subtracting as well as adding, dying as well as birthing. —Socrates

Whoso neglects learning in his youth, loses the past and is dead to the future. -- Euripides

Why memorize when your eyes can snap a picture you will never forget? Incredibly visual

With only knowledge, I dry up; with only spirit, I blow up; but with a balance, I grow up.

Wonder is the desire for knowledge. –St. Thomas Aquinas

Writing makes a person more precise.

You cannot be prideful and teachable at the same time.

You cannot direct the wind but you can adjust the sails. --Anonymous

You cannot operate on the margins of your knowledge—you have to know ten times as much as you apply.

You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself. --Galileo Galilei

You do not teach what you do not live.

Your task as a communicator is not to impress people, but to impact them; not just to convince them, but also to change them. –Howard Hendricks

<http://www.quotationspage.com/subjects/teaching/>

http://www.quoteland.com/topic.asp?CATEGORY_ID=140

Teamwork

Each of us strands taller when we stand together.

Grumbling ruins team spirit.

Grumbling is blaming a teammate/leader for things not going well. –James 5:9

Run the race for those who passed the baton to you and pass it on to the next generation.

Synergism = Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Teamwork makes the dream work.

Temptation

It is better to shun the bait than it is to struggle in the snare.

It is easier to avoid the pitfalls of sin if you avoid the paths of temptation.

Temptation is a compliment—Satan only messes with those who are doing what they are supposed to do.

Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in. –Billy Sunday

Temptation is the opportunity to do right.

To battle temptation we have to change the mind by doing something that is more appealing.

Thanksgiving

A lack of thanksgiving is the root of a lack of peace.

A thankful spirit will take the bitterness out of life. –Hebrews 12:15, 28

Articulate what you appreciate.

He who forgets the language of gratitude can never be on speaking terms with happiness.

The secret to life is gratitude.

Theology

A car is made to run on gasoline, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on himself. He himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. – C.S. Lewis

Aslan is not a tame lion. —C. S. Lewis

Biblical Counseling - the Capstone Application of Christianity.

Bible Challenges: Is there not a cause? For such a time as this.

Christians will be vindicated before the world.

Don't use the world's methods to accomplish God's work. –Henry Blackaby

Freedom exists for the sake of love. –Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II)

God became man so that man could become God. –St. Athanasius, On the Incarnation #54

God can't bless you if you try to be someone other than who He made you to be.

God can't give it through you until He gives it to you.

God does not run the world by opinion polls.

God does not accept second-hand glory. –Henry Blackaby

God is always at work; but we miss it if we are following our plans. –Henry Blackaby

God is not a road. He is the end, not the means. --C.S. Lewis

God is not in a hurry because God is God.

God judges at the proper time.

God lets us say "No" so that "Yes" means something.

God loves dependence upon Him—God helps the helpless.

God not only orders our steps but He orders our stops.

God promotes at His discretion.

God will never say to us, "What a great plan!"

God won't fill a full cup.

God uses the unlikely to do the impossible for His glory.

God's glory matters.

God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply –Hudson Taylor

In essentials, unity; In non-essentials, liberty; In all things, charity.

If you are not hearing God, the problem is not God. –Henry Blackaby

If you don't believe in God, you will believe in anything.

If God is not working there is a reason—unbelief.

If God says "no" He has a reason.

One with God is a majority. –Billy Graham

Only God can shape our hearts as a Potter fashions the clay. –Henry Blackaby

Only God knows what is best.

Pascal's wager

Perspective is everything—God measures the universe with the span of His hand

The timing of God; divine appointments.

The evidence for Christianity is sufficient, but not exhaustive.

Too often we exchange the power of God for religious activity.

When God gives a commandment, He is not restricting me; He is freeing me. --Blackaby

When God puts a period, do not change it to a question mark.

We have substituted religion for relationship. –Henry Blackaby

What if there were no Christmas?

We don't work for God; God works through us.

We exist for God—not the other way around.

We need truth, and we need sound theology. The right information is essential. But above all else, we need relationship. –David Jeremiah, MHD: 168

You can't do spiritual things in the power of the flesh.

