

Elisabeth Elliot

Quotes

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Today is mine. Tomorrow is none of my business. If I peer anxiously into the fog of the future I will strain my spiritual eyes so that I will not see clearly what is required of me now!

~Elisabeth Elliot

Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Cruelty and wrong are not the greatest forces in the world. There is nothing eternal in them. Only love is eternal.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The secret is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Sometimes life is so hard you can only do the next thing. Whatever that is just do the next thing. God will meet you there.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Worship is not an experience. Worship is an act, and this takes discipline. We are to worship "in spirit and in truth." Never mind about the feelings. We are to worship in spite of them.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Fear arises when we imagine that everything depends on us.

~Elisabeth Elliot

If your goal is purity of heart, be prepared to be thought very odd.

~Elisabeth Elliot

God will not protect you from anything that will make you more like Jesus.

~Elisabeth Elliot

To love God is to love His will. It is to wait quietly for life to be measured by One who knows us through and through. It is to be content with His timing and His wise appointment.

~Elisabeth Elliot

I have one desire now - to live a life of reckless abandon for the Lord, putting all my energy and strength into it.

~Elisabeth Elliot

God is God. Because he is God, He is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in His holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The deepest lessons come out of the deepest waters and the hottest fires.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts.

~Elisabeth Elliot

When obedience to God contradicts what I think will give me pleasure, let me ask myself if I love Him.

~Elisabeth Elliot

There is nothing worth living for, unless it is worth dying for.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Until the will and the affections are brought under the authority of Christ, we have not begun to understand, let alone to accept, His lordship.

~Elisabeth Elliot

It is always possible to be thankful for what is given rather than to complain about what is not given. One or the other becomes a habit of life.

~Elisabeth Elliot

A quiet heart is content with what God gives. It is enough. All is grace.

~Elisabeth Elliot

I'm convinced that there is nothing that can happen to me in this life that is not precisely designed by a sovereign Lord to give me the opportunity to learn to know Him.

~Elisabeth Elliot

A man will be as much of a gentleman as a woman requires.

~Elisabeth Elliot

A whole lot of what we call 'struggling' is simply delayed obedience.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Leave it all in the Hands that were wounded for you

~Elisabeth Elliot

No marriage can survive without forgiveness. Marriage is a long term commitment between two sinners.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian makes me a different kind of woman.

~Elisabeth Elliot

God has promised to supply all our needs. What we don't have now, we don't need now.

~Elisabeth Elliot

It is God to whom and with whom we travel, and while He is the end of our journey, He is also at every stopping place.

~Elisabeth Elliot

A prayerful heart and an obedient heart will learn, very slowly and not without sorrow, to stake everything on God Himself.

~Elisabeth Elliot

If God, like a father, denies us what we want now it is in order to give us some far better thing later on. The will of God, we can rest assured, is invariably a better thing.

~Elisabeth Elliot

One does not surrender a life in an instant. That which is lifelong can only be surrendered in a lifetime.

~Elisabeth Elliot

If my life is surrendered to God, all is well. Let me not grab it back, as though it were in peril in His hand but would be safer in mine!

~Elisabeth Elliot

You are loved with an everlasting love. And underneath are the everlasting arms.

~Elisabeth Elliot

He is always doing something--the very best thing, the thing we ourselves would certainly choose if we knew the end from the beginning. He is at work to bring us to our full glory.

~Elisabeth Elliot

By trying to grab fulfillment everywhere, we find it nowhere.

~Elisabeth Elliot

What I ought to do and what I feel like doing are seldom the same

thing.

~Elisabeth Elliot

For one who has made thanksgiving the habit of his life, the morning prayer will be, 'Lord, what will you give me today to offer back to you?'

~Elisabeth Elliot

The will of God is never exactly what you expect it to be. It may seem to be much worse, but in the end it's going to be a lot better and a lot bigger.

~Elisabeth Elliot

A spirit of restlessness and resistance can never wait, but one who believes he is loved with an everlasting love, and knows that underneath are the everlasting arms, will find strength and peace.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Restlessness and impatience change nothing except our peace and joy.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Faith's most severe tests come not when we see nothing, but when we see a stunning array of evidence that seems to prove our faith vain.

~Elisabeth Elliot

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Remind me that not everything needs to be said, and that there are very few things that need to be said by me.

~Elisabeth Elliot

You can never lose what you have offered to Christ.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Self-pity is... a sinkhole from which no rescuing hand can drag you because you have chosen to sink.

~Elisabeth Elliot

If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look 'little' or 'big'.

~Elisabeth Elliot

God never denies us our hearts desire except to give us something better.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Is the distinction between living for Christ and dying for Him so great? Is not the second the logical conclusion of the first?

~Elisabeth Elliot

It would seem that unless we see through and beyond the physical, we shall not even see the physical as we ought to see it: as the very vehicle for the glory of God

~Elisabeth Elliot

But the things that we feel most deeply we ought to learn to be silent about, at least until we have talked them over thoroughly with God.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Of all things difficult to rule, none were more so than my will and affections.

~Elisabeth Elliot

When ours are interrupted, his are not. His plans are proceeding exactly as scheduled, moving us always (including those minutes or

hours or years which seem most useless or wasted or unendurable).

