

# Ann Voskamp

## Quotes

*Giving, Joy, Gratitude, Soul, Writing, Fall, Jesus, Thanksgiving, World, Stress,  
Book, Thanks, Heart, Grace, Real, Moments, Children, Grateful, Way, Light*

In a world addicted to speed, I blur the moments into one unholy smear.

~Ann Voskamp

Busy is a choice. Stress is a choice. Joy is a choice. Choose well.

~Ann Voskamp

Like the wind, Grace finds us wherever we are and won't leave us however we were found.

~Ann Voskamp

Being joyful isn't what makes you grateful. Being grateful is what makes you joyful.

~Ann Voskamp

It's habits that can imprison you and it's habits that can free you. But when thanks to God becomes a habit - so joy in God becomes your life.

~Ann Voskamp

The moment when you are most repelled by a child's behavior, that is your warning light to draw the very closest to that child.

~Ann Voskamp

There is unwavering peace today when an uncertain tomorrow is trusted to an unchanging God.

~Ann Voskamp

We give thanks to God not because of how we feel, but because of Who He is.

~Ann Voskamp

...the secret to joy is to keep seeking God where we doubt He is.

~Ann Voskamp

Joy and pain, they are but two arteries of the one heart that pumps through all those who don't numb themselves to really living.

~Ann Voskamp

Real joy is not found in having the best of everything but in trusting that God is making the best of everything.

~Ann Voskamp

Instead of giving someone a piece of your mind, it turns out far better if you give them a piece of your heart.

~Ann Voskamp

How long does it take your soul to realize that your life is full? The slower the living, the greater the sense of fullness and satisfaction.

~Ann Voskamp

You were made for the place where your real #â€Ž passion meets #â€Ž compassion because there lies your real purpose.

~Ann Voskamp

God's purposes are not for me to understand His plans: His plan is for me to understand Who He is.

~Ann Voskamp

Your naked body deserves the honor of being shared only with someone who is covenanted to never stop loving your naked soul.

~Ann Voskamp

The prayers we weave into the matching of socks, the stirring of oatmeal, the reading of stories, they survive fire.

~Ann Voskamp

We live in a broken world - and for the life of me I can't get it all right. But Jesus takes all our broken messes and He makes them, by His

grace, into a mosaic of grace.

~Ann Voskamp

As long as thanks is possible, then joy is always possible.

~Ann Voskamp

You can give up the need to compete in the world- when you accept being complete in Christ.

~Ann Voskamp

A life contemplating the blessings of Christ becomes a life acting the love of Christ.

~Ann Voskamp

You've got to use the life you've been given to give others life

~Ann Voskamp

Pick up a yardstick to measure your life against anyone else's, and you've just picked up a stick and beaten up your own soul.

~Ann Voskamp

Be radical about grace and relentless about truth and resolute about holiness.

~Ann Voskamp

What was intended to harm, God intended it all for good. And no matter what intends to harm you, God's arms have you. You can never be undone.

~Ann Voskamp

Worry is belief gone wrong. Because you don't believe that God will get it right. But peace - peace is belief that exhales. Because you believe that God's provision is everywhere - like air.

~Ann Voskamp

Joy is the realest reality, the fullest life, and joy is always given, never grasped. God gives gifts and I give thanks and I unwrap the gift given: joy.

~Ann Voskamp

When we know Christ, we always know how things are going to go...always for our good and always for His glory.

~Ann Voskamp

Life-changing gratitude does not fasten to a life unless nailed through with one very specific nail at a time.

~Ann Voskamp

Every time I surrender to stress, aren't I advertising the unreliability of God?

~Ann Voskamp

When the heart and mind focus on things unseen - that's when there's a visible change in us.

~Ann Voskamp

Real Womanhood isn't a function of becoming a great mother, but of being loved by your Great Father.

~Ann Voskamp

Motherhood is a hallowed place because children aren't commonplace. Co-laboring over the sculpting of souls is a sacred vocation, a humbling privilege. Never forget.

~Ann Voskamp

Giving thanks is that: making the canyon of pain into a megaphone to proclaim the ultimate goodness of God when Satan and all the world would sneer at us to recant.

~Ann Voskamp

Grace is the only thing that is ever enough.

~Ann Voskamp

God only allows pain if He's allowing something new to be born.

~Ann Voskamp

No one told me that it would all happen at the same hallowed time:  
Mothering is at once the hardest and the holiest and the happiest.

~Ann Voskamp

Gratitude for the seemingly insignificantâ€”a seedâ€”this plants the  
giant miracle.

~Ann Voskamp

I think God calls us to small things, to faithfulness right where we are, to  
just do the next thing.

~Ann Voskamp

Faith thanks God in the middle of the story.

~Ann Voskamp

Who would ever know the greater graces of comfort and  
perseverance, mercy and forgiveness, patience and courage, if no  
shadows fell over a life?

~Ann Voskamp

Where ever you are be all there

~Ann Voskamp

There is a way to live the big of giving thanks in all things. It is this: to  
give thanks in this one small thing. The moments will add up.

~Ann Voskamp

Homemaking is about making a home, not about making perfection.

~Ann Voskamp

Our fall was, has always been, and always will be, that we aren't satisfied in God and what He gives. We hunger for something more, something other.

~Ann Voskamp

You will be most remembered-by what brought you most joy.

~Ann Voskamp

The only way to fight a feeling is with a feeling.

~Ann Voskamp

And when I give thanks for the seemingly microscopic, I make a place for God to grow within me.

~Ann Voskamp

Simplicity is ultimately a matter of focus.

