

Donald Miller

Quotes

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When you stop expecting people to be perfect, you can like them for who they are.

~Donald Miller

I have sometimes wondered if the greatest desire of man is to be known and loved anyway.

~Donald Miller

And so I have come to understand that strength, inner strength, comes from receiving love as much as it comes from giving it.

~Donald Miller

What I believe is not what I say I believe; what I believe is what I do.

~Donald Miller

You can't tell a good story without conflict - the story can't be beautiful or meaningful. We're taught to run from conflict, and it's robbing us of some really good stories.

~Donald Miller

If we knew how much God loved us and was for us, we'd talk to Him all day long.

~Donald Miller

How disappointing would it be get to heaven and find out God created life to be enjoyed while all we did was worry?

~Donald Miller

There is something beautiful about a billion stars held steady by a God who knows what He is doing.

~Donald Miller

I can no more understand the totality of God than the pancake I made for breakfast understands the complexity of me

~Donald Miller

People love to have lived a great story, but few people like the work it takes to make it happen.

~Donald Miller

All the trees are losing their leaves, and not one of them is worried.

~Donald Miller

The most difficult lie I have ever contended with is this: life is a story about me.

~Donald Miller

Truth grew in my mind like a fungus, and though I tried to sleep it out, there was no resisting the epiphanies.

~Donald Miller

Sometimes you have to watch somebody love something before you can love it yourself.

~Donald Miller

Believing in God is as much like falling in love as it is making a decision. Love is both something that happens to you and something you decide upon.

~Donald Miller

I want to keep walking away from the person I was a moment ago, because a mind was made to figure things out, not to read the same page recurrently.

~Donald Miller

Fear isn't only a guide to keep us safe; it's also a manipulative emotion that can trick us into living a boring life — the great stories go to those who don't give in to fear.

~Donald Miller

We shouldn't be afraid to embrace whimsy, that nagging idea that life could be magical; it could be special if we were only willing to take a few risks.

~Donald Miller

Our lives have a countdown clock that we can't see. Mine reminds me to only do work that matters.

~Donald Miller

When something happens to you, you have two choices in how to deal with it. You can either get bitter, or get better.

~Donald Miller

Every creative person, and I think probably every other person, faces resistance when they are trying to create something good...The harder the resistance, the more important the task must be.

~Donald Miller

Too much of our time is spent trying to chart God on a grid, and too little is spent allowing our hearts to feel awe. By reducing Christian spirituality to formula, we deprive our hearts of wonder.

~Donald Miller

I loved the fact that it wasn't my responsibility to change somebody, that it was God's, that my part was just to communicate love and approval.

~Donald Miller

He said to me I was a tree in a story about a forest, and that it was arrogant of me to believe any differently. And he told me the story of the forest is better than the story of the tree.

~Donald Miller

Imagine, a Being with a mind as great as God's, with feet like trees and a voice like rushing wind, telling you that you are His cherished creation.

~Donald Miller

The human body essentially recreates itself every six months. Nearly every cell of hair and skin and bone dies and another is directed to its former place. You are not who you were last November.

~Donald Miller

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We have to have positive male role models.

~Donald Miller

If you want to bond with your friends, do something very hard with them, something that you won't be able to do alone.

~Donald Miller

If what you are doing is important, you will encounter resistance. If what you are doing isn't important it will be easy.

~Donald Miller

...I want my spirituality to rid me of hate, not give me reason for it.

~Donald Miller

We don't think of our flaws as the glue that binds us to the people we love, but they are. Grace only sticks to your imperfections.

~Donald Miller

The more I try to impress people, the more I separate myself from them. Vulnerability attracts love.

~Donald Miller

There are two types of men in this world--one is looking for a woman to make his life complete and the other is looking for a woman to join his complete life.

~Donald Miller

There's a genius part of you that wants to create. That part of you wants to talk to God. Get out of the way.

~Donald Miller

Lets choose to do something really difficult, something that saves lives, and let's do that thing with people we love.

~Donald Miller

It is no coincidence that Jesus talks endlessly about love. Free love. Unconditional love.

~Donald Miller

When I was in love there was somebody in the world who was more important than me, and that, given all that happened at the fall of man, is a miracle, like something God forgot to curse.

~Donald Miller

I want to start replacing my "fix" response with an "enjoy" response and just let people be themselves.

~Donald Miller

I often learn more about myself from listening to the life story of a friend than I do reflecting on my own story.

~Donald Miller

The mountains themselves call us into greater stories.

~Donald Miller

Self-discipline will never make us feel righteous or clean; accepting

God's love will.

~Donald Miller

If we are not willing to wake up in the morning and die to ourselves, perhaps we should ask ourselves whether or not we are really following Jesus.

~Donald Miller

I love writing books - I really do. If I could just quit everything and work on a book every day, I would love that most.

~Donald Miller

Christian spirituality was not a children's story. It wasn't cute or neat. It was mystical and odd and clean, and it was reaching into dirty. There was wonder in it and enchantment.

~Donald Miller

I am something of a recluse by nature. I am that cordless screwdriver that has to charge for twenty hours to earn ten minutes use. I need that much downtime.

~Donald Miller

No love is conditional. If love is conditional, it's just some sort of manipulation masquerading as love.

~Donald Miller

She knows who she is. She just forgot for a little while.

