

## Pithy Puritan Quotes!

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Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition. (Jeremiah Burroughs)

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It is not the bee's touching of the flower that gathers honey, but her abiding for a time upon the flower that draws out the sweet. It is not he who reads most, but he who meditates most—who will prove the choicest, sweetest, wisest and strongest Christian. (Thomas Brooks)

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Let us use worldly things as wise pilgrims do their staves and other necessities convenient for their journey. So long as they help us forward in our way—let us make use of them, and accordingly esteem them. But if they become troublesome hindrances and cumbersome burdens—let us leave them behind us, or cast them away. The temptations of prosperity, like unseen bullets, wound and kill us before they are discerned. (George Downname)

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The best course to prevent falling into the pit—is to keep at the greatest distance. He who will be so bold as to attempt to dance upon the brink of the pit—may find by woeful experience, that it is a righteous thing with God that he should fall into the pit! Sin is a plague, yes, the greatest and most infectious plague in the world; and yet, ah! how few are there that tremble at it, that keep at a distance from it! (Thomas Brooks)

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Riches are . . . long in getting—with much pains, hard in keeping—with much care, quick in losing—with more sorrow. (Thomas Fuller)

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Your life is short, your duties many, your assistance great, and your reward sure. Therefore faint not, hold on and hold up, in ways of well-doing, and Heaven shall make amends for all! (Thomas Brooks)

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Where one thousand are destroyed by the world's frowns—ten thousand are destroyed by the world's smiles. The world, siren-like, sings us and sinks us! (Thomas Brooks)

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

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When we grow careless of keeping our souls—then God recovers our taste of good things again by sharp crosses. (Richard Sibbes)

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How sweet is rest, after fatigue! How sweet will Heaven be, when our toilsome journey is ended. (George Whitefield)

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The winter prepares the earth for the spring—so do afflictions sanctified prepare the soul for glory. (Richard Sibbes)

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As the wicked are hurt by the best things—so the godly are bettered by the worst. (William Jenkyn)

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Poverty and affliction take away the fuel that feeds pride. (Richard Sibbes)

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To bless God for mercies—is the way to increase them. To bless Him for miseries—is the way to remove them. (William Dyer)

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God's wounds cure—sin's kisses kill! (William Gurnall)

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God would not rub so hard if it were not to fetch out the dirt that is ingrained in our natures! God loves purity so well—that He would rather see a hole than a spot in His child's garments! (William Gurnall)

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Better be pruned to grow—than cut up to burn. (John Trapp)

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

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Death is only a grim porter to let us into a stately palace. (Richard Sibbes)

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Let your hope of Heaven master your fear of death. Why should you be afraid to die, who hope to live by dying! (William Gurnall)

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Though Christians be not kept altogether from falling—yet they are kept from falling altogether. (William Secker)

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In our first paradise in Eden there was a way to go out—but no way to go in again. But as for the heavenly paradise, there is a way to go in—but not way to go out. (Richard Baxter)

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Oh let us continually keep faith in exercise, until it be entirely swallowed up in the boundless ocean of beatific vision! (George Whitefield)

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Look not how the Christian begins—but how he ends. (William Gurnall)

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A godly man prefers grace before goods, and wisdom before the world. (Richard Bernard)

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Take a saint, and put him into any condition—and he knows how to rejoice in the Lord. (Walter Cradock)

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As bees are drowned in honey—so the rich are choked with their prosperity. (Daniel Burgess)

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Death came in by sin—and sin goes out by death! (Edmund Staunton)

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Without Christ, the most stately palace is a Hell. With Christ, the most stinking dungeon is a palace! (Andrew Gray)

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We drown our sins in the Red Sea of Christ's blood. (William Price)

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God's promises are like a bag full of golden coins that God pours out at the feet of His adopted children and says: "Take what you will!" (William Spurstowe)

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When we are most lazy—the devil is most busy. Sloth is the cause of sin, and idleness the fruitful mother of wickedness. (Andrew Gray)

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Christ is not truly prized at all—unless He is prized above all. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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The sufferings of Christ were equivalent to the eternal torments of the damned in Hell. (Thomas Vincent)

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In Christ crucified, you may see a full answer . . . to all your needs, to all your fears, to all your doubts. (William Bridge)

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All the men in the world are either vessels of mercy or vessels of wrath—according to the will of God. (Thomas Hooker)

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The work of the Son in redemption, does not exceed the work of the Father in election. (John Brinsley)

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Predestination is the decree of God, by which he has ordained all men to a certain and everlasting estate. (William Perkins)

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A wicked man, when he comes to die, will prefer Heaven before Hell. But a saint on earth, prefers Heaven before earth. If Christ is ours, God is ours, Heaven is our, all is ours! (Nathaniel Vincent)

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This is the reason that some love him, and others do not—because he reveals himself to some and not to others. (John Preston)

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Faith sucks the honey of contentment, out of the hive of the promises. (Simeon Ashe)

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Faith finds its luster in action—and not just in notion. It enters our hearts—and not just our heads. (Samuel Ward)

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A true believer looks on religion, not as a burden which he must be forced to endure—but a privilege which is his happiness to enjoy. (Andrew Gray)

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A believer's heart is the garden where Christ has planted this sweet flower of His love. (Thomas Watson)

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The lesser we discern pride in ourselves—the more it reigns in our hearts. (William Perkins)

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Sin is never our master—until we consent to have it so. (Daniel Burgess)

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The throne of sin is in the heart. The strength of sin lies in the love of it. Sin ruins none but those who love it. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Love other things than Christ—and you have vexing care over them, both about their gaining them, keeping them and losing them. (John Preston)

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It is a wonder to see what power petty, vain toys have over a person. (Henry Smith)

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Riches steal away the hearts of men. It is a hard thing for a man to pass from delights on earth to delights in Heaven. (Francis Taylor)

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Though you have sinned yourself near to Hell—yet you have not sinned yourself into Hell. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Crying sins are commonly answered with the echo of roaring judgments. (John Arrowsmith)

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He who hides sin—loves it! (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Lovers of the world are much more afraid of losing their earthly substance, than they are of losing their immortal souls. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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The dearest thing must be parted with—either as a snare or as a sacrifice.  
(William Strong)

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It is the height of madness, to be sin's martyrs. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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My sins are as the sand of the sea for number. O that my tears were as the  
water of the sea for abundance! (William Spurstowe)

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It can never be sufficiently lamented, that sin has made so many madmen in  
the world. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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He who will be a saint—will be a sufferer. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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It is nothing to have tribulation for several days—and then to triumph in the  
presence of God, and of the Lamb forever! (Nathaniel Vincent)

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We have no reason to complain for our afflictions. (Christopher Love)

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Affliction, yes, death is to be chosen before iniquity. (Richard Byfield)

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It is better to be a chastened son, than an undisciplined bastard. (John Arrow-  
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God has not promised to keep His people from afflictions, but to keep them  
from the hurt of them. (Edmund Calamy)

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It is expedient that you should endure the cross—to inherit the crown. (Thomas  
Watson)

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How many men are there, that are easily drawn to immoderate sorrow for  
worldly crosses. (Christopher Love)

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Whatever afflictions you meet with, or whatever comforts you part with—your  
sorrows should not be immoderate and inordinate. (Christopher Love)

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You never saw God in his mercy—when you do not see him in your afflictions.  
(Jeremiah Burroughs)

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God has put us into the fire of affliction to refine us, and make us a vessel fit  
for His use. (Edmund Calamy)

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To every believer, the debt-book is crossed out; the black lines of sin are crossed  
out in the red lines of Christ's blood. (Thomas Watson)

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The pope, by his lies, thoroughly proves himself the most dear child of the devil,  
the author and founder of all lies! (Henry Greenwood)

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It is the blood of souls which the devil principally thirsts after as a murderer.  
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One said well that . . . old wood is best to burn, old friends are best to trust,  
and old books are best to read. (John Arrowsmith)

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Words are the mirror of the mind—they show what is in the heart. (Thomas  
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Guilty men do not love to hear of the day of judgment. (Thomas Watson)

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Man's spiritual deadness is such, that he can no more move toward Heaven, so  
much as one step, than a dead man can rise of himself. (John Philips)

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Truth is the most sovereign ingredient for curing the nation and church. (Christo-  
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A hard heart is frequently accompanied with a brazen face. (John Arrowsmith)

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Men either go to Hell or Heaven. Unless of course men will follow the Papists to make purgatory—which fire was kindled in the Pope’s kitchen. (Thomas Hooker)

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He who despises the Word of God and its commands—is not sincerely converted, but damnably deluded. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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The Word without the Spirit of God—is like the carcass without the soul. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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All events are wisely disposed of by the governing care of God’s providence. Providence is a servant to God’s eternal counsel and purpose. There is no altering the course of providence. (Matthew Mead)

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Whatever afflictions, curses, and punishments are in the world—they are ordained by God for the sin of man. (William Perkins)

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The promises are the field—and Christ is the hidden pearl which is to be sought in them. He who truly expects glory—earnestly pursues grace. (William Spurstowe)

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God does not so much look to the measure and quantity of grace, as to the sincerity and soundness of it. (John Philips)

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A heart full of grace, is better than an head full of notions. (Thomas Watson)

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Christians are jewels—and Heaven is the golden cabinet where they shall be locked up safe! (Thomas Watson)

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Let others be ambitious for honor, knowledge, wealth, pleasure—but you are to be covetous, ambitious, and zealous for holiness. (Daniel Cawdrey)

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The house of the godly is a little church—the house of the wicked a little Hell. (Simeon Ashe)

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A sanctified heart—is better than a silver tongue. (Simeon Ashe)

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Grace is the only way to glory. No holiness, no Heaven. (Andrew Gray)

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The end of study is knowledge, but the end of meditation is holiness. (Thomas White)

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Believers are wise to admire nothing in this world. Jesus did not care for it when Satan offered him all the kingdoms of the world. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Holiness is spiritual beauty: sin is spiritual deformity. (Peter Sterry)

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Two things make the saints maligned by the men of the world. Saints hate what the world loves—and vilify what the world adores. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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A pure conscience can bear a mountain of misery, better than a mole hill of sin. (Francis Whiddon)

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You may not be outwardly bad—and yet not inwardly good. (Thomas Watson)

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Stage-Plays are for the most part representations of men's villainy and wickedness, to provoke joy and laughter, and for this are unlawful. (Christopher Love)

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Godly men are very moderate in the use of the creatures, lest they should be brought under the power of them. (William Strong)

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Now what is hope, but the expectation of those things which God has promised? (Daniel Cawdrey)