Time

Bring eternity into time.

God did not create me for time; He created me for eternity. –Henry Blackaby

You will never find time for anything; if you want time, you must make it.

Nothing is a waste of time if you learn from it.

Time is precious; don't waste it—read.

Tolerance

Only Christianity can combat terrorism. The only Islamists who renounce terrorism are those who become Christians.

The Natzifobs were correct.

There is a distinction between tolerance and pluralism. Tolerance gives us room to say, "I think you're wrong, but I'll defend your right to be wrong." Pluralism strongly suggests that there isn't any such thing as right and wrong—and no such thing as truth and error. As is practiced more and more in America, pluralism tends to require that you not only leave room for your neighbor to believe what he believes, but that you also refrain from disagreeing with it—Joel Belz. "Tolerance vs. Pluralism," *World* (Nov/Dec. 2001).

We are not now living in a post-Judeo-Christian era but rather in an anti-Judeo-Christian era. – Josh McDowell

Trust

Is what I am doing, thinking, or saying building trust or is it undermining trust. Without emotional trust you can't have emotional intimacy.

Truth

Emotion is good when it is a by-product of truth.

Evil is the cause of ignorance—of willfully ignoring the truth.

If you add to the truth, you subtract from it. - *The Talmud*

If you haven't obeyed past truth you aren't open to more truth.

Jesus graciously applied truth to each person's need.

Not only is the learning process exciting and logical, but it's also a discovery process. Truth is always most profitable and productive when you can see it for yourself. –Howard Hendricks

One of the worst things about lying is that no one believes you when you tell the truth.

The truth never changes, only our perspective of truth changes.

Truth is black and white; grace is multicolored.

Truth is not motivational until it is applied.

Truth – Grace = Legalism (Rules – Love)

Victory

Celebration is applause, banners, drama, fairs, fun, food, laughter, praise, singing, testimonies, team-building.

Champions

No victory without suffering; no freedom without sacrifice. Lord of the Rings.

Spiritual victory comes only to those who are prepared for battle.

The victory over mediocrity is found in the search for excellence. We are prone to evaluate our practice and quality of work on "the bell curve." If that's what everybody else is doing it must be good. So we become comfortable in the middle of the "bell curve" where most are satisfied to live.

You only get the victory when you surrender.

Virtue

A country cannot subsist well without liberty, nor liberty without virtue. –Daniel Webster

Vision

All find what they truly seek.

Be not like a bird that sees the seeds but not the trap.

Common to all great men and women is this philosophy to focus their energies to excel in only a few, well-chosen areas.

Do what you were designed and fashioned to do.

Focus on the indispensable.

God gives us the vision, then takes us into the valley to shape us into that vision. –Oswald chambers

If you're looking up to God you won't be looking down on people.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your mind off your goals.

The Vision that God gives you for the future is rooted in your past. –David Jeremiah

The difference between greatness and mediocrity is vision –Habakkuk 2:2

The vision that God gives you for the future is rooted in your past. –David Jeremiah

Vision is a bridge from the past to the future.

Vision is the eye of faith to see the invisible and then make it happen.

Vision is the art of seeing things that are invisible.

Vision is the dominant factor that determines your life.

Vision is the power that causes people to make huge sacrifices and become all they can be.

Vision is a clear mental image of a preferable future imputed by God.

Vision is the God-given energy that will make you become a risk-taker.

Vision is adopting an action plan that will enable you to move forward.

Vision: That every man and woman, boy and girl, have an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel. –Fermin Whitticker

Wisdom

Doubt is often the beginning of wisdom. —M Scott Peck

Five steps to wisdom: In seeking wisdom the first step is silence, the second: listening, the third: remembering, the fourth: practicing, the fifth: teaching others. *Solomon Ibn Gabirol*

Heavenly wisdom for your earthly walk.

Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.—Moses

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated in quotations. -- Benjamin Disraeli

The wise learn from their trials.

To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, not must observe and reflect.

