

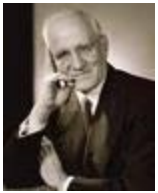
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Quotes and Quotations on Christian Living

from E. Stanley Jones



E. Stanley Jones was one the greatest evangelist missionaries of the 20th century. He has been called the "Billy Graham" of India. He was a missionary to Japan and India as well as a prolific writer on Christian living.

Jones' powerful writing style and engaging apologetic debates with the atheists, existential thinkers, and mystics of his time were anointed. This man was filled with the Holy Spirit and articulated The Word of God exceptionally well. Millions read his works and were encouraged to live victorious Christian lives. Lives driven by hope, power, and purpose. E. Stanley Jones explained the different religions and laid a clear irrefutable case for Christianity. He wrote about healing too. Jones inspired many to live Christ-like lives. Jones' writings are deep and practical. I read four of Jones' books several years ago and they changed my life. His writings put a charge in my walk with the Lord! I read "The Way." "Abundant Living" "Christian Maturity" and "Victorious Living."

Enjoy these few E. Stanley Jones' quotes and quotations. I pray that you are blessed by them and find them helpful as you navigate this life. Of course there is no substitute for the Word and I encourage all of you to press in toward Christ by reading God's Word, the Holy Bible every day. Live victoriously in Christ!

Quotations from E. Stanley Jones:

At the cross God wrapped his heart in flesh and blood and let it be nailed to the cross for our redemption.

Being born in a Christian home does not make you a Christian.

Character is supreme in life, hence Jesus stood supreme in the supreme thing - so supreme that, when we think of the ideal, we do not add virtue to virtue, but think of Jesus Christ, so that the standard of human life is no longer a code but a character.

God, to redeem us at the deepest portion of our nature - the urge to love and be loved - must reveal His nature in an incredible and impossible way. He must reveal it at a cross.

Here he tells us that the new birth is first of all 'not of blood'. You don't get it through the blood stream, through heredity. Your parents can give you much, but they cannot give you this.

If the Holy Spirit can take over the subconscious with our consent and cooperation, then we have almighty Power working at the basis of our lives, then we can do anything we ought to do, go anywhere we ought to go, and be anything we ought to be.

In conversion you are not attached primarily to an order, nor to an institution, nor a movement, nor a set of beliefs, nor a code of action - you are attached primarily to a Person, and secondarily to these other things.

In the ordinary church, it is suppressed by respectability, by a desire to appear better than we really are.

Life is supplied with a basic adequacy.

Our actions are the results of our intentions and our intelligence.

Our intentions may be very good, but, because the intelligence is limited, the action may turn out to be a mistake - a mistake, but not necessarily a sin, for sin comes out of a wrong intention.

Prayer is aligning ourselves with the purposes of God.

Prayer is commission. Out of the quietness with God, power is generated that turns the spiritual machinery of the world. When you pray, you begin to feel the sense of being sent, that the divine compulsion is upon you.

Prayer is commitment. We don't merely co-operate with God with certain things held back within. We, the total person, co-operate. This means that cooperation

equals commitment.

Prayer means that the total you is praying. Your whole being reaches out to God, and God reaches down to you.

Some have said that the power of a Redeemer would depend upon two things: first, upon the richness of the self that was given; and second, upon the depths of the giving. Friend and foe alike are agreed on the question of the character of Jesus Christ.

The action carries a sense of incompleteness and frustration, but not of guilt. Victorious living does not mean perfect living in the sense of living without flaw, but it does mean adequate living, and that can be consistent with many mistakes.

The conscious mind determines the actions, the unconscious mind determines the reactions; and the reactions are just as important as the actions.

To pass from estrangement from God to be a son of God is the basic fact of conversion. That altered relationship with God gives you an altered relationship with yourself, with your brother man, with nature, with the universe.

Victorious living does not mean freedom from temptation, nor does it mean freedom from mistakes.

We are personalities in the making, limited, and grappling with things too high for us. Obviously we, at very best, will make many mistakes, but these mistakes need not be sins.

Whatever our creed, we stand with admiration before the sublime Character is supreme in life, and hence Jesus stood supreme in the supreme thing.