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Hope is a faculty of the soul that looks out for mercy, and waits for the same. (Isaac Ambrose)

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If all the graces of God are precious pearls—then humility is the string that ties them all together. (Daniel Cawdrey)

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Humility is the robe of all the sons of God—and the distinguishing character of a true Christian. Humility is the only way to glory. True humility never desires to show itself because it intends to hide, not only other virtues, but above all, itself. (Daniel Cawdrey)

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Hypocrisy is the ape of all virtues, even pride itself puts on the cloak of humility. (Daniel Cawdrey)

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Hypocrisy mostly ends in apostasy. (John Greene)

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A devout heathen is better than a profane Christian. (Daniel Burgess)

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He who prays without faith and grace is a hypocrite and he who does not pray at all is an atheist. (Thomas Ford)

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You may be a hypocrite—and may not know it. (Cuthbert Sydenham)

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True forgiveness is never too late—but late forgiveness is seldom true. (John Arrowsmith)

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God hates that religion which costs men nothing. (William Strong)

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Happiness is the common object of every man's desire. (John Philips)

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The foundation of a man's eternal happiness or misery, is laid in this life. (William Strong)

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By the law we see our misery—and by the gospel we see our remedy. (Edmund Calamy)

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A godly man must not impose on his conscience the necessity of observing such rules of practice which God has not prescribed. (Nicholas Byfield)

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A law properly is a commandment with penalty. (William Bridge)

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God's love does not spring from delight in our beauty—but from pity to our deformity. (William Spurstowe)

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Christ's love is written in characters of blood, and his grace is stamped on every line and blessing of the gospel. (Richard Rawlin)

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God presently gives an everlasting assurance of salvation to all who love Christ sincerely. (William Pinke)

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Would you love Christ—use him much, and then more you will prize him, and more you will love him. (William Bridge)

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If the wicked love God—it is only for his benefits. (Henry Smith)

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If a man does not love the Lord Jesus, it is because he loves something better than him. (John Preston)

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We should love Christ's person—more entirely than his benefits. (William Pinke)

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Mercies are designed to be as cords to draw you, and afflictions as rods to drive you nearer to God—let both attain their end. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Look on your own secret sins, your relapses, and then on Christ's coming with his mercies and favors—and you cannot but love him. (John Preston)

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Love is a holy disposition rising from faith where we cleave to Christ with full purpose of heart, to serve and please him in all things. (John Preston)

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Men may have knowledge of God by the hearing of the ear, and yet have no acquaintance with God. (Matthew Newcomer)

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Meditation is a serious, earnest and purposed musing upon some point of Christian instruction. (John Ball)

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Meditation tends to lead us forward toward the Kingdom of Heaven, and serves for our daily strengthening against the world, flesh and Devil. (John Ball)

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By meditation, the Christian improves his knowledge, quickens his affections, and excites practice. (Thomas White)

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Meditation and prayer are like two turtle-doves—if you separate one, the other dies. Illumination makes us shining lamps, meditation makes us burning lamps. Meditation imprints and fastens a truth in the mind. A Christian without meditation is like a soldier without weapons, or a workman without tools. Meditation is like the watering of the seed, it makes the fruits of grace to flourish. Meditation is the chewing on the truths we have heard. Let us go into Hell by contemplation—that we may not go into Hell by condemnation. (Thomas Watson)

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It is a great piece of happiness upon earth—not to long after that which the Lord is pleased to deny. (Simeon Ashe)

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God is not otherwise to be enjoyed—than as he is obeyed. (John Howe)

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No man can die in the Lord—who does not live to the Lord. (William Spurstowe)

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The Christian soul is content that God should rule everything, not only the eye, or hand, or tongue—but the whole man. (Isaac Ambrose)

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Good works do not make a good man—but a good man does make works good. (Martin Luther)

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An ignorant person cannot please God. (Thomas Case)

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A man may as well go to Hell for not doing good—as for doing evil. (Thomas Watson)

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Good works are rewardable, though they are not meritorious. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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What way your hearts go—that way your thoughts go. (William Strong)

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When a baby is born, it cries; when a sinner is born again, he prays. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Those are the strongest Christians—who are the mightiest in prayer. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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A praying Christian is a useful Christian in the world. (Jeremiah Burroughs)

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Prayer does not make a change in God, but makes a change in us. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Without prayer, adversity will be intolerable—and prosperity will be a snare. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Prayer is tying a knot at the end of meditation. (Daniel Burgess)

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If once a man ceases to pray against sin, he is in danger to commit it. (William Strong)

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Prayer is the spiritual leech—which sucks the poison of sin out of the soul. (Thomas Watson)

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It is not a small work to break the pride and stoniness of your heart. It needs power from above. (Nicholas Byfield)

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The Spirit takes away the fig leaves of excuses—and presents sin naked and bare.  
(Nathaniel Vincent)

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Conversion is a nail which the prophets of old were hammering on perpetually.  
(Nathaniel Vincent)

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Regeneration does not work on our understanding only to show us what we are  
to do, but on our will as well to alter and reform it. (Francis Taylor)

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Pray to God to give you the same Spirit who wrote the Word, to enable you to  
delight in it. (Edmund Calamy)

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Sorrow and tears for sin are never right—until they are like floods of water to  
drive us to Christ. (Christopher Love)

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All of us put up broken duties—but few of us have broken hearts. (Thomas  
Doolittle)

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No man ever miscarried for being a great sinner; but only for being an impenitent  
sinner. (William Spurstowe)

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The more the wicked are called to holiness—the further they run into all sin  
and wickedness. (Andrew Gray)

Every heart that is not a Holy Spirit Temple—is nothing more than Satan's  
hideous dunghill. (Daniel Burgess)

There is the curse of God on all that a wicked man enjoys. (Christopher Love)

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The Sabbath is the market day of our souls, in which we come to God's house  
to buy the wine and milk of the word without money. (Henry Burton)

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I had rather be a preacher in a pulpit, than a prince on a throne. (Christopher  
Love)

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Since the love of the world is so common in the church, it is a plain demonstration  
that salvation is not a common thing. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Christianity is no jesting matter; the profession of Christ is the most serious business in the world. (William Pinke)

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By the key of faith, we fetch daily new grace out of Christ's treasury to sanctify us more and more. (Edmund Calamy)

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Desire to know the meaning of the rod, and to hear God's voice speaking in it. (Richard Byfield)

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The love of some corruption—keeps many from the sweet fruition of God's favorable countenance. (Francis Taylor)

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He who does not care to be like Christ, certainly has no love to him, nor any saving interest in his love. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Saints are afflicted, that they may be more thoroughly sanctified. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Sin is worse than Hell—because it made Hell to be Hell. (Christopher Love)

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Do you complain of a hard heart? The sight of a broken Christ will break your heart, or nothing will. (William Bridge)

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Sin is infinite because it is against an infinite God, bringing an infinite punishment because it cannot be atoned for by finite creatures. (John Beart)

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It is dangerous to be the world's favorite. (Simeon Ashe)

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Wicked thoughts are deadly evils. (William Perkins)

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In a moment sin is committed on earth. Then it comes before God in Heaven, and is condemned to Hell. (Henry Smith)

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There is in sin, these two things: a debt to God and a bondage to Satan.  
(William Strong)

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For as sins of commission poison the soul, so sins of omission starve the soul.  
(Thomas White)

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As the violence of winds and waves sink a ship, so gluttony and drunkenness  
sink our souls and bodies into the depth of Hell. (Andrew Gray)

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Great sins require great lamentations. (Henry Greenwood)

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Strange that believers should be abhorred—because they are beautified with  
grace, and be hated because they are lovely. (Nathaniel Vincent)

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Let courage animated by faith dwell in you—and you will readily overcome both  
the frowns and flatteries of the world. (William Spurstowe)

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The healing of the Church's breaches should be the desire of every Christian.  
(John Brinsley)

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All those who would walk worthy of the Gospel, must endeavor a sweet, close,  
holy, lasting union among themselves. (Matthew Newcomen)

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No one thing either deforms or weakens the Church more than division. (John  
Brinsley)

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Every true and acceptable service to God—has a precept, promise, and pattern.  
(John Philips)

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It is as the filthiness of whoredom, to the Lord to have human inventions erected  
or interposed as parts or props of worship. (Gasper Hikes)

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Singing is making, in a special manner, man's tongue to be God's glory.  
(Nathaniel Holmes)



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It is unlovely when some in the congregation sing out of tune—but the greatest absurdity of all is when our hearts are not in tune. (Thomas Ford)

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The Word is a trumpet to proclaim Christ. The Lord's table is a looking-glass to represent Him. (Thomas Watson)

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To institute holy days, and to make them parts of God's worship, is a privilege of God alone. God only can prescribe His own worship. (Daniel Cawdrey)

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In our worst condition—we have cause to praise God. (Richard Sibbes)

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The humble Christian looks with one eye upon God's grace, to keep his heart cheerful; and with the other eye upon his sin, to keep it humble. Thomas Watson

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"Many a preacher is now in Hell, who has a hundred times called on his hearers to use the utmost care and diligence to escape it!" Richard Baxter

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"Slight thoughts of God will make but a slight impression on the affections. He who thinks slightly of God, will serve him slightly, and love him slightly. He who thinks slightly of sin, will slight sin. He who thinks slightly of God, God will slight him." Edmund Calamy

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"God's wrath is a calm and quiet appointment of just punishment." Stephen Marshall

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"No man was ever kept out of Heaven for his confessed wickedness, but many are for their supposed goodness!" Richard Capel

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"This is a singular comfort, that all things come to pass not according to wicked men's counsels, but according to what God determines." George Gifford

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"We are much obliged to God for keeping wicked men and devils in bonds and for limiting their malice and enmity; for if God gave permission to them to execute their power and malice, all the world would quickly be in flames." George Gifford

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"Men may read or hear the word diligently, but without meditation it bears no fruit. Meditation makes that which we have read become our own." Richard Greenham

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"Men may be diligent to read and hear the word, yet they shall not profit by it if God does not infuse the hearing of his word by his Spirit." Richard Greenham

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"Saving faith is always fruitful; and that faith which is not fruitful is not true faith. The apostle does not deny that we are justified by faith, and only by faith; but he denies that faith without works is a true faith. It is only an empty notion; and such a faith cannot justify nor save a man." Thomas Senior

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"Proud men cannot endure scrutiny, either by the public ministry, or by a private admonition." Thomas Senior

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"The word brings one nearer Heaven, or further from it; it does good or harm; it makes better or worse. It is either a quickening spirit, or killing letter." David Clarkson

