

# Alexander MacLaren

## Quotes

*Heart, Men, Jesus, Christian, Giving, Christ, God, Father, Blessing, Prayer,  
Doe, Long, Hands, Children, Faith, Soul, Running, Blessed, Thinking, Lying*

Peace comes not from the absence of trouble, but from the presence of God.

~Alexander MacLaren

Being in Christ, it is safe to forget the past; it is possible to be sure of the future; it is possible to be diligent in the present.

~Alexander MacLaren

We believe that the history of the world is but the history of His influence and that the center of the whole universe is the cross of Calvary.

~Alexander MacLaren

The world takes its notions of God from the people who say that they belong to God's family. They read us a great deal more than they read the Bible. They see us; they only hear about Jesus Christ.

~Alexander MacLaren

He who has the Holy Spirit in His heart and the Scripture in his hands has all he needs.

~Alexander MacLaren

If God sends us on stony paths, He will provide us with strong shoes.

~Alexander MacLaren

The prayer that begins with trustfulness, and passes on into waiting, will always end in thankfulness, triumph, and praise.

~Alexander MacLaren

No man loveth God except the man who has first learned that God loves him.

~Alexander MacLaren

The gospel is not speculation but fact. It is truth, because it is the

record of a person who is the Truth.

~Alexander MacLaren

Fruitful and acceptable worship begins before it begins.

~Alexander MacLaren

Only he who can say, 'The Lord is the strength of my life' can go on to say, 'Of whom shall I be afraid?'

~Alexander MacLaren

Here is the manliness of manhood, that a man has a good reason for what he does, and has a will in doing it.

~Alexander MacLaren

True peace comes not from the absence of trouble, but from the presence of God and will be deep and passing all understanding in the exact measure in which we live in and partake of the love of God.

~Alexander MacLaren

You must cast yourself on God's gospel with all your weight, without any hanging back, without any doubt, without even the shadow of a suspicion that it will give.

~Alexander MacLaren

There can be no faith so feeble that Christ does not respond to it.

~Alexander MacLaren

Every life has dark tracts and long stretches of somber tint, and no representation is true to fact which dips its pencil only in light, and flings no shadows on the canvas.

~Alexander MacLaren

The root of all steadfastness is in consecration to God.

~Alexander MacLaren

He that has his trust set upon God does not need to dread anything except the weakening or the paralyzing of that trust.

~Alexander MacLaren

Why should we live halfway up the hill and swathed in the mists, when we might have an unclouded sky and a radiant sun over our heads if we would climb higher and walk in the light of His face?

~Alexander MacLaren

The tears of Christ are the pity of God. The gentleness of Jesus is the long-suffering of God. The tenderness of Jesus is the love of God. He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.

~Alexander MacLaren

If our faith in God is not the veriest sham, it demands, and will produce, the abandonment sometimes, the subordination always, of external helps and material good.

~Alexander MacLaren

Love is the only fire that is hot enough to melt the iron obstinacy of a creature's will.

~Alexander MacLaren

Faith refers to Christ. Holiness depends on faith. Heaven depends on holiness.

~Alexander MacLaren

Don't waste your sorrows

~Alexander MacLaren

Christ wrought out His perfect obedience as a man, through temptation, and by suffering.

~Alexander MacLaren

Trust Christ! and a great benediction of tranquil repose comes down upon the calm mind and the tranquil heart.

~Alexander MacLaren

Love is the foundation of all obedience.

~Alexander MacLaren

Be sure that your soul is never so intensely alive as when in the deepest abnegation it waits hushed before God .

~Alexander MacLaren

We must have the glory sink into us before it can be reflected from us. In deep inward beholding we must have Christ in our hearts, that He may shine forth from our lives.

~Alexander MacLaren

If you would win the world, melt it, do not hammer it.

~Alexander MacLaren

God is His own motive. His love is not drawn out by our loveableness, but wells up, like an artesian spring, from the depths of His nature.

~Alexander MacLaren

Let me always remember that it is not the amount of religious knowledge which I have, but the amount which I use, that determines my religious position and character.

~Alexander MacLaren

Seek to cultivate a buoyant, joyous sense of the crowded kindnesses of God in your daily life.