When the depths are upheld by the Holy Spirit, then the reaction is Christian.

When we think of the ideal, we do not add virtue to virtue, but think of Jesus Christ, so that the standard of human life is no longer a code, but a character.

You are no longer working against the grain of the universe; you're working with it.

You cease to move into yourself, away from others. You give up your antagonism. You begin to move toward others in love. God moved toward you in gracious, outgoing love, and you move toward others in that same outgoing love.

Yielding to Jesus will break every form of slavery in any human life.

Self-surrender is moving out of the center and letting God take the center with self in the margin, with God in control and the self in obedience.

I am strong in the strength of Christ, loving in the love of Christ.

No dodging of problems, no suppressing them into the sub-conscious but surrendering them.

I supply the willingness and He supplies

the power.

At each crisis there is one strategy and only one - surrender. Is that the strategy for us. Yes, surrender and obedience.

**No lagging behind God.
No running ahead of God.
But walking with God.**

You cannot be mature with self-condemnation eating within you.

**My past buried in the love of God.
My present held by the love of God.
I am safe.**

Deeply assured before God, I shall face all my responsibilities with deep assurance.

Let me think Agape, live Agape, and pour out Agape to everyone regardless.

Love me into loving and may I love others into loving.

Perfect love casts out fear and all other evils as well.

God is my fullness, His absence my emptiness.

And where He is there is forgiveness and peace.

O Christ do not give me tasks equal to my powers, but give me powers equal to

my tasks.

If I am to be a spirit guided man, I must be a spirit-possessed man.

When you are surrendered to Him He can think His thoughts through you.

When God is with you then everything is an opportunity. You can do everything in His name and for His love.

All departure from His mind and Spirit is sin.

**If I look in I'll be discouraged.
If I look around I'll be distracted.
If I look at Jesus I shall have peace.**

Christianity is maturity by gazing, look to Him and be radiant.

The more I am bound to Him the freer I am.

Everything surrendered to Him comes to its fulfillment, comes to its full life. Everything out of Him is runted and stunted.

You and Christ are afraid of nothing because you can use everything.

If you become a recessive personality refusing to face up to opposition, taking the least line of resistance, then you will never be a resurrected personality, no cross, no creation.

If you won't live with God in the

harmony of love, you will have to live with yourself in the disharmony of hate. There is no alternative.

If you don't love God totally, you can't love yourself at all. For a divided self is a despised self.

The loving heart cannot fall, cannot fail, cannot be fruitless.

My maturity depends upon the depth of my response not the length of my years.

Eros has a hook in it. - A hook of self-interest. Agape wants nothing - except to give of itself.

The Eros approach is self-salvation. Trying to reach God by its own efforts and its own merits. Its key word is struggle. Agape is God salvation - God comes to us and offers us salvation by grace. Its key word is surrender.

Eros love looks for a return and is disappointed if it does not come. Agape love asks for nothing except the privilege of giving itself and gets everything in return.

My faith today shall not be Eros and exhaustion but agape and exhilaration.

Either we surrender to God, or we surrender to unhappiness and disease.

My technique: surrender of each problem into the hands of God as it arises.

The blowing the top method is only a temporary release of tension. Resentments pile up again and another blowup is necessary. The unsundered self is still there, the cause of the tension.

Lord, help us take the way of surrender in every situation, big and little. And then help us to cooperate with Thee after the surrender.

It is the mark of maturity to gain quick release from tension.

Don't take resentments and burdens to bed with you.

Get into the habit of burying your tension in the love of God - at once!

There is no tension in love.

I do not have to keep up with the Joneses. I have to keep up with Jesus.

Love, joy. Joy comes after love. Where there is love there is joy and where there is no love there is no joy.

You can have a joyless eros, for eros is acquisitive love, and if you love with eros love and do not get the object of your desire, you may be quite unhappy.

Agape love is always joy, for Agape love is self-giving love.

If you cooperate with Him, then He and

you together can rescue out of the heart of every evil happening some good. That gives you a solid basis for joy. -- the joy of victory in every happening in spite of.

God and I will rescue out of every happening something good -- it is there.

My heart is at peace, and all my all belongs to Him, so rain if Thou will, o sky.

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