~Ann Voskamp

I only live the full life when I live fully in the moment.

~Ann Voskamp

All fear is but the notion that God's love ends.

~Ann Voskamp

The answer to deep anxiety is the deep adoration of God.

~Ann Voskamp

Thanksgiving creates abundance; and the miracle of multiplying happens when I give thanks-take the just one loaf, say it is enough, and give thanks-and He miraculously makes it more than enough.

~Ann Voskamp

Joy is always a function of gratitude - and gratitude is always a function of perspective.

~Ann Voskamp

Satan's sin becomes the first sin of all humanity: the sin of ingratitude. Adam and Eve are, simply, painfully ungrateful for what God gave.

~Ann Voskamp

There are two kinds of doubt: one that fully lives into the questions, and one that uses the questions as weapons against fully living.

~Ann Voskamp

Living radical isn't about where you live - it's about how you love.

~Ann Voskamp

Hurry always empties a soul.

~Ann Voskamp

The only way to care for the disadvantaged - is to disadvantage yourself -which is guaranteed to turn out for your advantage.

~Ann Voskamp

Gratitude is the most fruitful way of deepening your consciousness that you are a divine choice.

~Ann Voskamp

You, who were made by Love, made for love-- be still and know and watch love come down.

~Ann Voskamp

God reveals Himself in rearview mirrors.

~Ann Voskamp

God is good and I am always loved.

~Ann Voskamp

That little burning bush that is the signature of the blog - it echoes Elizabeth Barrett Browning's words.

~Ann Voskamp

Maybe the man who said that his doctor had pulled him off Prozac because One Thousand Gifts and taking the dare to write 1,000 gifts was healing deep places in him and leading him to \*experience\* joy.

~Ann Voskamp

Because One died for me that I might breathe this breath...It's all a gift.

~Ann Voskamp

We were made to live in a posture of grateful worship, and when we live in praise we live our purpose, and all the pieces fall in place, us all falling down in thanks.

~Ann Voskamp

When we fixate on the worst in something, we render ourselves incapable of fixing anything... But attend to the good in something - and we act towards the best in everything.

~Ann Voskamp

Every moment I live, I live bowed to something. And if I don't see God, I'll bow down before something else.

~Ann Voskamp

Eucharist is "thanksgiving" always precedes the miracle.

~Ann Voskamp

A lack of doxology leads to depravity.

~Ann Voskamp

Gratitude's not a natural posture. The prince of darkness is ultimately a spoiled ingrate, and I've spent most of my life as kin to the fist-shaker.

~Ann Voskamp

Satan prowls but he's a lion on a leash

~Ann Voskamp

Sometimes you don't know when you're taking the first step through a door until you're already inside.

~Ann Voskamp

We want clarity -- and God gives a call. We want a road map --- and God gives a relationship. We want answers -- and God gives His hand.

~Ann Voskamp

Thanksgiving-giving thanks in everything-prepares the way that God might show us His fullest salvation in Christ.

~Ann Voskamp

Thanksgiving creates abundance.

~Ann Voskamp

You love as well as you are willing to be inconvenienced.

~Ann Voskamp

Only speak words that make souls stronger.

~Ann Voskamp

Any kind of love that lacks the iron of the Cross in it, is anemic love.

~Ann Voskamp

This day is not a sieve, losing time. With each passing minute, each passing year, there's this deepening awareness that I am filling, gaining time. We stand on the brink of eternity.

~Ann Voskamp

God doesn't want your leftovers. God wants your love overtures, your first-overs, because He is your first love.

~Ann Voskamp

I want to see beauty. In the ugly, in the sink, in the suffering, in the daily, in all the days before I die, the moments before I sleep.

~Ann Voskamp

Praying with eyes wide open is the only way to pray without ceasing.

~Ann Voskamp

Practice is the hardest part of learning, and training is the essence of transformation.

~Ann Voskamp

Life is so urgent and necessitates living slow. It's only the amateurs-and that I've been, and it's been ugly-who thinks slow and urgent are contradictory.

~Ann Voskamp

Without God's Word as a lens, the world warps

~Ann Voskamp

But, someone, please give meâ€”who is born again but still so much in need of being born anewâ€”give me the details of how to live in the waiting cocoon before the forever begins?

~Ann Voskamp

Only speak words that make souls stronger -\-\ for once words are spoken, they may be forgiven, but may be not forgotten.

~Ann Voskamp

Poor communication doesn't disconnect souls. It's the disconnected souls who poorly communicate.

~Ann Voskamp

In our rushing, bulls in china shops, we break our own lives.

~Ann Voskamp

God is patiently transfiguring all the notes of my life into the song of His Son.

~Ann Voskamp

God gives the world enough of what it needs. All He asks is that we distribute what He gives.

~Ann Voskamp

What if I gave thanks in the trouble, for the trouble, because the trouble is a gift that causes me to turn? What if I loved God not for His goods but for His love itself that is goodness enough?

~Ann Voskamp

Every day, with every word, we get to decide: Do we mar the world, or mark the world?

~Ann Voskamp

When I fully enter time's swift current, enter into the current moment with the weight of all my attention, I slow the torrent with the weight of me all here.

~Ann Voskamp

God can enter into me, even me, and use these hands, these feet, to be His love, a love that goes on and on and on forever, endless cycle of grace.

~Ann Voskamp

If the Church is a body, and the body is a business, isn't that the same thing as prostitution?

~Ann Voskamp

Pantheism, seeing the natural world as divine, is a very different thing than seeing divine God present in all things

~Ann Voskamp

Remembering with thanks is what causes us to trust - to really believe.

~Ann Voskamp

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