~Donald Miller

It occurs to me it is not so much the aim of the devil to lure me with evil as it is to preoccupy me with the meaningless.

~Donald Miller

If the point of life is the same as the point of a story, the point of life is

character transformation.

~Donald Miller

Be encouraged. Your heart is writing a poem on the world and it's being turned into a thousand songs.

~Donald Miller

God made a whole beautiful earth and decided to put you in it, to experience all of this beauty. You can't do that watching television all the time.

~Donald Miller

Everybody has to leave, everybody has to leave their home and come back so they can love it again for all new reasons.

~Donald Miller

Great stories move through fear.

~Donald Miller

People who live great stories know failure isn't a judgment, it's an education.

~Donald Miller

We don't need as much as we have. Hardly any of us need as much money as we have. It's true what they say about the best things in life being free.

~Donald Miller

I asked God to help me understand the story of the forest and what it means to be a tree in that story.

~Donald Miller

I'm just trying to make the point that the story we're telling ourselves is often very different from the story we're telling the people around us.

~Donald Miller

I'm the kind of person who wants to present my most honest, authentic self to the world, so I hide backstage and rehearse honest and authentic lines until the curtain opens.

~Donald Miller

Your life is a blank page. You write on it.

~Donald Miller

If honesty is the key to intimacy, it means we don't have to be perfect and we don't have to pretend to be perfect.

~Donald Miller

All this beauty exists so you and I can see His glory, His artwork. It's like an invitation to worship Him, to know Him.

~Donald Miller

If you don't feel free and be yourself, you can't connect. Find people who accept your quirks. They'll heal your soul.

~Donald Miller

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~Donald Miller

You never question the truth of something until you have to explain it to a skeptic.

~Donald Miller

Meaningful stories have lots and lots of conflict. If we avoid conflict, our stories won't be meaningful.

~Donald Miller

It is when people do not allow God to show up through them ... that the

world collapses in on itself.

~Donald Miller

Most great art is created when the artist feels they are channeling something rather than trying to communicate something.

~Donald Miller

Don't let go of your strength or your beauty. It was given to you by God.

~Donald Miller

Telling the truth is the slow, mundane, difficult route to a meaningful life. Anything else is cheating.

~Donald Miller

It wasn't necessary to win for the story to be great, it was only necessary to sacrifice everything.

~Donald Miller

The truth is, if what we choose to do with our lives won't make a story meaningful, it won't make a life meaningful either.

~Donald Miller

Relationships unlock certain parts of who we are supposed to be.

~Donald Miller

A story is based on what people think is important, so when we live a story, we are telling people around us what we think is important.

~Donald Miller

Job found contentment and even joy, outside the context of comfort, health or stability. He understood the story was not about him, and he cared more about the story than he did about himself.

~Donald Miller

I think each of us can, through our writing, discover our super power

~Donald Miller

The most important thing that happens within Christian spirituality is when a person falls in love with Jesus.

~Donald Miller

I always thought the Bible was more of a salad thing, you know, but it isn't. It's a chocolate thing.

~Donald Miller

Sunday morning church service is not an enormous priority; spending time with other believers is.

~Donald Miller

...a beggar's kingdom is better than a proud man's delusion.

~Donald Miller

The ambitions we have will become the stories we live.

~Donald Miller

I think it's very hard for us, for Christians, to understand that it's okay to read a book, for instance, on how to manage your time. There's nothing wrong with that.

~Donald Miller

People want to join a great story. If you want to lead, tell one with your life.

~Donald Miller

It made me wonder if the reasons our lives seem so muddled is because we keep walking into scenes in which we, along with the people around us, have no clear idea what we want.

~Donald Miller

Being a Christian is more like falling in love than understanding a series of ideas.

~Donald Miller

THINGS JESUS NEVER SAID: "You should come with me to church.

~Donald Miller

I think our society puts too much pressure on romantic love, and that is why so many romances fail. Romance can't possibly carry all that we want it to.

~Donald Miller

...I should have people around bugging me and getting under my skin because without people I could not grow - I could not grow in God, and I could not grow as a human.

~Donald Miller

Without a positive male role model in your life it is extremely difficult to become a man who benefits his family and benefits society.

~Donald Miller

When we talk about the decline of the American family, I think we have to go back to the Industrial Revolution.

~Donald Miller

The very scary thing about religion, to me, is that people actually believe God is who they think He is.

~Donald Miller

The sexual conquest is huge with men in terms of affirming themselves and their feelings of masculinity. That's a misguided kind of affirmation. That is not helpful, but that stuff happens.

~Donald Miller

...she wanted God to make sense. He doesn't. He will make no more sense to me than I will make sense to an ant.

~Donald Miller

Flattery has a short battery life, but reminding people they are amazing and precious and wanted and works of art can truly change their lives.

~Donald Miller

I took William Zinsser's advice that you write to yourself and you hope that there are people out there who are like you.

~Donald Miller

In the age of information, ignorance is a choice.

~Donald Miller

You cannot be a Christian without being a mystic

~Donald Miller

Meaning is something we experience more than we attain. It's like finding a nice, easy current in a river that carries you through life.

~Donald Miller

Good writers show rather than tell. Stories are told in action. Life stories are no different.

~Donald Miller

Nobody will listen to you unless they sense that you like them.

~Donald Miller

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