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"As flowers are the joy of plants, so joy is the blossom of our graces." Nathaniel Holmes

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"Even as true believers do not make an end of sinning, so God cannot make an end of pardoning. And as his pardoning removes our fear of sin, so it also removes our love of sin." Nathaniel Holmes

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"It is meditation that makes you master of the truths that you read or hear; otherwise, the wisdom remains in the book." William Bridge

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"The reason we meditate little is because we love God little. When a man hears the word of God in public or in private but does not continue to meditate on it afterward, it is because it has made no impression on him." William Bridge

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"Knowledge brings us to the door of truth, but meditation opens the door to the house and takes us into all its rooms. This is the way to enter into the secret places of the things of God." William Bridge

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"Original sin, though perfectly pardoned, is yet imperfectly purged. At the point of salvation, we are purged from the death of sin but not from the disease of it." Ralph Browning

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"All the temptations of Satan are actions of cunning and not of power. He may persuade and seduce us by the dexterity of his skill, but he cannot force and compel us. Though he has a great deal of power and strength and cunning, he may circumvent us. But he cannot powerfully overthrow us. It is not in the power of Satan to force the will of any to yield to his temptations." Ralph Browning

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"If parents do not prevent sins in their children at home, when they go into the world, they meet with temptations which turn their youthful flings into immoveable habits. It is easy to observe, that the lack of family religion is the cause of the visible decay of the welfare of church and state." Thomas Risley

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"As nothing in believers was so good as to cause him to love them--so nothing is so bad as can cause him to withdraw his love from them." John Durant

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"Were the life of sinful men prolonged forever on earth, they would sin forever. And since the guilt and filth of sin descends into Hell with the impenitent, and the damned are ever living and ever sinning, therefore, it is just that their punishment run parallel with their sinning." Thomas Risley

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"Do not be deceived, for if you are not Christians in your own houses, whatever profession you make in the house of God regarding your Christianity is unsound!" Thomas Risley

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"God knows we have many miseries, so he balances it with his many mercies." Nathanael Holmes

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"Though you read much and hear much, if you do not meditate on what you read and hear, it will amount to little; you will never be any the wiser." William Bridge

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"Reading without meditation is unfruitful; meditation without reading is hurtful; to meditate and to read without prayer upon both is without blessing." Richard Greenham

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"I cannot help but think those blameworthy who in these times flaunt their abilities to hammer out some of the more controversial truths of Scripture, and yet neglect the study of his love which is of such necessary importance. I do not altogether blame those who study the headship of Christ; yet to study the head of Christ, while neglecting his heart, to mind his government and yet neglect his love, is without doubt, a thing to be reproved." John Durant

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"The lost continue in sin, deceiving themselves with vain hope of God's mercy in the end. The saved cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and grow in all graces until they have yielded up themselves to have Christ reign in them." George Gifford

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"It infinitely concerns all men to make a sure work about their salvation, for when they die they will be great losers; they will lose not only their comforts on earth, but also the joys of Heaven, without any hope of recovery!" John Jackson

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"All willful disobedience to our Lord's revealed will is destructive, if persisted in, and admits of no excuse. To suspend our practice of any duty, until we understand the reason of the precept, is indeed worthy of an everlasting Hell." Timothy Cruso

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"No man is master of events, or absolute determiner of his own endeavors. The sovereign counsel and the providence of God orders all things in the designs of all men, as seems good in his sight." Urian Oakes

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"True faith brings remarkable affects:

True humility.

Genuine repentance.

Son-like fear.

Universal and absolute submission to God's will.

Patience in all afflictions.

Proficiency in godliness.

Settled peace of mind.

Unspeakable joy in the Spirit.”

Daniel Featley

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”A soldier in Christ’s army will not be a slave to the devil, or any lust of his own.” Jeremiah Burroughs

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”True religion where it is received, will command the heart and the whole man. Let a man profess what he will—if his heart and life is not reformed, he is a hypocrite; and whatever worship he does to God is but a false worship.” Arthur Hildersham

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Anonymous, ”An ignorant Christian is the devil’s workshop, in which he forges all manner of wickedness.”

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”It is not properly our unworthiness, but our pride and haughtiness that hinder us from coming to Christ; for we would have something from ourselves, and not all from him.” Thomas Hooker

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”You shall seldom hear a general sermon do any good. It is the particular application that works on people’s hearts.” Edmund Calamy

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”A great understanding, and an acute mind, will make a learned man; but it is a holy life that makes a godly man.” Edmund Calamy

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”This duty of daily divine meditation is the life and soul of all Christianity. You are carcasses of Christians if you are not acquainted with it. It is as impossible to live without a soul, as it is to be a good Christian without divine meditation.” Edmund Calamy

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”Divine, godly meditation is the life of all religion, and that which puts life into all other duties.” Edmund Calamy

”A man may go to Hell for plotting wicked things, as well as for practicing wicked things.” Proverbs 12:2 ”He will condemn a man who devises evil.” Edmund Calamy

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"The saint's peace is a peace with God, but not with sin. The sinner's peace is a peace with sin, but not with God." Matthew Mead

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"Sin is always acting, always conceiving, always seducing and always tempting!" John Owen

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"Gifts may make a man a scholar, but grace makes a man a believer." Matthew Mead

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"Secret prayer is the invisible flight of the soul into the bosom of God." Samuel Lee

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"Christians should be walking Bibles." Thomas Watson

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"Beloved, if you would ever reign with Christ when you die, he must reign in you while you live." Edmund Calamy

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"Heaven is a goal, and unless you run you shall never obtain it. Heaven is a crown of life, but unless you are faithful to death, you shall never wear it." Christopher Love

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"I do not pray not for the world." John 17:9. "If Christ would not spend his breath to pray for them, then surely he would not spend his precious blood to purchase Heaven for them." Christopher Love

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"The end of hearing the word preached, is not chiefly to know and understand, but rather to believe, practice, and obey that which is taught." Stephen Egerton

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Men are elated when they speak with an earthly king, and are bid to his table to eat. Are we elated when we go before the King of Heaven and earth to speak to him by prayer and to feast and feed with him?" Stephen Egerton

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"Why do people often hate the ministry of the Word? Answer: Commonly from the matter which he delivers, by which the errors of their judgment, and

corruptions of their hearts and lives, are laid open, and reproved." Stephen Egerton

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"God has no glory from that zeal that has no scriptural warrant." Matthew Mead

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"Many would depend on Christ's sacrifice, yet will not submit to his scepter; they would have Christ to pacify their consciences, and the world to please their affections. They would have Christ to die for them, but not to live in them." William Bates

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"A Christian, so soon as he is newborn, is born a soldier, and so continues until his crown is put on him." Richard Sibbes

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"How do we know if we have resisted temptation truly? A man has sufficiently resisted sin and Satan when he does not allow the sin, and when he in no way consents to the temptation." Richard Capel

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"Even though divine mysteries exist, this is not a sufficient plea to be ignorant of God's ways and will." William Bridge

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"The soul ascends to God by holy thoughts and ardent desires, and God descends into the soul by the communication of grace and comfort." William Bates

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"To one who has a spiritual taste of the word of God they find it sweeter than all pleasures and delights whatever." Thomas Manton

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"The house of the godly is a little church; just as the house of the wicked is a little Hell." Simeon Ashe

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"Desires are far better than actions. For a man may do a good action, that he does not love; and he may abstain from an wicked action, that he does not hate." Richard Sibbes

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It is not merely knowledge that will bring to Heaven, for the devil has that; but it is knowledge sanctified, seizing upon the affections." Richard Sibbes

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"No one shall ever come to Heaven, who does not desire the things that tend to Heaven above all earthly things." Richard Sibbes

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"The Word of God does not only permit, but also commands us to love and embrace Christ with the sweetest, dearest affections that nature can possibly stir up in our minds, heart and soul." William Pinke

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"If men live no better after worship than they did before, is an ill sign of their being insincere, false and deceitful in it." Joshua Moody

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"Those who make solemn vows in the days of their distress, but forget to pay them in the days of their enlargement, are but liars and deceivers!" Joshua Moody

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"To do anything in vain is folly, but to worship God in vain, is gross iniquity." Samuel Willard

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"When we read or hear his word, let us do it with the heart. One grain of heart-service, is of more account with him than mountains of all other services whatever." John Wilson

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"God's power is unlimited, his wisdom infinite, his authority is supreme, his freedom absolute, and he may both do what he will himself, and appoint what he will have us to do." John Wilson

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"Religious worship is devout behavior towards God, whereby we acknowledge his Sovereignty over us, and the dueness of our obedience to him, appearing before him, and waiting upon him, in the way he has appointed in his Word." John Wilson

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"Lukewarm and indifferent services to God in worship are a stench in the nostrils of God." Stephen Charnock

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"Worship is nothing else but a rendering to God the honor that is due unto him." Stephen Charnock



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"It is not enough to receive the truth that we might be saved, but we must receive the love of the truth if ever we would be saved." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"Men secretly imagine that God knows not, or soon forgets--and then make bold to sin against him." Stephen Charnock

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"How does godly meditation fit into your personal devotions? Do you meditate on the scriptures daily?" Richard Allestree

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"Where no proof of Christ's power in the ministry is found or felt by the hearers, either the teacher must be a reprobate teacher, or the hearers reprobate hearers." John Forbes

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"The shine and luster of all the attributes of God together is God's glory." Jeremiah Burroughs

"The fear of God must be an abiding fear. It should not only be at that instant when you are worshipping God, or speaking of any of God's titles and names, but must abide on your hearts after the duty is over." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"God is like a picture with a curtain drawn over it. The Christian cannot see the beauty of God until meditation draws the curtain aside and lets in all the beauty that is in God." Edmund Calamy,

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"There is no fear of knowing too much of the Bible, but there is a great amount of fear that goes into practicing too little." Thomas Brooks

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"It is your Christian duty to pour out your heart before the Lord in giving him thanks for every mercy, in confessing every sin with godly sorrow, and in asking everything you need in Christ's name." John Jackson

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"There is a vast difference between the two eternities that immediately follow after death. The believer's eternity is one perpetual day of joy that shall never see night. The unbeliever's eternity is one everlasting night of torments without day." John Jackson

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"Many are as hot as fire in their own private matters, who are as cold as ice in things that concern God's honor and glory." Robert Cleaver

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"Those who have been stung with sin can more easily be moved to show compassion towards poor sinners like themselves, because by the feeling of misery, men learn the practice of mercy." Robert Cleaver

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"God's ways are the best, no matter how we may judge his providence in the times we go through affliction and difficulty." John Dod

