

Dallas Willard Quotes

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The most important thing in your life is not what you do; it's who you become. That's what you will take into eternity.

~Dallas Willard

We don't believe something by merely saying we believe it, or even when we believe that we believe it. We believe something when we act as if it were true.

~Dallas Willard

Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you.

~Dallas Willard

Ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life.

~Dallas Willard

Every church needs to be able to answer two questions. First, what is our plan for making disciples? And second, does our plan work?

~Dallas Willard

One of the hardest things in the world is to be right and not hurt other people with it.

~Dallas Willard

Few people arise in the morning as hungry for God as they are for cornflakes or toast and eggs.

~Dallas Willard

The main thing God gets out of your life is not the achievements you accomplish. It's the person you become.

~Dallas Willard

The key, then, to loving God is to see Jesus, to hold him before the mind with as much fullness and clarity as possible. It is to adore him.

~Dallas Willard

The aim of spiritual formation is not behavior modification but the transformation of all those aspects of you and me where behavior comes from...Circumcision of the heart.

~Dallas Willard

As we mature in Christ, it is actually possible to outgrow fear.

~Dallas Willard

Spiritual people are not those who engage in certain spiritual practices; they are those who draw their life from a conversational relationship with God.

~Dallas Willard

The ultimate freedom we have as human beings is the power to select what we will allow or require our minds to dwell upon.

~Dallas Willard

Our failure to hear His voice when we want to is due to the fact that we do not in general want to hear it, that we want it only when we think we need it.

~Dallas Willard

Solitude well practiced will break the power of busyness, haste, isolation, & loneliness.

~Dallas Willard

The more we pray, the more we think to pray, and as we see the results of prayer-the responses of our Father to our requests-our confidence in God's power spills over into other areas of our life.

~Dallas Willard

I'm practicing the discipline of not having to have the last word.

~Dallas Willard

Jesus, Willard says, "does not call us to do what he did, but to be as he was, permeated with love. Then the doing of what he did and said becomes the natural expression of who we are in him."

~Dallas Willard

You can live opposite of what you profess, but you cannot live opposite of what you believe.

~Dallas Willard

The command is "Do no work." Just make space. Attend to what is around you. Learn that you don't have to DO to BE. accept the grace of doing nothing. Stay with it until you stop jerking and squirming.

~Dallas Willard

Spiritual formation for the Christian basically refers to the Spirit-driven process of forming the inner world of the human self in such a way that it becomes like the inner being of Christ himself.

~Dallas Willard

Feelings are good servants, but they are disastrous masters.

~Dallas Willard

You cannot trust Jesus in areas in which you don't think him competent.

~Dallas Willard

God's address is at the end of your rope.

~Dallas Willard

We are built to live in the kingdom of God. It is our natural habitat.

~Dallas Willard

God may not guide us in an obvious way because he wants us to make decisions based on faith and character.

~Dallas Willard

The will is transformed by experience, not information.

~Dallas Willard

The hardest thing about leadership is the intimacy it requires.

~Dallas Willard

Theology is a part of our lives. It's unavoidable. A thoughtless theology guides our lives with just as much force as a thoughtful and informed one.

~Dallas Willard

God's aim in human history is the creation of an inclusive community of loving persons, with himself included as its primary sustainer and most glorious inhabitant.

~Dallas Willard

Disciples are those who have been so ravished with Christ that others want to be like them.

~Dallas Willard

Fasting confirms our utter dependence upon God by finding in Him a source of sustenance beyond food.

~Dallas Willard

If we do not make formation in Christ the priority, then we're just going to keep on producing Christians that are indistinguishable in their character from many non-Christians.

~Dallas Willard

The first act of love is always the giving of attention.

~Dallas Willard

Prayer is talking with God about what we are doing together.

~Dallas Willard

We live in a culture that has, for centuries now, cultivated the idea that the skeptical person is always smarter than one who believes. You can almost be as stupid as a cabbage as long as you doubt.

~Dallas Willard

Understanding is the basis of care. What you would take care of you must first understand, whether it be a petunia or a nation.

~Dallas Willard

The sinner is not the one who uses a lot of grace... The saint burns grace like a 747 burns fuel on take off.

~Dallas Willard

A disciple is a person who has decided that the most important thing in their life is to learn how to do what Jesus said to do.

~Dallas Willard

Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action. Grace, you know, does not just have to do with forgiveness of sins alone.

~Dallas Willard

We are becoming who we will be-forever.

~Dallas Willard

We're not here to prove we're right; we're here to help people.

~Dallas Willard

My central claim is that we can become like Christ by doing one thing --

by following him in the overall style of life he chose for himself.

~Dallas Willard

When the will is enslaved to a desire, it will in turn enslave the mind.

~Dallas Willard

We are unceasing spiritual beings with an eternal destiny in God's great universe.

~Dallas Willard

Bodily pleasure is not in itself a bad thing. But when it is exalted to a necessity and we become dependent upon it, then we are slaves of our body and its feelings. Only misery lies ahead.

~Dallas Willard

Jesus is actually looking for people he can trust with his power.

~Dallas Willard

Suppose our failures occur, not in spite of what we are doing, but precisely because of it.

~Dallas Willard

We are invited to make a pilgrimage - into the heart and life of God.

~Dallas Willard

The greatest challenge the church faces today is to be authentic disciples of Jesus.

~Dallas Willard

A carefully cultivated heart will, assisted by the grace of God, foresee, forestall, or transform most of the painful situations before which others stand like helpless children saying "Why?"

