#### **100 QUOTES**

## Short Sayings of Wisdom for Life



# Religion

- 1. "Consider how precious a soul must be when both God and the devil are after it." (Charles Spurgeon)
- 2. "Do all the good you can in the world, and make as little noise about it as possible." (Asahel Nettleton)
- 3. "The business of the Christian is nothing else, but to be ever preparing for death." (Irenaeus)
- 4. "Religion is what a man does with his own solitude" (A. N. Whitehead)
- 5. "Religion, if it be worth anything, is worth everything." (Matthew Henry)
- 6. "I am persuaded a broken and contrite spirit, a conviction of our vileness and nothingness, connected with a cordial acceptance of Jesus as revealed in the Gospel, is the highest attainment we can reach in this life." (John Newton)
- "Think about death constantly, for if you are found ill prepared on this point, you have lost everything you have ever done in this life." (Girolamo Savonarola)
- 8. "The greater thou art, the more humble thyself, and thou shalt find favor before the Lord. Many are in high place and of renown: but mysteries are revealed unto the meek." (Ecclesiasticus 3:18-19)
- 9. "There is one grace you cannot counterfeit...the grace of perseverance." (Gardiner Spring)
- 10."Between us and heaven or hell there is only life, which is the frailest thing in the world." (Blaise Pascal)

# Suffering

- 11."We must learn to regard people less in light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
- 12."It is good to be tired and weary by the vain search after the true good, that we may stretch out our arms to the Redeemer." (Blaise Pascal)
- 13."The future is as bright as the promises of God." (Adoniram Judson)
- 14."The milk and honey lie beyond this wilderness world." (Asahel Nettleton)
- 15."Pain, if sanctified, creates tenderness toward others." (Charles Spurgeon)
- 16. "Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties." (Charles Spurgeon)
- 17. "No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown." (William Penn)
- 18. "Oh yet we trust that somehow good / Will be the final goal of ill." (Alfred, Lord Tenneyson)
- 19."When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." (Viktor Frankl)

"Be not slack in asking, if He be so abundant in bestowing."

- Charles Spurgeon

#### Prayer

- 20."...the power of prayer can never be overrated...If a man can but pray, he can do anything. He who knows how to overcome with God in prayer has Heaven and earth at his disposal." (Spurgeon)
- 21."Do not be so busy with the work of Christ (or anything else) that you have no strength left for praying. True prayer requires strength." (Hudson Taylor)
- 22."Our prayers run along one road and God's answers by another, and by and by they meet." (Adoniram Judson)
- 23."Above all, keep close to the Throne of Grace. If we seem to get no good by attempting to draw near him, we may be sure we shall get none by keeping away from him." (John Newton)
- 24."It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone." (Hudson Taylor)
- 25."Be not slack in asking, if He be so abundant in bestowing." (Charles Spurgeon)

#### Purpose

- 26. "Cowards live for the sake of living, but for heroes, life is a weapon." (N D Wilson)
- 27."Great minds have purposes; others have wishes." (Washington Irving)
- 28. "Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God." (Jim Elliot)
- 29."If you're not failing, you're not trying hard enough." (Unknown)
- 30."The permanent temptation of life is to confuse dreams with reality. The permanent defeat of life comes when dreams are surrendered to reality." (James Michener)
- 31."It is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succour of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clean earth to till. What weather they shall have is not ours to rule." (JRR Tolkien)

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- Thomas Fuller

#### Time

- 32."Great men have been misers of moments." (Orison Swett Marden)
- 33."Ordinary people think merely of spending time. Great people think of using it." (Arthur Schopenhauer)
- 34."He lives long that lives well; and time misspent is not lived but lost." (Thomas Fuller)
- 35."Champions are built on a thousand invisible mornings." (Kirk Cousins)
- 36. "Excelling at anything is a matter of wisely investing odd moments." (Dan Phillips)

# Discipline

- 37."The alternative to discipline is disaster." (Vance Havner)
- 38. "The essence of self-discipline is to do the important thing rather than the urgent thing." (Barry Werner)
- 39."What we hope ever to do with ease, we must first learn to do with diligence." (Samuel Johnson)
- 40."For every two minutes of glamour, there are eight hours of hard work." (Jessica Savitch)
- 41."There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure." (Colin Powell)
- 42."The future is purchased by the present." (Samuel Johnson)

#### Greatness & Leadership

- 43.Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people. (Eleanor Roosevelt)
- 44."The great leader, the genius in leadership, is the man who can do the average thing when everybody else is going crazy." (Napoleon)
- 45."The art of feeding cattle, and the art of ruling men, are sisters." (Basil)
- 46."One who is set up for a model to others should ever, by the strictness of his way of life, display what a wealth of reason he carries in his breast." (Gregory the Great)
- 47."The price of greatness is responsibility." (Winston Churchill)