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"With fervent prayers, there is much humility. With few and weak prayers, there is little humility. With no prayers at all, there is no humility." John Dod

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"Wicked men are like a blind men who do not fear danger. If a blind man was about to fall off a high cliff, he has no fear because he does not see any danger." John Dod

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"Sanctified afflictions are spiritual promotions." John Dod

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"If I cannot trust God for the material provisions and things of this life, do I truly trust him for life everlasting?" Paul Bayne

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"Those that have the best joy in their hearts are those that walk most in the fear of God." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"The burden of sin cannot be light, seeing it was pressed out of Christ himself as a bloody sweat." Christopher Love

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"If Satan's darts have wounded us, faith cools the scalding heat of sin by applying to us the precious balm of Christ's blood." Christopher Love

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"I can rest securely, while I lay my head on Christ's bleeding side." Augustine

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"Many people do not forsake their sins, but grow more cunning in concealing them." Thomas Watson

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"If you would get Christ into your heart, let Heaven be in your eye!" Thomas Watson

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"Sin is a leprous spot. It makes everything we touch unclean." Thomas Watson

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"Every pardon a sinner has is written in Christ's blood." Thomas Watson

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"Jesus Christ is the pillar and hinge on which the Covenant of Grace turns." Thomas Watson

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"I have never once feared the devil, but I tremble every time I enter the pulpit." John Knox

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"One man with God, is always in the majority." John Knox

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"Anyone who is born of God hears his word. Christ's sheep hear his word and follow him." Martin Bucer

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"Peace is not to be purchased by the sacrifice of truth." John Calvin

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"The tongue exists to reveal our heart." John Calvin

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"Wherever the Word of God is purely preached, there a church of God exists, even if it swarms with many faults." Calvin

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"Many have passed for saints on earth, whose souls are now in Hell." Martin Luther

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"If you see yourself as a 'little sinner' you will inevitably see Jesus as a 'little Savior'." Martin Luther

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"A simple layman armed with Scripture is greater than the mightiest pope without it." Martin Luther

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"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." Martin Luther

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"The most damnable heresy that ever plagued the mind of man was that he could make himself good enough to deserve to live with a holy God." Martin Luther

"A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing--worth nothing." Martin Luther

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"Pray like it all depends on God, then when you are done, go work like it all depends on you." Martin Luther

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"To be full and idle is the greatest plague on earth; it is the trouble from where all other plagues come." Martin Luther

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"Ministerial work is to make saints out of sinners, living souls out of the dead, children of God out of servants of the Devil." Martin Luther

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"Ministers should make it their business not to set forth new notions, but to press on Christians old truths, and known duties." Thomas Gouge

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"God's all-seeing presence is a preservative against sin and a means to make you watchful over all your ways and actions." Thomas Gouge

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It is hard to mortify sin--but will it not be harder to be damned for it?" Thomas Gouge

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Do we not all have sins of the greatest magnitude, even though we have mercies of the highest nature? Thomas Gouge, The Duty of Reformation in Light of God's Mercies

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"In our folly we see other's faults, more than to see our own. Learn the art of self-reflection, which is the way to self-reformation." Thomas Gouge

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"Let us offer up ourselves to the Lord as a whole-burnt-offering, in the ascending flames of purest affections." Thomas Gouge

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"What expectations God has to see a repenting, reforming, holy, obedient frame, on our reception of such wonderful favors from him!" Thomas Gouge

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"Christ has purchased holiness for all whom he has laid down his life for." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"Sanctification is nothing else but glorification begun. Glorification is nothing else but the perfecting of sanctification." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"The Lord sees every spark of grace in Christians; even their desires and endeavors after God's will shall be accepted as the deed." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"There is the venom of the wrath of God in every affliction to every unconverted man while is in this world." Jeremiah Burroughs

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Christ says, "Whatever your fears and troubles are, yet come, and cast all your burdens on me, I am content to bear them all." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"In believers, the power of Jesus Christ can uphold little sparks of grace in the midst of an ocean of corruption." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"Christians cannot be idle. They have to provide for eternity!" Jeremiah Burroughs

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"To most people in the world, sin is a very light thing." Jeremiah Burroughs

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"No man should think himself a Christian, if he does not hate sin." William Plumer

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"Honoring God means to give God that weight and value which is due to Him because of who He is." Francis Woodcock

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"An idle person is the Devil's workshop, there he works, ever busy when men are most idle." Thomas Gouge

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"Repentance in this life is necessary to enter glory in the life to come." Christopher Love

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"If the Lord brings a wicked man to Heaven, it would be Hell to him; for he who does not love grace on earth, will never love it in Heaven." Christopher Love

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"The souls of men may as certainly be damned by poisoning as by starving." William Jenkyn

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"It's God's just judgment on all who do not receive his truth in love, to give them up to walk in their own counsels." Thomas Hodges

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"If heresies did not have some pretty paint to cause them to stand out, they would be condemned and detested by everyone." Thomas Hodges

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"Christ crucified must be the subject of all the minister's preaching." John Jackson

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"Ministers must not flatter, preach pleasing things, or feed them sugary things-when salt is necessary." John Jackson

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"Men in Heaven shall know who are damned in Hell, yet they shall not know it in a way of compassion or sorrow." Christopher Love

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"Do not lose lying in Abraham's bosom, for now lying in Delilah's lap!" Christopher Love

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"In nature, I can't live without breathing. In grace, I cannot live without praying." Daniel Burgess

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"Ingratitude turns God honey into gall, and His medicine to poison." Daniel Burgess

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"The mission of the minister, his avowed undertaking, is to detach from the earth those to whom he preaches." Alexander Vinet

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"We must love the flock in order to preach to it well." Alexander Vinet

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"Our Lord Jesus Christ is ascended to Heaven to prepare a place for the elect there." Christopher Love

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"The soul of biblical preaching is the application." Peter van Mastricht

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"A perversion of the pulpit is surely followed by spiritual apostasy in the Church." R.L. Dabney

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"If ministers cared more for their people and less for their own sermons, they would be more useful." Thomas Murphy

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"In respect of the glory of God, He is said to be in Heaven because in that place he chiefly manifests his glory and goodness." Thomas Hodges

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"God oftentimes makes our sufferings to be inlets to our glory." Christopher Love

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"On earth Christians enjoy Christ by drops; in Heaven they shall enjoy the fullness of the ocean." Christopher Love

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"The elect should think their death bed to be the very suburbs of Heaven." Christopher Love

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"To the people of God there is no doctrine so comfortable as the doctrine of Christ's coming to judge the world." Christopher Love

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"God's regenerating power is greater than the strength of the world, Hell, or man's wicked heart. He can draw the worst sinners to Christ." Simeon Ashe

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"Threats and blows drive hypocrites to duty, but cords of love draw the gracious heart to an exact walking with his God." Simeon Ashe

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"A single sin not speedily and truly repented of, will justly become the mother and cause of more sin." Hannibal Gammon

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"Sins are more easily kept out, than cast out." Augustine

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"We must not measure our afflictions by the present pain we feel, but by the benefit that follows after them" [Hebrews 12:11]. Hannibal Gammon

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"God, in forgiving the the sins of the righteous, esteems them as no sins, blotting them out and nailing them to his Son's cross." Hannibal Gammon

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"God's punishment to a wicked man on earth, is his wicked mind." Hannibal Gammon

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"Those which are afflicted by God in trials should pray to be bettered before they are delivered." Thomas Valentine

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"It is just with God to punish us in that thing we idolize." Thomas Valentine

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"God does not intend good towards wicked men, but only the glory of his justice." Thomas Valentine

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"Patience is a quiet silent temper of soul, by which we submit to God in all our crosses." Thomas Valentine

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"To come to Christ, for the Christian, is a continual recourse to him for the increase of all saving graces." Thomas Valentine

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"The wicked mourn in Hell, not because they have sinned but because they are punished." William Gearing

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"A Christian is not poor, who is rich in grace; a man is not miserable, who has Christ for his portion." William Gearing

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"Sincere endeavors to do God's service is our whole work, but the success of these endeavors is God's work." Stephen Marshall

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"If a man cannot mourn at hearing about the wrath of God, they must burn at feeling it." Stephen Marshall

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"False repentance, this devil's faith, may produce a Judas' repentance." Zachary Crofton

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"Application is the life of divine meditation." John Ball

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"Always fear to offend God, and you need not fear any other peril." John Ball

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"Godliness makes a man as like to God as a creature can be like to the Creator; but sin transforms us into the likeness of the devil." John Ball

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The Shadow of the Cross – Studies in Self-Denial, 1981, p. 21-22, by permission Banner of Truth, Carlisle, PA. Walter ChantryWalter Chantry Evangelism-PerspectivesSelf-Denial 9 Self-denial is a practice which lies very near to the heart of true religion. Without its exercise there can be no conversion to Christ. Qualities most basic to a Christian frame of heart – notably humility and meekness – would dissolve without its active expression.

The Shadow of the Cross – Studies in Self-Denial, 1981, p. 7, by permission Banner of Truth, Carlisle, PA. Walter ChantryWalter Chantry Self-Denial 10 Nothing leads to self-repudiation so much as spiritual meditation on the corruption and wickedness of your heart. If your soul has grasped human depravity you have been forced to deny yourself... No man can conclude in his heart, 'in me dwelleth no good thing' (Romans 7:18) and then continue to live for himself.

The Shadow of the Cross – Studies in Self-Denial, 1981, p. 9, by permission Banner of Truth, Carlisle, PA. Walter ChantryWalter Chantry Self-Denial 11 There before you is the grisly old enemy to spiritual progress standing astride the path of obedience to Christ – SELF! This monster cries out daily to be served. He challenges the dominion of Jesus Christ and opposes every devotion of time, energy and love to the Lord. But it is a strange war that we may win only by feeling ourselves the painful blows we give. Every denial of self is felt keenly. How we would love to change the scene of combat! But on every occasion when we are serious about advancing in righteousness, we must contend with self.

The Shadow of the Cross – Studies in Self-Denial, 1981, p. 15-16, by permission Banner of Truth, Carlisle, PA. Walter ChantryWalter Chantry Self-Denial 12 Self-denial corrects two evil tendencies ever attacking Christian ethics. There is a tendency to give more attention to outward standards than to the inward state of the heart. And there is a tendency to be strict with others and lenient with oneself... These two dragons are slain by the sword of self-denial when their heads appear in the land of Christian liberty.