We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success. –Samuel Smiles

Wisdom is doing the right thing without a precedent.

Women

12 things that really make a woman desirable <http://www.understandmen.com/men/index.html>

A feminist is a woman who does not know how to love/respect a man.

A woman who understands men is happier than one who hates them.

Anything a man gets points for he is going to do again. –Alison Armstrong

Christianity accords to the woman the moral dignity worthy of an immortal being belonging to a supernatural world. –C.B. Eavey

Feminists want men to understand women, but they do not want to bother with understanding men.

It is more effecting to tell a man what you want rather than what you don't want. –Alison Armstrong

Men are wired to want to be a hero, to make a woman happy—but they need immediate feedback.

What if your son grew up and married someone like you?

What if your daughter grew up and married someone like you?

Wild women = Passive men

Women change as a result of criticism but resent it; while men reject and resist criticism and as a result do not change.

In the pursuit of equality women emasculate men, not knowing that it creates distance. –Alison Armstrong

Women not only do not understand men; they do not understand themselves—and that really confuses men. –Alison Armstrong

You get a lot more out of a man when you make smile first. –Dr. Laura

Worry

Don't live in your rearview mirror.

Everything is on schedule—don't worry.

Focus on the sovereignty of God—Eloheim. God does not take Maalox (Psalm 55)

Focus on the salvation of God—Yahweh

Focus on the sustaining power of God.

Focusing on God removes worry.

It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time. –Winston Churchill

It is unbecoming for a child of God to worry.

Patterns of infidelity often begin in one's youth.

The word worry comes from the German wergon which means to choke and refers to its ability to choke the life out of a person.

What worries you, masters you. –Haddon Robinson

When I worry, I add more things to an already full schedule.

When I worry, I add pressure by thinking my image and reputation are involved in this.

When I worry, I add expectations to what has not yet happened.

When I worry, I subtract God's presence from my crisis.

When I worry, I subtract prayer from my day.

When I worry, I subtract perspective from the moment.

When I worry, I multiply my problems by inserting my own solutions to rapidly.

When I worry, I multiply my fears with my imagination.

When I worry, I divide life into the secular and sacred.

When I worry, I divide my day into the Lord's part and my business.

Worry is forgetting God.

Worry is like a rocking chair: no matter how much you rock, you get nowhere.

Worry is unhealthy.

Worry states that you don't trust God's wisdom, sovereignty, and love.

Worship

A beautiful sky, a friend's smile, or a completed task is all the reason you should need to take a moment in your day for the wonder of worship. –David Jeremiah

Almost paradoxically, retreating into deep fellowship with God ultimately means having more experience with people. –David Jeremiah, 19

All of life is worship: “Giving thanks *always*, Praying *always*, Rejoice in the Lord *always*, *always* laboring fervently for you in prayers, Rejoice *always*, pray without ceasing, peace in *always* every way, Be steadfast, immovable, *always* abounding in the work of the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:20; 6:18; Philippians 4:4; Colossians 4:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:58).

At key moments in their history, the Israelites created songs to commemorate the great works of God: The Red Sea, Deborah, David, Solomon, Temple, Nehemiah, Ezra, Zerubbabel, Jehoshaphat.

Could it be that we have not because we ask not and that we see no miracles because we expect none? If you’re dead set on the proposition that miracles don’t happen in your life, I can guarantee you that you’ll be right. But if you live your everyday life in the power of faith, expecting God to reach down into the most mundane of activities in the most modern of world, you may begin to see wonderful things. –David Jeremiah

Creation and culmination are the bookends of Scripture. And in the very heart of the book, in its physical center, we find the Book of Psalms. –David Jeremiah

Cynicism is a deadly infection that eats away our childlike ability to be surprised and delighted. It corrodes our channels of worship, and that disease is a terminal one. –David Jeremiah, 17

Despair turns quickly to victory when a broken heart is laid on the altar of worship before God. Every sin can ultimately be traced to failing to attribute the proper priority and Lordship to God. –David Jeremiah

Every situation is a potential act of worship, a time to magnify the name of the Lord.

