

C. S. Lewis

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You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

~C. S. Lewis

Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties.

~C. S. Lewis

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.

~C. S. Lewis

Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see HIM.

~C. S. Lewis

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

~C. S. Lewis

Believe in God like you believe in the sunrise. Not because you can see it, but because you can see all it touches.

~C. S. Lewis

The fact that our heart yearns for something Earth can't supply is proof that Heaven must be our home.

~C. S. Lewis

If you live for the next world, you get this one in the deal; but if you live only for this world, you lose them both.

~C. S. Lewis

Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different.

~C. S. Lewis

Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.

~C. S. Lewis

The greatest evils in the world will not be carried out by men with guns, but by men in suits sitting behind desks

~C. S. Lewis

You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body.

~C. S. Lewis

The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us.

~C. S. Lewis

When the whole world is running towards a cliff, he who is running in the opposite direction appears to have lost his mind.

~C. S. Lewis

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

~C. S. Lewis

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

~C. S. Lewis

I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. It doesn't change God - it changes me.

~C. S. Lewis

Atheists express their rage against God although in their view He does not exist.

~C. S. Lewis

Hardship often prepares an ordinary person for an extraordinary destiny.

~C. S. Lewis

God doesn't want something from us. He simply wants us.

~C. S. Lewis

Don't let your happiness depend on something you may lose.

~C. S. Lewis

Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.

~C. S. Lewis

Life is too deep for words, so don't try to describe it, just live it.

~C. S. Lewis

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.

~C. S. Lewis

Once people stop believing in God, the problem is not that they will believe in nothing; rather, the problem is that they will believe anything.

~C. S. Lewis

A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

~C. S. Lewis

Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil.

~C. S. Lewis

For pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or

contentment, or even common sense.

~C. S. Lewis

Spiteful words can hurt your feelings but silence breaks your heart.

~C. S. Lewis

There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right, then, have it your way.'

~C. S. Lewis

God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons that we could learn in no other way.

~C. S. Lewis

I think that if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise, it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.

~C. S. Lewis

You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down.

~C. S. Lewis

On the back of Satan's neck is a nail scarred footprint.

~C. S. Lewis

When we lose one blessing, another is often most unexpectedly given in its place.

~C. S. Lewis

We must stop regarding unpleasant or unexpected things as interruptions of real life. The truth is that interruptions are real life.

~C. S. Lewis

I didn't go to religion to make me happy. I always knew a bottle of Port

would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity.

~C. S. Lewis

We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive.

~C. S. Lewis

One of the most cowardly things ordinary people do is to shut their eyes to facts.

~C. S. Lewis

Humans are amphibians - half spirit and half animal. As spirits they belong to the eternal world, but as animals they inhabit time.

~C. S. Lewis

Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind.

~C. S. Lewis

The homemaker has the ultimate career. All other careers exist for one purpose only - and that is to support the ultimate career.

~C. S. Lewis

Don't judge a man by where he is, because you don't know how far he has come.

~C. S. Lewis

If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.

~C. S. Lewis

Love is something more stern and splendid than mere kindness.

~C. S. Lewis

We are not merely imperfect creatures who must be improved; we are rebels who must lay down our arms.

~C. S. Lewis

Eros will have naked bodies; Friendship naked personalities.

~C. S. Lewis

When I became a man I put away childish things, including the fear of childishness and the desire to be very grown up.

~C. S. Lewis

The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of. Our attention would have been on God.

~C. S. Lewis

You must be asking which door is the true one; not which pleases you best

~C. S. Lewis

If only this toothache would go away, I could write another chapter on the problem of pain.

~C. S. Lewis

God loves us NOT because we're lovable, because He is love. Not because He needs to receive, because He delights to give.

~C. S. Lewis

God gives His gifts where He finds the vessel empty enough to receive them.

~C. S. Lewis

To love is to be vulnerable.

~C. S. Lewis

No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened.

~C. S. Lewis

It is only our bad temper that we put down to being tired or worried or hungry; we put our good temper down to ourselves.

~C. S. Lewis

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.

~C. S. Lewis

The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are.

~C. S. Lewis

Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done.

~C. S. Lewis

I have learned now that while those who speak about one's miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more.

~C. S. Lewis

God knows our situation; He will not judge us as if we had no difficulties to overcome. What matters is the sincerity and perseverance of our will to overcome them.

~C. S. Lewis

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito.

~C. S. Lewis

God, in the end, gives people what they most want, including freedom from himself. What could be more fair?

~C. S. Lewis

A God. The God. One word can make all the difference in the world.

~C. S. Lewis

We all agree that forgiveness is a beautiful idea until we have to practice it.

~C. S. Lewis

The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.

~C. S. Lewis

Child, to say the very thing you really mean, the whole of it, nothing more or less or other than what you really mean; that's the whole art and joy of words.

~C. S. Lewis

A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.

~C. S. Lewis

The safest road to hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.

~C. S. Lewis

Don't use words too big for the subject. Don't say 'infinitely' when you mean 'very'; otherwise you'll have no word left when you want to talk about something really infinite.

~C. S. Lewis

Homemaking is surely in reality the most important work in the world.

~C. S. Lewis

To have Faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that He says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice.

~C. S. Lewis

Of all tyrannies a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive.

~C. S. Lewis

The most dangerous thing you can do is to take any one impulse of your own nature and set it up as the thing you ought to follow at all costs.

~C. S. Lewis

Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again.

~C. S. Lewis

God, who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain.

~C. S. Lewis

When I have learned to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now.

~C. S. Lewis

It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things: but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.

~C. S. Lewis

Life isn't all fricasseed frogs and eel pie.

~C. S. Lewis

Thirty was so strange for me. I've really had to come to terms with the fact that I am now a walking and talking adult.

~C. S. Lewis

In such a fearful world, we need a fearless church

~C. S. Lewis

If you love deeply, you're going to get hurt badly. But it's still worth it.

~C. S. Lewis

God wants a child's heart and a grownup's head.

~C. S. Lewis

I gave in, and admitted that God was God.

~C. S. Lewis

I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer. You are yourself the answer. Before your face questions die away. What other answer would suffice?

~C. S. Lewis

It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies.

~C. S. Lewis

This was bad grammar of course, but that is how beavers talk when they are excited; I mean, in Narnia--in our world they usually don't talk at all. - The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe

~C. S. Lewis

He died not for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made, He would have done no less.

~C. S. Lewis

We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it.

~C. S. Lewis

You cannot make men good by law: and without good men you cannot have a good society.

~C. S. Lewis

I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England.

~C. S. Lewis

The real test of being in the presence of God is, that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small, dirty object.

~C. S. Lewis

Joy is the serious business of heaven.

~C. S. Lewis

With the possible exception of the equator, everything begins somewhere.

~C. S. Lewis

I think we all sin by needlessly disobeying the apostolic injunction to "rejoice" as much as by anything else

~C. S. Lewis

Lust is a poor, weak, whimpering, whispering thing compared with that richness and energy of desire which will arise when lust has been killed.

~C. S. Lewis

You and I have need of the strongest spell that can be found to wake

us from the evil enchantment of worldliness.

~C. S. Lewis

Atheism turns out to be too simple. If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning.

~C. S. Lewis

Nothing is really ours until we share it.

~C. S. Lewis

No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear.

~C. S. Lewis

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