The Shadow of the Cross – Studies in Self-Denial, 1981, p. 39, by permission Banner of Truth, Carlisle, PA. Walter ChantryWalter Chantry Self-Denial 13 The entrance fee into the kingdom of heaven is nothing: the annual subscription is everything.

Henry DrummondHenry Drummond Easy BelievismSelf-Denial 14 On January 12, 1723, I made a solemn dedication of myself to God, and wrote it down; giving up myself, and all that I had to God; to be for the future, in no respect, my own; to act as one that had no right to be himself, in any respect. And solemnly vowed to take God for my whole portion and felicity; looking on nothing else, as any part of my happiness, nor acting as if it were; and His law for the constant rule of my obedience: engaging to fight against the world, the flesh and the devil, to the end of my life.

Jonathan EdwardsJonathan Edwards God-Desire\_forGod-Devotion\_toGod-Submission\_toSelf-Denial 15 Self-denial destroys the very root and foundation of sorrow.

Jonathan EdwardsJonathan Edwards DepressionSelf-Denial 16 I have this day solemnly renewed my baptismal covenant and self-dedication, which I renewed when I was received into the communion of the church. I have been before God; and have given myself, all that I am and have to God, so that I am not in any respect my own: I can challenge no right in myself, I can challenge no right in this understanding, this will, these affections that are in me; neither have I any right to this body, or any of its members: no right to this tongue, these hands, nor feet: no right to these senses, these eyes, these ears, this smell or taste. I have given myself clear away, and have not retained anything as my own. I have been to God this morning, and told Him that I gave myself wholly to Him. I have given every power to Him; so that for the future I will challenge no right

in myself, in any respect.

“Extractions from his Private Diary,” Jonathan Edwards: A Profile, Hill and Wang, 1969, p. 12-13. Jonathan EdwardsJonathan Edwards God-Devotion\_toSelf-Denial 17 It is not by telling people about ourselves that we demonstrate our Christianity. Words are cheap. It is by costly, self-denying Christian practice that we show the reality of our faith.

Jonathan EdwardsJonathan Edwards Self-DenialSelf-Love 18 Resolved, never henceforward, till I die, to act as if I were any way my own, but entirely and altogether God’s.

Resolutions Number 43. Jonathan EdwardsJonathan Edwards Self-Denial 19 Words are cheap. It is by costly, self-denying Christian practice that we show the reality of our faith.

Jonathan EdwardsJonathan Edwards Self-Denial 20 Open hands should characterize the soul’s attitude toward God – open to receive what He wants to give, open to give back what He wants to take. Acceptance of the will of God means relinquishment of our own. If our hands are full of our own plans, there isn’t room to receive His.

A Path through Suffering, Revell, 1990, chapter 9. Elisabeth ElliotElisabeth Elliot God-Will\_of-DesiredSelf-Denial 21 People who treat others as inferior are those who themselves suffer from a sense of inferiority and insecurity. Others are a threat to them because they don’t have a sense of being important to the eternal God. They don’t have the assurance that this God will look after them more than adequately. When we lose sight of our identity in Christ, lesser identifying features, like race, class, caste, and education, become significant. We try to find our identity by acting more significant than others.

The New Humanity by Ajith Fernando taken from The Supremacy of Christ by Ajith Fernando, copyright 1995, Crossway Books, a division of Good News Publishers, Wheaton Illinois 60187, [www.crosswaybooks.org](http://www.crosswaybooks.org), p. 200. Ajith FernandoAjith Fernando Ethnic-DiversitySelf-DenialSelf-Worth 22 Some missionaries bound for Africa were laughed at by the boat captain. “You’ll only die over there,” he said. But a missionary replied, “Captain, we died before we started.”

Vance HavnerVance Havner Self-Denial 23 The first lesson in Christ’s school is self-denial.

Quoted in: Soli Deo Gloria, July-August 2004. Matthew HenryMatthew Henry Self-Denial 24 Anything that springs from self, however small it may be, is sin. Self-energy or self-complacency in service is sin. Self-pity in trials or difficulties, self-seeking in business or Christian work, self-indulgence in one’s spare time, sensitiveness, touchiness, resentment and self-defense when we are hurt or injured by others, self-consciousness, reserve, worry, fear, all spring from self and all are sin.

The Calvary Road, Christian Literature Crusade, 1950, p. 29. P.O. Box 1449,

Fort Washington, PA 19034-8449. Used by Permission. Roy HessionRoy Hession Self-DenialSelfishnessSin-Indwelling 25 It is always self who gets irritable and envious and resentful and critical and worried. It is self who is hard and unyielding in its attitudes to others. It is self who is shy and self-conscious and reserved.

The Calvary Road, Christian Literature Crusade, 1950, p. 22. P.O. Box 1449, Fort Washington, PA 19034-8449. Used by Permission. Roy HessionRoy Hession Self-DenialSelfishnessSin-Indwelling 26 Our wills must be broken to His will. To be broken is the beginning of revival. It is painful, it is humiliating, it is the only way. It is being 'Not I, but Christ,' and a 'C' is a bent 'I.' The Lord Jesus cannot live in us fully and reveal Himself through us until the proud self within us is broken. This simply means that the hard unyielding self, which justifies itself, wants its own way, stands up for its rights, and seeks its own glory, at last bows its head to God's will, admits it's wrong, gives up its own way to Jesus, surrenders its rights and discards its own glory – that the Lord Jesus might have all and be all. In other words, it is dying to self and self-attitudes.

The Calvary Road, Christian Literature Crusade, 1950, p. 21-22. P.O. Box 1449, Fort Washington, PA 19034-8449. Used by Permission. Roy HessionRoy Hession BrokennessRevival-Means-Human\_ResponsibilitySelf-Denial 27 Dying to self is not a thing we do once for all. There may be an initial dying when God first shows these things, but ever after it will be a constant dying, for only so can the Lord Jesus be revealed constantly through us. All day long the choice will be before us in a thousand ways. It will mean no plans, no time, no money, no pleasure of our own. It will mean a constant yielding to those around us, for our yieldedness to God is measured by our yieldedness to man. Every humiliation, everyone who tries and vexes us, is God's way of breaking us, so that there is a yet deeper channel in us for the Life of Christ.

The Calvary Road, Christian Literature Crusade, 1950, p. 25. P.O. Box 1449, Fort Washington, PA 19034-8449. Used by Permission. Roy HessionRoy Hession Self-Denial 28 People imagine that dying to self makes one miserable. But it is just the opposite. It is the refusal to die to self that makes one miserable. The more we know of death with Him, the more we shall know of His life in us, and so the more of real peace and joy.

The Calvary Road, Christian Literature Crusade, 1950, p. 28. P.O. Box 1449, Fort Washington, PA 19034-8449. Used by Permission. Roy HessionRoy Hession Self-Denial 29 Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly.

IgnatiusIgnatius God-Submission\_toSelf-Denial 30 The essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less... True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself. The freedom of self-forgetfulness. The blessed rest that only self-forgetfulness

brings.

Tim KellerTim Keller Humility-DemonstratedSelf-CenterednessSelf-Denial 31 A truly gospel-humble person is not a self-hating person or a self-loving person, but a gospel-humble person. The truly gospel-humble person is a self-forgetful person whose ego is just like his or her toes. It just works. It does not draw attention to itself. The toes just work; the ego just works. Neither draws attention to itself.

The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness, 2017, 10 Publishing, p. 33. Used by Permission. Tim KellerTim Keller Humility-DemonstratedSelf-Denial 32 You see, the verdict is in. And now I perform on the basis of the verdict. Because [God] loves me and He accepts me, I do not have to do things just to build up my resume. I do not have to do things to make me look good. I can do things for the joy of doing them. I can help people to help people – not so I can feel better about myself, not so I can fill up the emptiness.

The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness, 2017, 10 Publishing, p. 40. Used by Permission. Tim KellerTim Keller Identity-Christ\_inSelf-Denial 33 Until you have given up your “self” to Him you will not have a real “self.”

C.S. LewisC.S. Lewis Self-Denial 34 I sometimes think that the very essence of the whole Christian position and the secret of a successful spiritual life is just to realize two things: I must have complete, absolute confidence in God and no confidence in myself.

Martyn Lloyd-JonesMartyn Lloyd-Jones Christian-LivingSelf-Denial 35 God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.

The Early Years, Christian History, n. 34. Martin LutherMartin Luther Humility-GeneralSelf-Denial 36 Forsaking oneself for Christ’s sake is not an optional step of discipleship subsequent to conversion; it is the sine qua non of saving faith.

The Gospel According to Jesus, © John MacArthur, 1988, p. 135. Get this book! John MacArthurJohn MacArthur Self-Denial 37 If we do not die to ourselves, we cannot live to God, and he that does not live to God, is dead.

George MacDonaldGeorge MacDonald Self-Denial 38 Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can.

D.L. MoodyD.L. Moody God-Submission\_toSelf-Denial 39 There was a day when I died, utterly died, died to George Muller, his opinions, preferences, tastes and will, died to the world, its approval or censure, died to the approval or blame even of my brethren and friends, and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God.

George MullerGeorge Muller Self-Denial 40 There was a day when I died, utterly died, died to George Muller, his opinions, preferences, tastes and will, died to the world, its approval or censure, died to the approval or blame even of my

brethren and friends, and since then I have studied to show myself approved unto God.

George MullerGeorge Muller Self-Denial 41 When people are right with God, they are apt to be hard on themselves and easy on other people. But when they are not right with God, they are easy on themselves and hard on others.

John NewtonJohn Newton Christian-LivingSelf-Denial 42 When the will of God crosses the will of man, somebody has to die (Addison Leitch).

Other Authors God-Will\_of-ObeyedSelf-Denial 43 Man's perennial efforts to take himself in hand, however he attempts it, lead to the greatest bondage in which man misses what he was meant to be. Man's true freedom does not consist of the unfettered power to direct his life, either in a political or in a Stoic sense. It lies in life with God, lived as it was originally intended by God for man. He only gains this as he denies himself. Paradoxically, the free man does not belong to himself. He belongs to Him who has set him free (J. Blunck).

The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology, v. 1, ed. Colin Brown, Zondervan, www.zondervan.com, 1971, p. 718. Other Authors Liberty-ChristianSelf-Denial 44 There is a great difference between realizing, "On that Cross He was crucified for me," and "On that Cross I am crucified with Him." The one aspect brings us deliverance from sin's condemnation, the other from sin's power (John Mantle).