Fear is the recognition that we lack the resources for the challenge confronting us.

From the beginning, music has been an essential link between God and His children.

God dwells in our worship.

God makes His home in our worship.

God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. –William Cowper

God wants us to find the ultimate joy that is attainable only through an eternal perspective of worship.

God wants us to seek Him, not just His will.

God’s greatest desire is your companionship. –David Jeremiah

Growth in faith comes through doing the things that Jesus would do. –David Jeremiah

Habakkuk means “the one who embraces”; he finally comprehends that the answers will have to wait—at least for the duration of this earthly life. But for now, there is the loving embrace of God.

Heaven is the birthplace of music.

Humility and wonder go hand in hand. –David Jeremiah

Hymns are sung about the Lord, worship songs are sung to the Lord.

Hynes tether us to our tradition; while spiritual songs allow us to speak to the moment.

I believe truly that Satan cannot endure praise and worship, so he slips out of the room, more or less, when there is a true song. –Amy Carmichael

If Jesus is not Lord of all, He’s is not Lord at all. –David Jeremiah, 85

If we treat our bodies poorly in any way—whether through matters of diet, sexuality, exercise, or any other concern—we must realize we are desecrating the temple of God. –David Jeremiah

If we want to worship in spirit and in truth, we need to rediscover the capacity to wonder that God placed within each of us. –David Jeremiah, 16

If you want to live your entire life in the wonder of worship, you must begin with your personal time with God. –David Jeremiah

In Revelation 4:10-11 we find the ultimate image of worship.

In serving others, we serve Christ, and we do so as acts of perfect worship (Romans 12:1).
In worship, we come into God's presence.
In worship, you have an audience with the King of kings.
It is impossible to be all that God intends for us if we are not willing to spend the time to get to know Him personally. –David Jeremiah
Joy is the flag you fly from the castle to your heart when the King is in residence there.
Life is good when God finds us faithful. –David Jeremiah
Music helps you transport your spirit from mundane concerns to majestic splendor. –David Jeremiah
Music increases the effectiveness of memory.
Music is a channel for the wonder of worship.
Music is a precious gift from God, planted in the grounds of our souls, then liberated by our lips to return to its heavenly home. –David Jeremiah
Music is a special channel of divine blessing, comfort, and strength.
Music teaches and trains, and it does so with a power that speaks not only to the mind, but also to the heart. –David Jeremiah
No matter how unworthy we may be, God looks upon us, smiles, and urges us to come and help Him carry out His great plan for this world. –David Jeremiah
One of the truly wonderful by-products of worship is that life becomes expansive and beautiful again.
Perhaps the church is losing its influence with the world because we are seldom perceived as having a sense of humor or hearts filled with spirited music. –David Jeremiah
Perhaps this renaissance of worship and praise music has come about because of the times in which we live. –David Jeremiah
Praise is the doorway to the next world.
Praise is where God lives.
Sacrifice is at the heart of worship.
Satan has an allergic reaction whenever there is true worship.
Satan trembles at the very thought of your living a passionate, worshipful life of service to the Lord. –David Jeremiah
Serve someone today and tomorrow; and see if you don't encounter God in a more powerful way. –David Jeremiah
Sing for the pleasure of God.
Stop holding out on God—He wants it all! Nominal Christianity is of no interest to Him. The Lord wants your body and spirit signed, sealed, and delivered over to their new Landlord. –David Jeremiah, 34
Stumbling blocks of daily life can become stepping stones to a divine encounter when we live with a Romans 8:28 mentality and worship God in the worst of circumstances. –David Jeremiah
The ability to marvel lies at the very center of our identities as human beings created in the divine image. –David Jeremiah
The battle isn't yours—the battle belongs to the Lord.
The Christian life is one of unbroken prayer and communion with God.
The devil hates music because he can't stand gaiety. Satan can smirk but he can't laugh; he can sneer but he can't sing. –Martin Luther
The entire Bible is structured around humanity standing amazed in the presence of God. –David Jeremiah
The essence of worship is giving.
The forces of hell cannot prevail against the uplifted name of Christ.

