

# Charles Grandison Finney

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If the presence of God is in the church, the church will draw the world in. If the presence of God is not in the church, the world will draw the church out.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Sin is the most expensive thing in the universe. Nothing else can cost so much.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one's will to God in deep humility.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Prevailing prayer is that which secures an answer. Saying prayers is not offering prevailing prayer. The prevalence of prayer does not depend so much on quantity as on quality.

~Charles Grandison Finney

A state of mind that sees God in everything is evidence of growth in grace and a thankful heart.

~Charles Grandison Finney

There can be no higher enjoyment found in this world that is found in pulling souls out of the fire and bringing them to Christ.

~Charles Grandison Finney

There can be no revival when Mr. Amen and Mr. Wet-Eyes are not found in the audience.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Unless the will is free, man has no freedom; and if he has no freedom he is not a moral agent, that is, he is incapable of moral action and also of moral character.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Ministers often preach about the Gospel instead of preaching the Gospel. They often preach about sinners instead of preaching to them.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Unless I had the spirit of prayer, I could do nothing.

~Charles Grandison Finney

You hear the word, and believe it in theory, while you deny it in practice. I say to you, that 'you deceive yourselves'.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Effective prayer is prayer that attains what it seeks. It is prayer that moves God, effecting its end.

~Charles Grandison Finney

The reason why wicked men and devils hate God is, because they see Him in relation to themselves. Their hearts rise up in rebellion, because they see Him opposed to their selfishness.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Repentance is a change of willing, of feeling and of living, in respect to God.

~Charles Grandison Finney

A revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God.

~Charles Grandison Finney

It is the great business of every Christian to save souls.

~Charles Grandison Finney

He that winneth souls is wise (Proverbs 11:30) - Those are the best educated ministers, who win the most souls.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Every moment of your lives you are exerting a tremendous influence, that will tell on the immortal interests of souls around you. Are you asleep, while your conduct is exerting such an influence?

~Charles Grandison Finney

When the church finds its members falling into gross and scandalous sins, then it is time for the church to awake and cry to God for a Revival of Religion.

~Charles Grandison Finney

If you do not make it a matter of study, how you may successfully act in building up the kingdom of Christ, you are acting a very wicked and absurd part as a Christian.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Often, without being at all aware of it, men judge themselves, not by God's rule, but by their own.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Revival comes from heaven when heroic souls enter the conflict determined to win or die - or if need be, to win and die! The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

~Charles Grandison Finney

The moral law of God is the only law of individuals and of nations, and nothing can be rightful government but such as is established and administered with a view to its support.

~Charles Grandison Finney

The end for which Christ lives, and for which He has left His church in the world, is the salvation of sinners.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Every member must work or quit. No honorary members.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Understand now what lying is. Any species of designed deception. If the deception is not designed it is not lying. But if you design to make an impression contrary to the naked truth, you lie.

~Charles Grandison Finney

There is a fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom, which is founded in love. There is also a slavish fear, which is a mere dread of evil, and is purely selfish.

~Charles Grandison Finney

No man can possibly be benevolent or religious, to the full extent of his obligations, without concerning himself, to a greater or less extent, with the affairs of human government.

~Charles Grandison Finney

The obligation of human beings to support and obey human governments, while they legislate upon the principles of the moral law, is an unalterable as the moral law itself.

~Charles Grandison Finney

In nearly all cases, if the people complain of the length of our sermons it is because we fail to interest them personally in what we have to say.

~Charles Grandison Finney

When there is no offense I make no defense.

~Charles Grandison Finney

A revival of religion presupposes a declension.

~Charles Grandison Finney

Why will God's creatures sin against his throne? Can there be such madness in beings gifted with reason's light?

~Charles Grandison Finney

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