#### Decisiveness

- 48."Be willing to make decisions. That's the most important quality in a good leader." (George S. Paton)
- 49."Unsuccessful people make decisions based on their current situation; successful people make decisions based on where they want to be." (Anonymous)
- 50."Think like a man of action; act like a man of thought" (Henri Bergson)
- 51."All decision-making is a values-clarifying exercise" (Tony Robbins)

# "Those who are hardest to love, need it the most."

- Socrates

#### Love

- 52."Love, then, is the master which teaches you how to do anything." (Savonarola)
- 53."They do not love that do not show their love." (Shakespeare)
- 54."We should love hard, and not casually; fervently, playfully, and simply, never heavily or slowly." (Jim Elliott)
- 55. "The great characteristic of [God's] love... is that [it] is not so much governed by the desire to have, as by the desire to give." (Lloyd-Jones)
- 56."Passion cannot be beautiful without excess; one either loves too much or not enough." (Blaise Pascal)
- 57."Those who are hardest to love, need it the most." (Socrates)
- 58."Them that are good I love, because they are in Christ; and the evil, to bring them to Christ." (William Tyndale)

# Freedom and Tyranny

- 59."I prefer the tumult of liberty to the quiet of servitude." (Thomas Jefferson)
- 60."Strive for the truth unto death, and the Lord shall fight for thee." (Ecclesiasticus 4:28)
- 61."And is it not obvious that, just as it is a crime to disturb the peace when truth reigns, it is also a crime to remain at peace when the truth is being destroyed?" (Pascal)
- 62. "The enemy is within the gates; it is with our own luxury, our own folly, our own criminality that we have to contend." (Cicero)

#### Controversy

- 63."If you are drawn into controversy, use very hard arguments and very soft words." (Charles Spurgeon)
- 64."You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life." (Winston Churchill)
- 65. "Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances." (Thomas Jefferson)
- 66."True zeal is merciful and mild; can pity and forbear; / The false is headstrong, fierce and wild, and breathes revenge and war." (John Newton)
- 67. The church is not purified by controversy, but by holy love. (John Rice)
- 68. "You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks." (Winston Churchill)

### Thought, Reading, and Study

- 69."Let us dare to think, read, speak, and write." (John Adams)
- 70."A drop of ink may make a million think." (Lord Byron)
- 71."Poetry is the art of uniting pleasure with truth." (Samuel Johnson)
- 72. "Those who will not reason, are bigots, those who cannot, are fools, and those who dare not, are slaves." (Lord Byron)
- 73."Reading gives us breadth, but study gives us depth." (Jerry Bridges)
- 74."A peasant that reads is a prince in waiting." (Walter Mosley)

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- Dallas Willard

#### Providence

- 75."Duty is ours; consequences are God's" (Stonewall Jackson?)
- 76."Man proposes, God disposes" (Unknown)
- 77. "There is no time lost while we are waiting God's time." (Matthew Henry)
- 78."I am particularly conscious of the Christian's right to expect events to be exactly timed for good. 'As for God, His way is perfect."" (Jim Elliott)

#### **General Wisdom**

- 79."Ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life." (Dallas Willard)
- 80."Quiet, and freedom from affairs, is more precious than the splendor of a busy life." (Gregory of Nazianzus)
- 81."Life is fraught with opportunities to keep your mouth shut." (Winston Churchill)
- 82."Those who wish to appear wise among fools, they seem foolish among the wise." (Quintilian)
- 83."A wise person does at once, what a fool does at last. Both do the same thing; only at different times." (Balthasar Gracian)
- 84. "For just as incautious speech leads men into error, so, too, unseasonable silence leaves in error those who might have been instructed." (Gregory the Great)
- 85."Men show their character in nothing more clearly than what they think laughable." (Goethe)
- 86. "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm." (Winston Churchill)

- 87. "Curiosity is one of the most permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect." (Samuel Johnson)
- 88. "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." (Winston Churchill)
- 89."The world is run by tired men. (Winston Churchill)
- 90."Conversation enriches the understanding, but solitude is the school of genius." (Edward Gibbon)
- 91."The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see." (Winston Churchill)
- 92."It is better to sleep on things beforehand than lie awake about them afterwards." (Baltasar Gracian)
- 93."People need to be reminded more often than they need to be instructed." (Samuel Johnson)
- 94. "Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision." (Winston Churchill)
- 95."The keys to life are running and reading." (Will Smith)
- 96. "Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him." (Booker Washington)
- 97."Be not the first, by whom the new are tried, / Nor yet the last to lay the old aside." (Alexander Pope)
- 98. "Difficulties mastered are opportunities won." (Winston Churchill)
- 99. "Not to go back, is somewhat to advance; / and men must walk, at least, before they dance." (Alexander Pope)
- 100."Continuous effort not strength or intelligence is the key to unlocking our potential." (Winston Churchill)

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