~Dallas Willard

Most problems in contemporary churches can be explained by the fact that members have never decided to follow Christ.

~Dallas Willard

It would be strange if we came to shun the genuine simply because it resembled the counterfeit.

~Dallas Willard

The people to whom we minister and speak will not recall 99 percent of what we say to them, but they will never forget the kind of persons we are.

~Dallas Willard

The kingdom of God is the true ecology of the human soul.

~Dallas Willard

Sometimes we get caught up in trying to glorify God by praising what He can do and we lose sight of the practical point of what He actually does do.

~Dallas Willard

Spiritual transformation into Christ-likeness is not going to happen unless we act... What transforms us is the will to obey Jesus Christ.

~Dallas Willard

The truly powerful ideas are precisely the ones that never have to justify themselves.

~Dallas Willard

Spiritual formation in Christ moves us toward a total interchange of our ideas and images for his.

~Dallas Willard

Grace is not opposed to effort; it's opposed to earning.

~Dallas Willard

Business is a primary arrangement on God's part for people to love one another and serve one another.

~Dallas Willard

"Spirituality" wrongly understood or pursued is a major source of human misery and rebellion against God.

~Dallas Willard

If we allow everything access to our mind, we are simply asking to be kept in a state of mental turmoil or bondage. For nothing enters the mind without having an effect for good or evil.

~Dallas Willard

Human beings are at their core defined by what they worship rather than primarily by what they think, know, or believe. That is bound up with the central Augustinian claim that we are what we love.

~Dallas Willard

Find a person who has embraced anger, and you will find a person with a wounded ego.

~Dallas Willard

It's very difficult to be right about something without hurting someone with it.

~Dallas Willard

It is the responsibility of every Christ-centred follower to carve out a satisfying life under the loving rule of God or else sin will start to look good.

~Dallas Willard

There is no avoiding the fact that we live at the mercy of our ideas This

is never more true than with our ideas about God.

~Dallas Willard

One does not miss heaven by a hair, but by constant effort to avoid and escape God.

~Dallas Willard

Why doesn't God just force us to do the things he knows to be right? It is because that would lose precisely that which he has intended in our creation: freely chosen character.

~Dallas Willard

The idea of having faith in Jesus has come to be totally isolated from being his apprentice and learning how to do what he said.

~Dallas Willard

If you don't have a teacher you can't have a disciple.

~Dallas Willard

Crooked thinking, unintentional or not, always favors evil.

~Dallas Willard

Relations between parents and children and siblings and mates. This is not external. We can't separate them.

~Dallas Willard

Our relations with others are not external. They enter into our very identity. And that's why people struggle with them so.

~Dallas Willard

Discipline, strictly speaking, is activity carried on to prepare us indirectly for some activity other than itself. We do not practice the piano to practice the piano well, but to play it well.

~Dallas Willard

What is truly profound is thought to be stupid and trivial, or worse, boring, while what is actually stupid and trivial is thought to be profound. That is what it means to fly upside down.

~Dallas Willard

As we reach out to God, we get another source of strength.

~Dallas Willard

Knowing the 'right answers' does not mean we believe them. To believe them means to act as though they're true.

~Dallas Willard

The open secret of many Bible believing Churches is that a vanishingly small percentage of those talking about prayer and Bible reading are actually doing what they are talking about.

~Dallas Willard

In many cases, our need to wonder about or be told what God wants in a certain situation is nothing short of a clear indication of how little we are engaged in His work.

~Dallas Willard

God does not 'love' us without liking us.

~Dallas Willard

In solitude we find psychic distance, the perspective from which we can see, in the light of eternity, the created things that trap, worry, and oppress us.

~Dallas Willard

Two ways of thinking: Human kingdom and human cleverness or God's kingdom and God's cleverness

~Dallas Willard

The effect of standing before God by welcoming him before us will be the transformation of our entire life.

~Dallas Willard

Belief is when your whole being is set to act as if something is so.

~Dallas Willard

This life is not something that is imposed upon us; we receive it and work with it.

~Dallas Willard

There is no problem in human life that apprenticeship to Jesus cannot solve.

~Dallas Willard

In Spiritual formation we are aiming at a character and life that is so shaped that the deeds of Christ routinely and easily come from what is inside.

~Dallas Willard

When the light comes into a room, we do not have to say, "Now what are we going to do about the darkness?" It's gone!

~Dallas Willard

If we are to use our minds rightly, we must live in an attitude of constant openness and learning.

~Dallas Willard

Now, of course, you have guidance devices and all sorts of things. The soul would be more like the way this is all hooked together, a system of coordination.

~Dallas Willard

Almost everything worth doing in human life is very difficult in its early

stages and the good we are aiming at is never available at first, to strengthen us when we seem to need it most.

~Dallas Willard

The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul.

~Dallas Willard

Keep eternity before the children.

~Dallas Willard

Blessing is the projection of good into the life of another.

~Dallas Willard

If you have a group of people come together around a vision for real discipleship, people who are committed to grow, committed to change, committed to learn, then a spiritual assessment tool can work.

~Dallas Willard

Everyone gets a spiritual formation. It's like education. Everyone gets an education; it's just a matter of which one you get.

~Dallas Willard

Of course, we do the righteous deed because of our redemption, not for our redemption.

~Dallas Willard

To depart from righteousness is to choose a life of crushing burdens, failures, and disappointments, a life caught in the toils of endless problems that are never resolved.

~Dallas Willard

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