The great work of humanity is one of worship and praise, but that doesn't imply an abandonment of normal life and work; it transforms them to something entirely new.

The greatest weapon in our arsenal is worship.

The heart of the battle is the battle for the heart.

The highest expression of praise our minds can fathom is the expression of singing.

The key word of the entire Book of Revelation is *throne*.

The Lord longs to bless us when we worship Him truly.

The meaning of worship is to give worthy back to God, to assign Him His true and proper place.

The precise opposite of wonder is cynicism. –David Jeremiah

The pursuit of God has not shortcuts.

The Word of God is essential to the worship of God.

There are 575 references to praise, singing, and music in the Bible.

Think of all the psalms in which David begins in deep depression, lamenting the injustice of his enemies' success, then he turns his attention and poetry to the praises of God, and his psalm finishes on a note of victory.

Throughout the ages, hymns were written to summarize crucial Christian doctrines.

To truly worship God, you will need to come with clean hands and a clean heart.

True worship simultaneously humbles and uplifts us.

True worship pleases God, and when that happens, He blesses us in the deepest and most gratifying ways the soul can experience. –David Jeremiah

Victorious warfare always requires victorious worship. –David Jeremiah

We are dust on our way to ashes, yet the Lord Himself counts us worthy of His love. –David Jeremiah

We are not great canvases of art, but merely mirrors that reflect the divine life. –David Jeremiah

We are temples on wheels. –David Jeremiah

We become like those we worship.

We never hear about Pharisees having a sing-along. –David Jeremiah

We so easily lose sight of the fact that these aren't merely songs we are singing—they are songs offered to God.

We worship whom we trust, and we trust whom we know. We build trust when we spend time with God.

When all is in turmoil and when everything has gone wrong and we feel spiritually dry, when we can't even feel God's presence, yet still we bow before Him, still we're obedient and prayerful—that's the time when God is the most pleased with us. –C.S. Lewis

When we break out in praise, the devil breaks out in hives. –David Jeremiah

When we come together to show forth His praise, "the powers of Satan are destroyed and his fiery darts urging to sin, fall back ineffectual. For your concord and harmonious faith prove his destruction, and the torment of his assistants. –Ignatius

Worship and worry cannot live in the same heart.

Worship cleanses our hands and hearts, and then we can see how to fight.

Worship has always been a spiritual weapon.

Worship is a moment-by-moment relationship with God.

Worship is a response to God; we are playing to an audience of One—nothing else really matters.

Worship is a stairway on which there is movement in two directions: God comes to man, and man goes to God. –Daniel Baumann

Worship is a verb. –Robert E. Webber

Worship is about encountering God.

Worship is an activity we pursue in obedience to God's directive.

Worship is giving all of ourselves to God.

Worship is no mere meeting; it's a rendezvous with the Alpha and the Omega, the great I AM.
Worship is the celebration of all celebrations!
Worship is the one thing for where we have been created.
Worship is the proper recognition and celebration of God, returning to Him the glory that He alone deserves and honoring Him with our lives and our words. –David Jeremiah
Worship is the State of the Union address for your life. It says how you feel about God at this moment in time, and it paves the way for how you will go on to life as a result.
Worship is the submission of all our nature to God.
Worship is turning our eyes heavenward—and celebrating what we see.
Worship isn't a spectator sport, but a contact sport. –David Jeremiah
Worship must be built on a foundation of sacrifice, of brining to the altar the best, and only the best, that we have. –David Jeremiah
Worship opens your heart to God and His Word.
Worship places us exactly where we should be, in the realization that we are small, yet a little lower than the angels; we are tiny creatures in the presence of God, but tiny creatures whom He adores. –David Jeremiah
Worship should always be drenched in joy.
Worship the Lord in your work.
Worship unlocks the gates of heaven and floods your world with light. –David Jeremiah
You can worship God through daily opportunities for sacrifice. –David Jeremiah
You must come to know God before you can really, truly, deeply trust Him.
Your bowed head, your humbled heart, and your attentive spirit open the door to heaven. –David Jeremiah
Your heart's desire, even if you haven't come to realize it, is to live every moment in the wonder of worship. –David Jeremiah MHD:12
Your music is a leading indicator of your spiritual life.