Other Authors Jesus\_Christ-UnionSelf-DenialSin-PerspectivesSin-Remedy-PositionalSpiritual-Warfare-Weapons-God 45 Jesus Christ demands self-denial, that is, self-negation (Matt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23), as a necessary condition of discipleship. Self-denial is a summons to submit to the authority of God as Father and of Jesus as Lord and to declare lifelong war on one's instinctive egoism. What is to be negated is not personal self or one's existence as a rational and responsible human being. Jesus does not plan to turn us into zombies, nor does he ask us to volunteer for a robot role. The required denial is of carnal self, the egocentric, self-deifying urge with which we were born and which dominates us so ruinously in our natural state. Jesus links self-denial with cross-bearing. Cross-bearing is far more than enduring this or that hardship. Carrying one's cross in Jesus' day, as we learn from the story of Jesus' own crucifixion, was required of those whom society had condemned, whose rights were forfeit, and who were now being led out to their execution. The cross they carried was the instrument of death. Jesus represents discipleship as a matter of following him, and following him as based on taking up one's cross in self-negation. Carnal self would never consent to cast us in such a role. "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die," wrote Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was right: Accepting death to everything that carnal self wants to possess is what Christ's summons to self-denial was all about.

J.I. PackerJ.I. Packer DiscipleshipSelf-Denial 46 Growth in grace is growth downward. It is the forming of a lower estimate of ourselves. It is a deepening real-



ization of our nothingness. It is a heartfelt recognition that we are not worthy of the least of God's mercies.

A.W. Pink A.W. Pink Grace-Experienced Humility-General Self-Denial 47 Just as the sinner's despair of any hope from himself is the first prerequisite of a sound conversion, so the loss of all confidence in himself is the first essential in the believer's growth in grace.

A.W. Pink A.W. Pink Grace-Experienced Self-Denial Spiritual-Growth 48 The way to think about self-denial is to deny yourself only a lesser good for a greater good... Jesus wants us to think about sacrifice in a way that rules out all self-pity. This is, in fact, just what the texts on self-denial teach.

Desiring God, 1996, p. 202, Used by Permission, [www.desiringGod.org](http://www.desiringGod.org). Get this book! John Piper John Piper Sacrifice Self-Denial Self-Pity 49 Jesus indicates that the way to think about self-denial is to deny yourself only a lesser good for a greater good... In other words, Jesus wants us to think about sacrifice in a way that rules out all self-pity. This is, in fact, just what the texts on self-denial teach (Mk. 8:34-35)... Saint Augustine captured the paradox in these words, "If you love your soul, there is a danger of its being destroyed. Therefore you may not love it, since you do not want it to be destroyed. But in not wanting it to be destroyed you love it."

Desiring God, 1996, p. 202, Used by Permission, [www.desiringGod.org](http://www.desiringGod.org). John Piper John Piper Self-Denial 50 We are settling for a Christianity that revolves around catering to ourselves when the central message of Christianity is actually about abandoning ourselves.

David Platt David Platt Prosperity Self-Denial 51 The Christian life is a great paradox. Those who die to self, find self. Those who die to their cravings will receive many times as much in this age, and, in the age to come, eternal life (Luke 18:29). They will find new passions worth living for and dying for. If I crave happiness, I will receive misery. If I crave to be loved, I will receive rejection. If I crave significance, I will receive futility. If I crave control, I will receive chaos. If I crave reputation, I will receive humiliation. But if I long for God and His wisdom and mercy, I will receive God and wisdom and mercy. Along the way, sooner or later, I will also receive happiness, love, meaning, order, and glory.

Seeing With New Eyes, P&R Publishers, 2003, p. 161. Get this book! David Powlison David Powlison Self-Denial 52 Self-emptiness prepares us for spiritual fullness.

Quoted in: Soli Deo Gloria, July-August 2004. Richard Sibbes Richard Sibbes Self-Denial 53 Coming to Christ means I die to self. It's allowing Christ to reign as Lord in my heart and desiring to see Him live His will through me. It's death to the relentless but never-satisfying quest for affirmation. It's freedom from the vain need to promote self. It's separation from fight to find personal worth and identity. Fighting less for my rights. Decreasing so He increases in me. It's

finding approval in Him and realizing the true fulfillment in living for His glory. Death to self so life might live within us. When the pride goes so does the selfish agendas and the traits like the bitterness, the jealousy, the unforgiving spirits, the critical attitudes. Christ reigns resulting in joy and peace. Eyes are opened to new horizons. Curse is reversed. Life is restored.

Sermon, The Radical Call to Discipleship, Luke 9:23-27, January 20, 2018. Randy Smith Randy Smith Discipleship Jesus\_Christ-Devotion\_toSelf-Denial 54 I have now concentrated all my prayers into one, and that one prayer is this, that I may die to self, and live wholly to Him.

C. H. Spurgeon C.H. Spurgeon God-Submission\_toJesus\_Christ-LordshipPrayer-UltimateSelf-Denial 55 Many think of religion in general and Christianity in particular as a sour and depressing attempt to suppress human desire and deprive us of the delights of life. Nothing could be further from the truth! Christianity forbids us no pleasures, save those that lead to temporal misery and eternal woe. God has forbidden you nothing that is conducive to your ultimate satisfaction and delight. Nothing!

One Thing, Christian Focus, © Enjoying God Ministries, 2004, p.28. www.enjoyinggodministries.com. Used by Permission. Sam Storms Sam Storms Christianity-MessageSelf-Denial 56 If you truly love your “self” (and all of us do), take your eyes off “self” and do your “self” as favor: “Look at Me, says the Lord. The state and condition and circumstances of your soul will change for the good only to the degree that you make My glory the object of your obsession.”

One Thing, Christian Focus, © Enjoying God Ministries, 2004, p. 86, www.enjoyinggodministries.com. Used by Permission. Sam Storms Sam Storms Self-DenialSelf-Love 57 Realize that you must lead a dying life; the more a man dies to himself, the more he begins to live unto God.

Thomas a Kempis Thomas a Kempis Self-Denial 58 The cross...always has its way. It wins by defeating its opponent and imposing its will upon him. It always dominates. It never compromises, never dickers nor confers, never surrenders a point for the sake of peace. It cares not for peace; it cares only to end its opposition as fast as possible. With perfect knowledge of all this, Christ said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” So the cross not only brings Christ’s life to an end, it ends also the first life, the old life, of every one of His true followers. It destroys the old pattern, the Adam pattern, in the believer’s life, and brings it to an end. Then the God who raised Christ from the dead raises the believer and a new life begins. This, and nothing less, is true Christianity... We must do something about the cross, and one of two things only we can do – flee it or die upon it.

The Root of the Righteous, Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, 1955, p. 61-63. Get this book! A.W. Tozer A.W. Tozer Jesus\_Christ-Death-CrossSelf-Denial 59 The man with a cross no longer controls his destiny; he lost control when he picked up his cross. That cross immediately became to him an all-

absorbing interest, an overwhelming interference. No matter what he may desire to do, there is but one thing he can do; that is, move on toward the place of crucifixion.

A.W. Tozer A.W. Tozer Jesus\_\_Christ-Death-CrossSelf-Denial 60 If you are ever going to be an ambassador in the hands of a God of glorious and powerful grace, you must die. You must die to your plans for your own life. You must die to your self-focused dreams of success. You must die to your demands for comfort and ease. You must die to your individual definition of the good life. You must die to your demands for pleasure, acclaim, prominence, and respect. You must die to your desire to be in control. You must die to your hope for independent righteousness. You must die to your plans for others. You must die to your cravings for a certain lifestyle or that particular location. You must die to your own kingship. You must die to the pursuit of your own glory in order to take up the cause of the glory of Another. You must die to your control over your own time. You must die to your maintenance of your own reputation. You must die to having the final answer and getting your own way. You must die to your unfaltering confidence in you. You must die.

Always Preparing by Paul David Tripp taken from Dangerous Calling by Paul David Tripp, copyright 2012, Crossway Books, a division of Good News Publishers, Wheaton Illinois 60187, [www.crosswaybooks.org](http://www.crosswaybooks.org), p. 189-190. Paul David Tripp Paul David Tripp Self-Denial 61 God has not commanded you to be admired or esteemed. He has never bidden you defend your character. He has not set you at work to contradict falsehood (about yourself), which Satan's or God's servants may start to peddle, or to track down every rumor that threatens your reputation. If you do these things, you will do nothing else; you will be at work for yourself and not for the Lord.

Unknown Author Self-DefendingSelf-DenialService-Lacking 62 When you are forgotten or neglected or purposely set at naught, and you sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ-that is dying to self. When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take all in patient loving silence-that is dying to self. When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, or any annoyance, when you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it-that is dying to self. When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, any society, any attitude, any interruption by the will of God-that is dying to self. When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works, or itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown-that is dying to self. When you see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances-that is dying to self. When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself, can humbly

submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart—that is dying to self.

Unknown Author Humility-GeneralSelf-Denial 63 Our self-abnegation is thus not for our own sake but for the sake of others. And thus it is not to mere self-denial that Christ calls us but specifically to self-sacrifice, not to unselfing ourselves but to unselfishing ourselves. Self-denial for its own sake is in its very nature ascetic, monkish. It concentrates our whole attention on self—self-knowledge, self-control – and can therefore eventuate in nothing other than the very apotheosis of selfishness. At best it succeeds only in subjecting the outer self to the inner self or the lower self to the higher self, and only the more surely falls into the slough of self-seeking, that it partially conceals the selfishness of its goal by refining its ideal of self and excluding its grosser and more outward elements. Self-denial, then, drives to the cloister, narrows and contracts the soul, murders within us all innocent desires, dries up all the springs of sympathy, and nurses and coddles our self-importance until we grow so great in our own esteem as to be careless of the trials and sufferings, the joys and aspirations, the strivings and failures and successes of our fellow-men. Self-denial, thus understood, will make us cold, hard, unsympathetic—proud, arrogant, self-esteeming—fanatical, overbearing, cruel. It may make monks and Stoics, it cannot make Christians.

Imitating the Incarnation. B. B. WarfieldB.B. Warfield Self-DenialSelf-SeekingSelfishness 64 I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or brought low for You; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.

The Methodist Service Book, Methodist Publishing House, 1975, D10. John WesleyJohn Wesley God-Devotion\_toSelf-Denial 65 The greatest burden we have to carry in life is self. The most difficult thing we have to manage is self... In laying off your burdens, therefore, the first one you must get rid of is yourself. You must hand yourself...into the care and keeping of your God... He made you and therefore He understands you, and knows how to manage you, and you must trust Him to do it.