~Alexander MacLaren

God keeps giving Himself as long as we bring that into which He can pour Himself. And when we stop bringing, He stops giving.

~Alexander MacLaren

If you would know Christ at all, you must go to Him as a sinful man, or you are shut out from Him altogether.

~Alexander MacLaren

Every sin is a mistake, as well as a wrong; and the epitaph for the sinner is, "Thou fool!"

~Alexander MacLaren

Man's course begins in a garden, but it ends in a city.

~Alexander MacLaren

The grave has a door on its inner side.

~Alexander MacLaren

All that this world knows of living lies in giving - and more giving; He that keeps, be sure he loses -Friendship grows by what it uses.

~Alexander MacLaren

You cannot put patience and experience into a parenthesis, and, omitting them, bring hope out of tribulation.

~Alexander MacLaren

We must have Christ in our hearts, that He may shine forth from our lives.

~Alexander MacLaren

To pursue joy is to lose it. The only way to get it is to follow steadily the path of duty.

~Alexander MacLaren

Heaven is endless longing, accompanied with an endless fruition-a longing which is blessedness, a longing which is life.

~Alexander MacLaren

The cup which my Saviour giveth me, can it be anything but a cup of salvation?

~Alexander MacLaren

Turn your confidence and your fears alike into prayer.

~Alexander MacLaren

The more we work the more we need to pray. In this day of activity there is great danger, not of doing too much, but of praying too little for so much work.

~Alexander MacLaren

Conflict, not progress, is the word that defines man's path from darkness into light. No holiness is won by any other means than this, that wickedness should be slain day by day, and hour by hour.

~Alexander MacLaren

Duty is duty, conscience is conscience, right is right, and wrong is wrong, whatever sized type they may be printed in. "Large" or "small" are not words for the vocabulary of conscience.

~Alexander MacLaren

The mystery of the universe, and the meaning of God's world, are shrouded in hopeless obscurity, until we learn to feel that all laws suppose a lawgiver, and that all working involves a Divine energy.

~Alexander MacLaren

Life should be a constant vision of God's presence. Here is our defense against being led away by the gauds and shows of earth's vulgar attractions.

~Alexander MacLaren

Death is but a passage. It is not a house, it is only a vestibule. The grave has a door on its inner side.

~Alexander MacLaren

Faith is the sight of the inward eye.

~Alexander MacLaren

Nothing but Christian faith gives to the furthest future the solidity and definiteness which it must have if it is to be a breakwater for us against the fluctuating sea of present cares and thoughts.

~Alexander MacLaren

Let the current of your being set towards God, then your life will be filled and calmed by one master-passion which unites and stills the soul.

~Alexander MacLaren

Unless we are wedded to Jesus Christ by the simple act of trust in His mercy and His power, Christ is nothing to us.

~Alexander MacLaren

That is faith, cleaving to Christ, twining round Him with all the tendrils of our heart, as the vine does round its support.

~Alexander MacLaren

My child, wilt thou not at this time cry unto me, 'Abba, Father?'

~Alexander MacLaren

Love Christ, and then the eternity in the heart will not be a great aching void, but will be filled with the everlasting life which Christ gives and is.

~Alexander MacLaren

The true confidence which is faith in Christ, and the true diffidence which is utter distrust of myself--are identical.

~Alexander MacLaren

In heaven after ages of ages of growing glory, we shall have to say, as each new wave of the shoreless, sunlit sea bears us onward, It doth not yet appear what we shall be.

~Alexander MacLaren

I am satisfied, for I awake in Thy likeness.

~Alexander MacLaren

Our work, abiding, shall bring to us the endless glory with which God at last overpays the toils, even as now He overanswers the poor prayers of His laboring servants.

~Alexander MacLaren

The never-ceasing boom of the great ocean as it breaks on the beach, drowns all smaller sounds.

~Alexander MacLaren

The vision of the Divine presence ever takes the form which our circumstances most require.

~Alexander MacLaren

God gives us power to bear all the sorrows of His making; but He does not give us power to bear the sorrows of our own making, which the anticipation of sorrow most assuredly is.

~Alexander MacLaren

Embrace in one act the two truths-thine own sin, and God's infinite mercy in Jesus Christ.

~Alexander MacLaren

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