

# Charles Colson Quotes

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You cannot live your life other than walking in the truth. Your means are as important as your ends.

~Charles Colson

Tolerance once meant that we could use our reason to discern good and evil in open debate. Today tolerance has been used to call good evil and evil good.

~Charles Colson

Remain at your post and do your duty - for the glory of God and His kingdom.

~Charles Colson

Moral crusaders with zeal but no ethical understanding are likely to give us solutions that are worse than the problems.

~Charles Colson

God doesn't want our success; He wants us. He doesn't demand our achievements; He demands our obedience.

~Charles Colson

Power is like saltwater; the more you drink, the thirstier you get.

~Charles Colson

The Bible's historical accuracy is a reminder that while "the heavens declare the glory of God," there's also plenty of evidence among the rubble and ruins.

~Charles Colson

Our society's obsession with tolerance leads to intolerance. Simply being a Christian today is an offense to our culture.

~Charles Colson

Today's marginalization of Christianity is a direct result of our failure to

understand our faith as a total worldview.

~Charles Colson

What is true has never been a question to be decided by polls or popular opinion. Truth isn't "democratic" it's something that God has written into the very fabric of nature.

~Charles Colson

In college, [Christian students] are assaulted by secular relativism, and if we don't prepare them, they will be like lambs led to slaughter.

~Charles Colson

In our day, you can mock religion in public and even get funds for doing it. But you can't show respect for religion in public - or you risk being hauled into court.

~Charles Colson

... a widespread secularization increasingly descends into a moral, intellectual, and spiritual nihilism that denies not only the One who is the Truth but the very idea of truth itself.

~Charles Colson

What we do flows from who we are.

~Charles Colson

Knowing that we are fulfilling God's purpose is the only thing that gives rest to the restless human heart.

~Charles Colson

Great fiction can often present moral messages with greater power and clarity than instructional writing - since literature, after all, penetrates not just the intellect, but the imagination.

~Charles Colson

You are called not to be successful or to meet any of the other counterfeit standards of this world, but to be faithful and to be expended in the cause of serving the risen and returning Christ.

~Charles Colson

Few things are so deadly as a misguided sense of compassion.

~Charles Colson

Heroism is an extraordinary feat of the flesh; holiness is an ordinary act of the spirit. One may bring personal glory; the other always gives God glory.

~Charles Colson

A government cannot be truly just without affirming the intrinsic value of human life.

~Charles Colson

I can work for the Lord in or out of prison.

~Charles Colson

Redeeming culture is the never ending mission of the church.

~Charles Colson

Frontline love. It is our one hope for breaking down barriers and for restoring the sense of community, of caring for one another, that our decadent, impersonalized culture has sucked out of us.

~Charles Colson

We must be the same person in private and in public. Only the Christian worldview gives us the basis for this kind of integrity.

~Charles Colson

The true mark of a Christian leader is trying to build up other people. Raise up other leaders!

~Charles Colson

Christians are called to redeem entire cultures, not just individuals.

~Charles Colson

Life is a mess. And theology must be lived out in the midst of that mess.

~Charles Colson

True tolerance is not a total lack of judgment. It's knowing what should be tolerated, and refusing to tolerate that which shouldn't.

~Charles Colson

Our culture has forgotten what the Founders knew: The American experiment is a moral, not just a political, exercise.

~Charles Colson

If our culture is to be transformed, it will happen from the bottom up - from ordinary believers practicing apologetics over the backyard fence or around the barbecue grill.

~Charles Colson

Some say society must change in order to change people. No, people must be changed in order to change society.

~Charles Colson

The first 20 stories written about a public figure set the tone for the next 2,000 and it is almost impossible to reverse it.

~Charles Colson

Culture is religion incarnate.

~Charles Colson

Judeo-Christian revelation is not the negative influence secularists

proclaim it to be. Rather, it is the taproot of our civilization.

~Charles Colson

God is dead not because He doesn't exist, but because we live, play, procreate, govern, and die as though He doesn't.

~Charles Colson

If the polls are right, our Judeo-Christian heritage is no longer the foundation of our values. We have become a post-Christian society.

~Charles Colson

Hostility to religion is having an effect. In 1963, the number of Americans who said that they believed the Bible is literally true was 65%. Today, the number has dropped to 32%.

~Charles Colson

Removing religious symbols from public places is not neutrality. On the contrary, it sends a highly negative message - that religion is something shameful, embarrassing, or at best strictly private.

~Charles Colson

God is truth and is to be worshiped, not because it's convenient, makes us feel good, or is therapeutic.

~Charles Colson

Nearly every grave moral failure begins with a small sin.

~Charles Colson

To turn away from the great questions and dilemmas of life is a tragedy, for the quest for meaning and truth makes life worth living.

~Charles Colson

We should always pray with as much earnestness as those who expect everything from God; we should always act with as much energy as

those who expect everything from themselves.

~Charles Colson

We humans, you see, have an infinite capacity for self-rationalization.

~Charles Colson

God uses prisons to train people for future roles of leadership or martyrdom.

~Charles Colson

Wilberforce and the band of abolitionists knew that a private faith that did not act in the face of oppression was no faith at all.

~Charles Colson

Who speaks for God? He does quite nicely for Himself. Through His holy and infallible Word - and the quiet obedience of His servants.

~Charles Colson

I'd walk over my own grandmother to re-elect Richard Nixon.

~Charles Colson

I do not believe one can experience conversion or the fullness of the Christian life apart from the church.

~Charles Colson

The Bible-banned, burned, beloved-is more widely read and more frequently attacked than any other book in history.

~Charles Colson

The Bible's power rests upon the fact that it is the reliable, errorless, and infallible Word of God.

~Charles Colson

The problem is that relativism provides no sure foundation for a safe

and orderly society.

~Charles Colson

I was deepening my understanding of what we call the cultural commission, the command to take dominion and bring righteousness to our culture.

~Charles Colson

The church's job is to equip the saints for works of service in the world.

~Charles Colson

The Bible has, amazingly- no doubt with supernatural grace-survived its critics. The harder tyrants try to eliminate it and skeptics dismiss it, the better read it becomes.

~Charles Colson

The church does not draw people in; it sends them out.

~Charles Colson

Many people are trying to remove religion from public life. Under the banner of pluralism, cultural and political leaders are seeking to push all talk about God out of the public arena.

~Charles Colson

The church is the only institution supernaturally endowed by God. It is the one institution of which Jesus promised that the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

~Charles Colson



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