Hannah Whitall SmithHannah Whitall Smith Self-Denial 66 Can you serve your boss and others at work, helping them to succeed and be happy, even when they are promoted and you are overlooked? Can you work to make others look good without envy filling your heart? Can you minister to the needs of those whom God exalts and men honor when you yourself are neglected? Can you pray for the ministry of others to prosper when it would cast yours in the shadows?

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, 1991, p. 122, Used by permission of NavPress – [www.navpress.com](http://www.navpress.com), All rights reserved. For more information please see the website [www.BibicalSpirituality.org](http://www.BibicalSpirituality.org). Get this book! Donald S. WhitneyDonald S. Whitney Humility-DemonstratedJealousy-EnvySelf-Denial 67 As

Jesus was willing to go to the cross to do the will of the Father (Philippians 2:8), so we must be willing to follow Jesus to the cross, daily dying to any desires that conflict with His so that we may daily live for Him. While we may truly speak of glory inaugurated by the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, identifying with following Him in this world involves suffering. Indeed, there will be no end to cross-bearing this side of Heaven.

Take Up Your Cross Daily, [www.BiblicalSpirituality.org](http://www.BiblicalSpirituality.org). Used by Permission. Donald S. Whitney Donald S. Whitney Jesus\_\_Christ-Death-CrossSelf-Denial 68 What are you to yourself? Worthless? Vile? Empty? What is Jesus to you? Precious? Lovely? All your salvation? All your desire? What is sin to you? The most hateful thing in the world? What is holiness to you? Most lovely? Most longed for? What is the throne of grace to you? The most attractive spot? What is the cross to you? The sweetest resting place in the universe? What is God to you? Your God? Your Father? The spring of all your joys? The fountainhead of all your bliss? The center where your affections meet? Is it so? Then you are a child of God! Those low views of yourself...that brokenness, that inward mourning, that secret confession, that longing for...more spirituality, more grace, more devotedness, more love, does but prove the existence, reality, and growth of God's work within you. Cheer up, precious soul! That soul never perished, that felt itself to be vile, and Jesus to be precious!

"Impress the young convert from the very beginning with the conviction that God has called him into His kingdom to struggle with the corruptions of his heart."  
-WILLIAM B. SPRAGUE

"Neither be idle in the means, nor make an idol of the means." -WILLIAM SECKER

"Means must be neither trusted nor neglected." -JOHN TRAPP

"Use thy duties, as Noah's dove did her wings, to carry thee to the ark of the Lord Jesus Christ, where only there is rest." -ISAAC AMBROSE

"There are no men more careful of the use of means than those that are surest of a good issue and conclusion, for the one stirs up diligence in the other. Assurance of the end stirs up diligence in the means. For the soul of a believing Christian knows that God has decreed both." -RICHARD SIBBES

"The Christian's life should put his minister's sermon in print." -WILLIAM GURNALL

"Assurance encourateth us in our combat; it delivers us not from it. We may have peace with God when we have done from the assaults of Satan." -JOHN OWEN

"Evangelical truth will not be honourably witnessed unto but by evangelical grace." -JOHN OWEN

"He who prays as he ought will endeavour to live as he prays." -JOHN OWEN

"Many a man's knowledge is a torch to light him to hell. Thou who hast knowledge of God's will, but doth not do it, wherein dost thou excel the devil, 'who transforms himself into an angel of light.'" -THOMAS WATSON

"A man may be theologically knowing and spiritually ignorant." -STEPHEN CHARNOCK

"The bare knowledge of God's will is inefficacious, it doth not better the heart. Knowledge alone is like a winter sun, which hath no heat or influence; it doth not warm the affections, or purify the conscience. Judas was a great luminary, he knew God's will, but he was a traitor." -THOMAS WATSON

"Let us not satisfy ourselves with a knowledge of God in the mass; a glance upon a picture never directs you to the discerning the worth and art of it." -STEPHEN CHARNOCK

"Neither place, parts, nay, nor graces, will exempt any man from falling. O believers, what need is there to be watchful and humble!" -JAMES DURHAM

"The title my love is a very kindly and sweet one; and this makes it lovely, that therein he not only intimates, but appropriates his love to her, allowing her to lay claim thereto as her own. My love, saith he, and it says, that there can be nothing more cordial and refreshing to believers than Christ's intimating of his love to them, and therefore he has chosen this title for that purpose. The men of this world exceedingly prejudice themselves, that they think not more of this, and study not to be acquainted with it." -JAMES DURHAM

"All the Spirit's operations, how rough soever some of them may appear, are always useful to believers, and tend to make them fruitful. To this end the most sharp influences contribute as well as the more comfortable." -JAMES DURHAM

"[Christ] feeds and gathers at once, and this gathering of souls is as sweetly refreshing and delightful to our blessed Lord Jesus, as the plucking of the sweetest flower is to a man walking in a garden. And there is nothing more acceptable and welcome to him, than a seeking sinner....So long as our Lord Jesus has a church and ordinances in it, so he will continue to gather [his people], and he is not idle, but is still gathering; though at some times, and in some places, this may be more sensible and abundant than ordinary." -JAMES DURHAM

"Christ is the most cheap physician, he takes no fee. He desires us to bring nothing to him but broken hearts; and when he has cured us he desires us to bestow nothing on him but our love." -THOMAS WATSON

"Christ heals with more ease than any other. Christ makes the devil go out with a word (Mark 9:25). Nay, he can cure with a look: Christ's look melted Peter into repentance; it was a healing look. If Christ doth but cast a look upon the soul he can recover it. Therefore David prays to have a look from God, 'Look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me' (Psalm 119:132)." -THOMAS WATSON

"Christ is the most tender-hearted physician. He hath ended his passion but not his compassion. He is not more full of skill than sympathy, 'He healed the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds' (Psalm 147:3). Every groan of the patient goes to the heart of the physician." -THOMAS WATSON

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Online! Re: "Christ never fails of success. Christ never undertakes to heal any but he makes a certain cure, 'Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost,' (John 17:12). Other physicians can only cure them that are sick, but Christ cures them that are dead, 'And you hat he quickened who were dead' (Eph 2:1). Christ is a physician for the dead, of every one whom Christ cures, it may be said, 'He was dead, and is alive again' (Luke 15:32)." -THOMAS WATSON

"Christ is the most bountiful physician. Other patients do enrich their physicians, but here the physician doth enrich the patient. Christ elevates all his patients: he doth not only cure them but crown them (Rev. 2:10). Christ doth not only raise them from the bed, but to the throne; he gives the sick man not only health but also heaven." -THOMAS WATSON

"These two principles, their own reputation and that of their sect, constituted the life and soul of Pharisaism of old." -JOHN OWEN

"No heart can conceive that treasury of mercies which lies in this one privilege, in having liberty and ability to approach unto God at all times, according to his mind and will." -JOHN OWEN

"If we would talk less and pray more about them, things would be be better than they are in the world; at least, we should be better enabled to bear them." -JOHN OWEN

"It is a throne of grace that God in Christ is represented to us upon; but yet is is a throne still whereon majesty and glory do reside, and God is always to be considered by us as on a throne." -JOHN OWEN

"O sirs, here is a cord of love let down, and the upper end of it is fastened to Christ's heart, and the lower end of it hanging down the length of your hearts. And, O! shall not Christ's heart and yours be knit together this day. Here is a cord to bind His heart to your heart, and your heart to His heart." -RALPH ERSKINE

"Since the last communion here, one of our dear helpers in this presbytery from whose lips you used to hear the joyful sound, is gone away to the communion-table above; and glory be to God that he got a full gale of heavenly wind, to drive him in with holy joy and triumph to the harbor of glory." -RALPH ERSKINE

"Faith, without trouble or fighting, is a suspicious faith; for true faith is a fighting, wrestling faith." -RALPH ERSKINE

"The law breaks the hard heart, but the gospel melts it. A stone duly broken, may be still a hard stone; but the gospel melts." -RALPH ERSKINE

"O come! And kiss the Son, by believing in Him, and applying the benefits of this glorious transaction to yourself; and be who you will, if you kiss and embrace the Son, you shall find the glorious attributes of God kissing and embracing you, and hugging you in their arms, as a darling of heaven and a favourite in the house of God." -RALPH ERSKINE

"Oh, Christians, look to your steps! When you have prayed against sin, then watch against temptation. Such as are more excellent than others, God expects some singular thing from them. They should bring more glory to God and, by their exemplary piety, make proselytes to religion. Better fruit is expected from a vineyard than from a wild forest." -THOMAS WATSON

"He doth preach most that doth live best." -JOHN BOYS

"a minister may fill his pews, his communion roll, the mouths of the public, but what that minister is on his knees in secret before God Almighty, that he is and no more." -JOHN OWEN

"A faithful minister must see before he say." -EDWARD MARBURY

"Sense of sin may be often great, and more felt than grace; yet not be more than grace. A man feels the ache of his finger more sensibly than the health of his whole body; yet he knows that the ache of a finger is nothing so much as the health of the whole body." -THOMAS ADAMS

"God dwells as glorious in a saint when he is in the dark, as when he is in light, for darkness is His secret place, and His pavilion round about Him are dark waters." -WILLIAM ERBERRY

"Great comforts do, indeed, bear witness to the truth of thy grace, but not to the degree of it; the weak child is oftener in the lap than the strong one." -WILLIAM GURNALL

"The Christian must trust in a withdrawing God." -WILLIAM GURNALL

"O Christian, never be proud of things that are so transient, injurious, and uncertain as the riches of this evil world! But set your heart on the true and durable riches of grace in Christ Jesus." -ISAAC AMBROSE

"How soon are we broken on the soft pillow of ease! Adam in paradise was overcome, when Job on the dunghill was a conqueror." -THOMAS WATSON

"Immoderate care takes the heart off from better things; and usually while we are thinking how we shall do to live, we forget how to die. We may sooner by our care add a furlong to our grief, than a foot to our comfort." -THOMAS WATSON



"God keeps open house for hungry sinners (Isa. 45:1,2)." -THOMAS WATSON

"Sin is naturally exceeding dear to us; to part with it is compared to plucking out our right eyes. Men may refrain from wonted ways of sin for a little while, and may deny their lusts in a partial degree, with less difficulty; but it is heart-rending work, finally to part with all sin, and to give our dearest lusts a bill of divorce, utterly to send them away. But this we must do, if we would follow those that are truly turning to God: yea, we must not only forsake sin, but must, in a sense, forsake all the world, Luke xiv.33 'Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.'" -JONATHAN EDWARDS

"A proud faith is as much a contradiction as a humble devil." -STEPHEN CHARNOCK

"'Tis no easy matter to be saved. 'Twas difficult work to Jesus Christ to work redemption for us. 'Tis difficult work to the Spirit to work grace in us, and to carry it on against corruptions, temptations, distractions." -PHILIP HENRY