Youth

If you tell your children they are smart, you will limit their ability to take risks. –Carol Dweck
It's not intelligence, but how you use it, that counts.
Let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage. –C.S. Lewis
Our culture overemphasizes the gifts of intelligence rather than the application of intelligence. –Carol Dweck
Our culture overemphasizes intelligence and self-esteem to the detriment of character and commitment. –Carol Dweck
Praising effort, strategy, process, and progress makes children willing to risk more. –Carol Dweck
Praising intelligence backfires as it causes children to think success means I am smart and mistakes mean I am dumb. –Carol Dweck
Praising intelligence causes children to think they are dumb when they make mistakes; it makes children willing to risk less. –Carol Dweck
Praising intelligence causes children to think they will lose your esteem if they slip up. –Carol Dweck
The fate of empires depends on the education of youth. –Aristotle
Teens have a “tank” inside them that must be filled in order for them to combat peer pressure. –Josh McDowell
We need to not only concentrate on finding the right person, but more important, on becoming the right person. –Joshua Harris

Whoever spends the most time with your children have the greatest influence on their lives. You must stop blaming your parents, even if they made mistakes, and take responsibility for your life.

Youth need praise to grow in courage; but it must be the right kinds of praise.

Zeal

Be excited about everything you do.

Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might.... Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective. –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God. –William Carey

Nothing is as contagious as enthusiasm.

You will never do what God wants you to do without passion.

Zeal without knowledge; knowledge without zeal.

Miscellaneous

Are you afraid like Moses, young like David, impetuous like Peter?

As the warden said to the inmates, “The world is a better place because you are here.”

Before you remove a fence, pause long enough to find out why it was put there in the first place.

Catch them doing something right.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Confession is agreeing with God that what He said is true.

Depending on what you watch, TV can help you learn or it can suck your brains out through your eyeballs.

Drive a liberal crazy; work hard and be happy.

Everything in your mind will affect your body.

For sleep, riches, and health to be truly enjoyed, they must first be interrupted.

What are the key issues you are facing?

Hate is taking poison and expecting your enemy to die.

Have You Forgotten? <http://media.darrylworley.com/hyf01.ram>

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Histories make men wise; poets witty; the mathematics subtle; natural philosophy deep; moral grave; logic and rhetoric able to content. –Francis Bacon

History is not destiny.

How can we help you move from a 2 to a 4?

How will history remember you? –The Emperor’s Club

I am a child of destiny because God is in charge of tomorrow.

I am the way I am because God made me the way I am.

I have cerebral palsy, now what’s your problem? Dr. David Ring

I know the future—God wins.

I must do something” will always solve more problems than “something must be done.

I was born to attack badgers.

If I try to meet the needs of people I will never complete the work of the Father. –Henry Blackaby

If not us—Who? If not now—when? –Ronald Reagan

If one gives himself to the Lord, all other giving is easy.