~Elisabeth Elliot

We cannot give our hearts to God and keep our bodies for ourselves

~Elisabeth Elliot

All our problems are theological ones, William Temple said. All of them have to do with our relationship to God and his to us, and this is precisely why it makes sense to come to God with them.

~Elisabeth Elliot

We can't really tell how crooked our thinking is until we line it up with the straight edge of Scripture.

~Elisabeth Elliot

What God gives in answer to our prayers will always be the thing we most urgently need, and it will always be sufficient.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Among the most joyful people I have known have been some who seem to have had no human reason for joy. The sweet fragrance of Christ has shown through their lives.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The world cries for men who are strong; strong in conviction, strong to lead, to stand, to suffer.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Teach me to treat all that comes to me with peace of soul and with firm conviction that Your will governs all.

~Elisabeth Elliot

God's command 'Go ye, and preach the gospel to every creature' was the categorical imperative. The question of personal safety was wholly

irrelevant.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Either we are adrift in chaos or we are individuals, created, loved, upheld and placed purposefully, exactly where we are. Can you believe that? Can you trust God for that?

~Elisabeth Elliot

It is impossible to love deeply without sacrifice.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Does God ask us to do what is beneath us? This question will never trouble us again if we consider the Lord of heaven taking a towel and washing feet.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The devil has made it his business to monopolize on three elements: noise, hurry, crowds. He will not allow quietness.

~Elisabeth Elliot

You will never understand why God does what He does, but if you believe Him, that is all that is necessary. Let us learn to trust Him for who He is.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Sometimes God's refusals are His mercies.

~Elisabeth Elliot

If all struggles and sufferings were eliminated, the spirit would no more reach maturity than would the child.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Holiness has never been the driving force of the majority. It is, however, mandatory for anyone who wants to enter the kingdom.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The world is full of noise. Might we not set ourselves to learn silence, stillness solitude?

~Elisabeth Elliot

Of one thing I am perfectly sure: God's story never ends with 'ashes.

~Elisabeth Elliot

We have ample evidence that the Lord is able to guide. The promises cover every imaginable situation. All we need to do is to take the hand he stretches out.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Everything if given to God can become your gateway to joy.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Maturity starts with the willingness to give oneself.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Women still dream and hope, pin their emotions on some man who doesn't reciprocate, and end up in confusion.

~Elisabeth Elliot

If it were not for uncertainties, we would have no need to walk by faith.

~Elisabeth Elliot

It seems disrespectful to me to see ladies in church in very short skirts or skimpy, sleeveless tops. I would imagine that it could be distracting to men who are trying to keep their minds on God.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The heart which has no agenda but God's is the heart at leisure from itself. Its emptiness is filled with the Love of God. Its solitude can be

turned into prayer.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The disciplined Christian will be very careful what sort of counsel he seeks from others. Counsel that contradicts the written Word is ungodly counsel. Blessed is the man that walketh not in that.

~Elisabeth Elliot

A little quiet reflection will remind me that yes to God always leads in the end to joy.

~Elisabeth Elliot

One step at a time, over the years, as I sought to plumb the mystery of suffering (which cannot be plumbed), I began to see that there is a sense in which everything is a gift. Even my widowhood.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Stand true to your calling to be a man. Real women will always be relieved and grateful when men are willing to be men

~Elisabeth Elliot

We are women, and my plea is Let me be a woman, holy through and through, asking for nothing but what God wants to give me, receiving with both hands and with all my heart whatever that is.

~Elisabeth Elliot

No one whose first concern is feeling good can be a disciple. We are called to carry a cross and to glorify God.

~Elisabeth Elliot

It is when we come to the Lord in our nothingness, our powerlessness and our helplessness that He then enables us to love in a way which, without Him, would be absolutely impossible.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Praise and glory to God for whom nothing is too hard

~Elisabeth Elliot

Blessings taken for granted are often forgotten.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The way we live ought to manifest the truth of what we believe. A messy life speaks of a messy and incoherent faith.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Muddled thinking inevitably results in muddled living

~Elisabeth Elliot

Things happen which would not happen without prayer. Let us not forget that.

~Elisabeth Elliot

When you don't know what to do, do the thing in front of you.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Prostitutes dress obviously, so as to draw attention. It's their business, isn't it? The last thing that a Christian woman is thinking of is being like a prostitute.

~Elisabeth Elliot

If you have lost your life, remember that He promises that you will find it.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The question is simply, 'Who is your master?' Once that's settled, you ask whether any word have been spoken. If it has, you have your orders.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Our future may look fearfully intimidating, yet we can look up to the Engineer of the Universe, confident that nothing escapes His attention or slips out of the control of those strong hands.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Lonely? Give it to Jesus. The loneliness itself is material for sacrifice.

~Elisabeth Elliot

Waiting silently is the hardest thing of all.

~Elisabeth Elliot

When the time comes to die, make sure that all you have to do is die!"

~Jim Elliot

~Elisabeth Elliot

Loneliness is a required course for leadership.

~Elisabeth Elliot

There is no need for faith where there is no consciousness of an element of risk.

~Elisabeth Elliot

The one who loves knows better than anyone else how to conduct himself, how to serve the one he loves. Love prescribes an answer in a given situation as no mere rule can do.

~Elisabeth Elliot

In order to learn what it means to be a woman we must start with the One who made her.

~Elisabeth Elliot

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