"Despair is hope stark dead, presumption is hope stark mad." -THOMAS ADAMS

"There is a secret, heavenly vigour infused into every gracious soul by the sanctifying Spirit, which deadens it to the world, and makes it delight in God. He ought to shine in the world, as a light 'in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation,' Phil. ii.15. Light and darkness cannot endure one another; neither the power of grace those works of darkness in which the world lies drowned. He is by no means to be conformed to this world, Rom. 12:2, nor to run with the wicked to the same excess of riot, 1 Pet. 4:4. He is now new-born, and becomes a child of eternity; whereby his heart is fallen in love with new and everlasting delights, and the eye of his soul turned from the dung of this world towards the glory of the second life. As the worldling cannot relish the sweet joys of gracious exercises, so neither can the christian the frothy pleasures of carnal fellowship. You can as hardly draw the sound professor to an assembly of swagging companions, as a lover of pleasure to a day of humiliation." -ROBERT BOLTON

"One great contest, between the religion of Arminianism, and the religion of Christ, is, who shall stand entitled to the praise and glory of a sinner's salvation? Conversion decides this point at once; for I think that, without any imputation of uncharitableness, I may venture to say, that every truly awakened person, at least when he is under the shine of God's countenance upon his soul, will fall down upon his knees, with this hymn of praise ascending from his heart, Not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but to thy name, give the glory: I am saved not for my righteousness, but for thy mercy and thy truth's sake." -AUGUSTUS TOPLADY

"Seek not to grow in knowledge chiefly for the sake of applause, and to enable you to dispute with others; but seek it for the benefit of your souls, and in order

to practice....Practice according to what knowledge you have. This will be the way to know more...[According to Ps. 119:100] 'I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.'" -JONATHAN EDWARDS

"In natures, we see God, as it were, like the sun in a picture; in the law, as the sun in a cloud; in Christ we see Him in His beams; He being 'the brightness of His glory, and the exact image of His person.'" -STEPHEN CHARNOCK

"Whatsoever is good for God's children they shall have it; for all is theirs to help them towards heaven; therefore if poverty be good they shall have it; if disgrace or crosses be good they shall have them; for all is ours to promote our greatest prosperity." -RICHARD SIBBES

"He that thirsts after grace is already entitled to the well of life and fullness of heavenly bliss, by a promise from God's own mouth. . . (Rev. 21:6)" -ROBERT BOLTON

"Christians in consort are an abridgement of heaven, shining like a firmament of bright stars. . . Surely, of all fellowships, this is the only good fellowship. Next to communion with God, there is no communion like the communion of saints." -GEORGE SWINNOCK

"Examples do strangely charm us into imitation. When holiness is pressed upon us we are prone to think that it is a doctrine calculated for angels and spirits whose dwelling is not with flesh. But when we read the lives of them that excelled in holiness, though they were persons of like passions with ourselves, the conviction is wonderful and powerful." -COTTON MATHER

"What was it that obliged Jerome to write his book, Concerning Illustrious Men? It was the common reproach of old cast upon Christians, 'That they were all poor, weak, unlearned men.' The sort of men sometime called 'Puritans' in the English nation have been reproached with the same character. . . But when truth shall have liberty to speak, it will be known that Christianity never was more expressed unto the life than in the lives of the persons that have been thus reproached." -COTTON MATHER

"I have often thought of Mr Paul Bayne, his fairwell words to Dr Ames when going to Holland; Mr Bayne perceiving him to be a man of extra-ordinary parts, 'Beware (said he) of a strong head and a cold heart.'" -COTTON MATHER

"You all have by you a large treasure of divine knowledge, in that you have the Bible in your hands; therefore be not contented in possessing but little of this treasure. God hath spoken much to you in the Scripture; labor to understand as much of what he saith as you can. God hath made you all reasonable creatures; therefore let not the noble faculty of reason or understanding lie neglected. Content not yourselves with having so much knowledge as is thrown in your way, and as you receive in some sense unavoidably by the frequent inculcation of divine truth in the preaching of the word, of which you are obliged to be hearers, or as you accidentally gain in conversation; but let it be very much your

business to search for it, and that with the same diligence and labor with which men are wont to dig in mines of silver and gold.” -JONATHAN EDWARDS

”It is no solid objection against God aiming at an infinitely perfect union of the creature with himself, that the particular time will never come when it can be said, the union is now infinitely perfect. God aims at satisfying justice in the eternal damnation of sinners; which will be satisfied by their damnation, considered no otherwise than with regard to its eternal duration. But yet there never will come that particular moment, when it can be said, that now justice is satisfied. But if this does not satisfy our modern free-thinkers who do not like to talk about satisfying justice with an infinite punishment; I suppose it will not be denied by any, that God, in glorifying the saints in heaven with eternal felicity, aims to satisfy his infinite grace or benevolence, by the bestowment of a good infinitely valuable, because eternal: and yet there never will come that moment, when it can be said, that now this infinitely valuable good has been actually bestowed.” -JONATHAN EDWARDS

”Do you not find yourselves forgetful of Jesus? Some creature steals away your heart, and you are unmindful of him upon whom your affection ought to be set. Some earthly business engrosses your attention when you should have your eye steadily fixed upon the cross. It is the incessant round of world, world, world; the constant din of earth, earth, earth, that takes away the soul from Christ. Oh! my friends, is it not too sadly true that we can recollect anything but Christ, and forget nothing so easy as him whom we ought to remember? While memory will preserve a poisoned weed, it suffereth the Rose of Sharon to wither.” -C.H. Spurgeon

”The reason [for the spread of Arminian] doctrine is because some preachers are men of learning and moral men, and they have drunk in some errors and lack experience. Learning and morality will qualify men to make many good and profitable sermons, much for the edification of the hearers. Learning qualifies men to clear up many principles of religion, and a moral disposition may fit men zealously to reprove vicious practices. But men may be learned men, yet drink in very corrupt doctrines.” -SOLOMON STODDARD

”Remember the perfections of that God whom you worship, that he is a Spirit, and therefore to be worshipped in spirit and truth; and that he is most great and terrible, and therefore to be worshipped with seriousness and reverence, and not to be dallied with, or served with toys or lifeless lip-service; and that he is most holy, pure, and jealous, and therefore to be purely worshipped; and that he is still present with you, and all things are naked and open to him with whom we have to do. The knowledge of God, and the remembrance of his all-seeing presence, are the most powerful means against hypocrisy.” -RICHARD BAXTER

”Most of God’s people are contented to be saved from the hell that is without; they are not so anxious to be saved from the hell that is within.” -ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE

"For every look at self take ten looks at Christ." -ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE

"It is a sure mark of grace to desire more." -ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE

"Paul was Nero's prisoner, but Nero was much more God's." -WILLIAM GURNALL

"No, the Christian must stand fixed to his principles, and not change his habit; but freely show what countryman he is by his holy constancy in the truth." -WILLIAM GURNALL

"Take heart therefore, O ye saints, and be strong; your cause is good, God himself espouseth your quarrel, who hath appointed you his own Son, General of the field, called 'the Captain of our salvation,' Heb 2:10." -WILLIAM GURNALL

"O take heed of this squint eye to our profit, pleasure, honour, or anything beneath Christ and heaven; for they will take away your heart ... that is, our love, and if our love be taken away, there will be little courage left for Christ." -WILLIAM GURNALL

Blind zeal is soon put to a shameful retreat, while holy resolution, built on fast principles, lifts up its head like a rock in the midst of the waves. -WILLIAM GURNALL

"Godliness is glory in the seed, and glory is godliness in the flower." -THOMAS WATSON

"If a wicked man seems to have peace at death, it is not from the knowledge of his happiness, but from the ignorance of his danger." -THOMAS WATSON

"Were the holiest heart upon earth enlarged to the vast comprehension of this great world's wideness; nay, made capable of all the glorious and magnificent hallelujahs and hearty praises offered to Jehovah, both by all the militant and triumphant church, yet would it come infinitely short of sufficiently magnifying, admiring, and adoring the inexplicable mystery and bottomless depth of this free, independent mercy, and love to God, the Fountain and First Mover of all our good." -ROBERT BOLTON

"For it is utterly impossible that any finite cause, created power, or anything out of God himself, should primarily move and incline the eternal, immutable, uncreated, omnipotent will of God. The true original and prime motive of all gracious, bountiful expressions and effusions of love upon his elect, is the good pleasure of his will. And therefore to hold that election to life is made upon foresight of faith, good works the right use of free will, or any created motive, is not only false and wicked, but also ignorant and absurd tenet. To say no more at this time, it robs God of his all-sufficiency, making him go out of himself, looking to this or that in the creature, upon which his will may be determined to elect." -ROBERT BOLTON

"First, draw off your hearts, because Jesus Christ, the Head, is risen and ascended upon high, and there sits at the right hand of His Father; and if the Head is in heaven, where should the members be but where the Head is? Shall Christ our Head be in heaven, and shall our hearts, which are His members, lie groveling on the ground and panting after the dust of the earth, making all our inquiry and labor after these? 'If Christ our Head be risen, seek those things that are above, where Christ sits at God's right hand.'" -CHRISTOPHER LOVE

"Christ is like a river in another respect. A river is continually flowing, there are fresh supplies of water coming from the fountain-head continually, so that a man may live by it, and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ, may have fresh supplies from him to all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new, and new still, and which never will come to an end." -JONATHAN EDWARDS

[Concerning the Word preached:] "Do we prize it in our judgments? Do we receive it into our hearts? Do we fear the loss of the Word preached more than the loss of peace and trade? Is it the removal of the ark that troubles us? Again, do we attend to the Word with reverential devotion? When the judge is giving the charge on the bench, all attend. When the Word is preached, the great God is giving us his charge. Do we listen to it as to a matter of life and death? This is a good sign that we love the Word. -THOMAS WATSON

"I remember myself, that when I was young, I had sometime the company of one ancient godly minister, who was of weaker parts than many others, but yet did profit me more than most; because he would never in prayer or conference speak of God, or the life to come, but with such marvelous seriousness and reverence, as if he had seen the majesty and glory which he talked of." -RICHARD BAXTER

"Afflictions add to the saints' glory. The more the diamond is cut, the more it sparkles; the heavier the saints' cross is, the heavier will be their crown." -THOMAS WATSON

"If God be our God, He will give us peace in trouble. When there is a storm without, He will make peace within. The world can create trouble in peace, but God can create peace in trouble." -THOMAS WATSON