If there is no storm you need to wonder if you are in God's will.
If there is a rhinoceros in the room, it is best to acknowledge that fact.
If we don't climb on the shoulders of the giants of the past, we will be very shortsighted.
If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you always have gotten;
 if you want to get something new you have to do something new.
If you are on the winning team, you are not a loser.
If you can't fix it—break it.
If you could ask the pastor anything, what would you ask?
If you keep in step with God, you will be out of step with the world.
If you think you can't—you won't.
In the essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; and in all things, charity or love –Pascal
Insanity is doing the same thing in the same way and expecting different results.
Inside every old person is a young person trying to figure out what happened.
Instead of asking, why can't I do this? Ask why should I do this?
Is there a word from the Lord today?
It is amazing what can be accomplished when you don't care who gets the credit.
It is better for my enemy to see good in me than for me to see evil in him. - *Yiddish proverb*
It's never too late to be what you might have been. –George Elliot
It is not about what you think—it's about what is.
It is well with my soul.
Jeremiah 29:11. A great verse in a depressing chapter in a depressing book.
Jesus sent His disciples into the storm.
Law of "unintended consequence: Every act has unforeseen and unintended consequences that
 may determine its impact far more than the act's intended goal. [Friedrich von Hayek](#)
Lay any burden on me, Lord, only sustain me. Sever any tie, but the tie that binds me to Thyself.
 –David Livingston
Let God give you back your dignity.
Let your heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God.
Let some things remain mysterious.
May desire and opportunity never meet.
My job is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable.
Never have so many been so wrong about so much.
Never have so many owed so much to so few. –Winston Churchill
Never wrestle with a pig. You'll both get dirty and the pig likes it.
No matter how grouchy you are feeling, you will find a smile more or less healing.
No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. –Eleanor Roosevelt
No pressure is greater than God's power.
Nothing happens by accident
Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most.
Our problem is that we are too easily satisfied; we don't ask for God's intervention.
Paint the town by Sam Williams.
People do not lack strength; they lack will.
Power belongs to God—if we had power we would not need to pray.
Process = diagnosis → Treatment Plan → Engage and Energize → Well care phase → After
 care phase.
Procrastination, forgetfulness, laziness and sleep--these four form the coveted ship that bears
 men to their destined ruin.
Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man; and writing an exact man. –Francis Bacon
Rejoice when God blesses your brother.
Sandpaper people.

Silence breeds consent.
Sometimes you just have to do the best you can with the information you have.
Stay in the presences of God until He shares His heart and mind. –Henry Blackaby
Strength comes from weakness. –Jeremiah 1:7
Strutting is a characteristic of the wicked.
That which does not kill us makes us stronger.
The absence of vices is not the same as the presence of virtue.
The danger of the downward pull.
The difference between your expectations and reality is your level of frustration.
The difference between your pretending and the real you is your emptiness.
The high cost of low living.
The important thing is not to stop questioning. –Albert Einstein
The key to spiritual growth is spiritual appetite
The kinds of assignments God gives are God-sized. –Henry Blackaby
The light shines brightest in the darkness.
The light shines brightest when the world is the darkest.
The majority of people in the world do not value liberty; they value security (e.g. Europe). “Give me liberty or give me death” is a distinctively American concept.
The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.
The masculine soul experiences healing when it realizes that it is not alone.
The most pervasive problems of the modern era are loneliness and a sense of meaninglessness brought about by depersonalization.
The only person you have any control over is you.
The popularity of the Christian with the world is in inverse ratio with his popularity with Christ.
The problem with the average guy coming out of the university is that he can't read, he can't write, and he can't think. And if you can't read, write, or think, what can you do? – Howard Hendricks
The self-deceived know but do not do—James 1:22-25
The spirit and the flesh are at war and the one that we let win gets the body.
The story of God is the story of how He uses ordinary men and women to accomplish the extraordinary.
The tree didn't fall far from the nut.
The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions—Oliver Wendell Holmes
There are only two types of men: Those who struggle with lust and liars.
There are things worse than death.
There are two types of dissertations: the great ones and those that are completed!
There is a distinct difference between what we can do and what God can do. –Henry Blackaby
There is a God-shaped vacuum in every one of us.
There is a healing when men realize they are not alone.
There is a right and there is a wrong.
There is no pit so deep that He is not deeper still --Corrie ten Boon
There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of even one small candle. –Robert Alden
There is nothing wrong with people possessing riches—the wrong comes when riches possess people. –Billy Graham
There isn't much justice in this world; but there is some.
Those who are kind when they ought to be cruel will be cruel when they ought to be kind. – Jewish proverb
Though no one can go back and make a brand new start; anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.
Throughout last year God was preparing you for this year—did you take notes?

To wish you were someone else is to waste the person you are.
 Tyranny flourishes when words have no meaning. –George Orwell, 1984.
 Virtue is more than the absence of vices.
 We are all broken pots, but it's the cracks that let the light out.
 We are all of us richer than we think we are.
 We are all special, but none is better than the rest.
 We are broken.
 We are gold in the making.
 We are like solar panels—we need the energy of the Son.
 We are never free until we are free to be ourselves.
 We are no longer mere men (1 Corinthians 3:3), we are supernatural men.
 We are responsible not only for what we do but also for what we do not do. – Jean-Baptiste
 Molière
 We can experience healing only to the degree that we are aware we need it.
 We cannot connect with God's plan until we connect with God.
 We don't need information; we need transformation.
 We have met the enemy and he is us.
 We only grow when we are uncomfortable.
 What do you have that you did not receive?
 What I believe about God will determine what I do and how I live. –Henry Blackaby
 What is the point of free speech if we are always afraid to speak freely?
 What is your greatest vice? I drink way too much coffee.
 What you do proves what you believe. Your works demonstrate your beliefs.
 When I tell God about my limitation, He responds with, "Tell me something I don't know." –
 Moses
 When the internal is connected to the eternal the externals will fall into place.
 When the God of the universe tells me something important, I should write it down. –Henry
 Blackaby
 When words and actions are in opposition, actions always overpower words.
 Where does your mind go when it is not legitimately occupied?
 Where we see weakness, God sees possibilities (e.g. Moses, Gideon, David).
 Whether we know it or not, we are all following something or someone.
 Why do bad things happen to good people?
 With all due respect.
 With every opportunity comes responsibility.
 While you can't see the future, you can help shape the future.
 You are the pointer—not the Savior; lay your burden down.
 You are called to love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself, not just to enjoy or
 suffer. - S.R. Hirsch, "Nineteen Letters," 1836
 You can do wonderful things as long as you don't care who gets the credit.
 You don't see God's power in the boat.
 You have to buy the field to find the treasure.
 You have to give a little more than you take.
 You need to pour your foundation before the hurricane.
 You will most likely discover your greatest moments in the midst of a mundane pursuit of good
 habits.
 Quality is an excuse for lack of quantity.
 Experience is the best teacher.
 Wise men think alike.

Elementary sartorial techniques initially applied obviate the need for repetitive similar actions to the square of three.

Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.

Opportunity seldom knocks twice.

Happiness is wanting what you have - not having what you want.

If life deals you lemons make lemonade.

A man is known by the company he keeps.

A stumble may prevent a fall.

Doubt is the beginning of wisdom.

Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

A calm sea does not make a skilled sailor.

As useful as a chocolate fireguard (or teapot).

An ant may well destroy a whole dam.

Handsome is as handsome does.

What does not kill you makes you stronger.

One of these days is none of these days.

If anything can go wrong, it will.

Caught between the devil and the deep blue sea.

The best of men are but men at best.

Strangers are just friends you have not met yet.

A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.

United we stand, divided we fall.

Second place is first loser.

Fools seldom differ.

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

Don't make love at the garden gate, love is blind but the neighbors ain't.

Curiosity killed the cat

He who is ABSENT is always in the Wrong.

God is alive and well and working on something less ambitious.

Happy the bride who understands men.

Give credit where credit is due.

To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity.

Zeal without knowledge is the sister of folly.

Practice makes permanent.

There will be rubs in the smoothest road.

If you lie down with dogs you will come up with fleas.

All beginning is difficult.

Learn to say no.

It will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin.

Two Dogs Fight for a Bone, and a Third Runs Away With it.

A new broom sweeps clean, but the old brush knows all the corners.

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The Socratic Method of Teaching

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Is there not a cause?
What are you dreaming about?
What are my plans for personal and professional growth?
What are the five best books you have read in the last year?
What are the key issues in your community?
What are the key issues you are facing?
What are you learning in your time of darkness?
What are your goals for the next ten years?
What are your physical, mental, social, and spiritual shortcomings, and how do they keep you humble?
What are your strengths?
What do you believe God wants you to do next?
What do you get excited about? What really turns you on?
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See: Woods Questions.