

Francis Schaeffer Quotes

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Our relationship with each other is the criterion the world uses to judge whether our message is truthful - Christian community is the final apologetic.

~Francis Schaeffer

If we do not show love to one another, the world has a right to question whether Christianity is true.

~Francis Schaeffer

One of the greatest injustices we do to our young people is to ask them to be conservative. Christianity is not conservative, but revolutionary.

~Francis Schaeffer

Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world.

~Francis Schaeffer

In passing, we should note this curious mark of our own age: the only absolute allowed is the absolute insistence that there is no absolute.

~Francis Schaeffer

The beginning of men's rebellion against God was, and is, the lack of a thankful heart.

~Francis Schaeffer

No totalitarian authority nor authoritarian state can tolerate those who have an absolute by which to judge that state and its actions. The Christians had that absolute in God's revelation.

~Francis Schaeffer

If Christians win a battle by using worldly means, they have really lost.

~Francis Schaeffer

Man, made in the image of God, has a purpose - to be in relationship to

God, who is there. Man forgets his purpose and thus he forgets who he is and what life means.

~Francis Schaeffer

Art is a reflection of God's creativity, an evidence that we are made in the image of God.

~Francis Schaeffer

We must not only be True. We must be Beautiful.

~Francis Schaeffer

The ordinary Christian with the Bible in his hand can say that the majority is wrong.

~Francis Schaeffer

This shift from the Judeo-Christian basis for law and the shift away from the restraints of the Constitution automatically militates against religious liberty.

~Francis Schaeffer

A Christian should use these arts to the glory of God, not just as tracts, mind you, but as things of beauty to the praise of God. An art work can be a doxology in itself.

~Francis Schaeffer

Truth carries with it confrontation. Truth demands confrontation; loving confrontation, but confrontation nevertheless.

~Francis Schaeffer

Reformation is a return to the sound doctrine of the Bible. Revival is the practice of that sound doctrine under the power of the Holy Spirit.

~Francis Schaeffer

He who loses the arts loses the culture.

~Francis Schaeffer

I believe that pluralistic secularism, in the long run, is a more deadly poison than straightforward persecution.

~Francis Schaeffer

If there is no absolute by which to judge society, society is absolute.

~Francis Schaeffer

Christianity is the greatest intellectual system the mind of man has ever touched.

~Francis Schaeffer

This is not an age in which to be a soft Christian.

~Francis Schaeffer

Jesus taught that the mark of the Christian is the observable love shown among all true believers.

~Francis Schaeffer

Tell me what the world is saying today, and I'll tell you what the church will be saying in seven years.

~Francis Schaeffer

Each generation of the church in each setting has the responsibility of communicating the gospel in understandable terms, considering the language and thought-forms of that setting.

~Francis Schaeffer

Christianity provides a unified answer for the whole of life.

~Francis Schaeffer

The church's or Christian group's methods are as important as its message.

~Francis Schaeffer

As my son Frankie put it, Humanism has changed the Twenty-third Psalm: They began - I am my shepherd. Then - Sheep are my shepherd. Then - Everything is my shepherd. Finally - Nothing is my shepherd.

~Francis Schaeffer

If there is no absolute beyond man's ideas, then there is no final appeal to judge between individuals and groups whose moral judgments conflict. We are merely left with conflicting opinions.

~Francis Schaeffer

If there is no final place for civil disobedience, then the government has been made autonomous, and as such, it has been put in the place of the living God.

~Francis Schaeffer

The soul is not more important than the body. God made the whole man and the whole man is important.

~Francis Schaeffer

The Christian is the one whose imagination should fly beyond the stars.

~Francis Schaeffer

If there is no absolute moral standard, then one cannot say in a final sense that anything is right or wrong.

~Francis Schaeffer

And the purpose of our creation, in which all our subsidiary purposes fit, is to be in a personal relationship to God, in communion with him, in love, by choice, the creature before the Creator.

~Francis Schaeffer

Most people catch their presuppositions from their family and surrounding society the way a child catches measles.

~Francis Schaeffer

Sometimes the greatest deterrent to a great marriage is believing you have a perfect marriage.

~Francis Schaeffer

There is no place in God's world where there are no people who will come and share a home as long as it is a real home.

~Francis Schaeffer

In the flesh rather than the work of the Spirit, it is easy to say we are showing holiness and it only be egotistic pride and hardness.

~Francis Schaeffer

The Lord is the General, and he has the right . . . the sovereign right . . . to put us where he wants in the battle.

~Francis Schaeffer

Apostasy must be called what it is, spiritual adultery.

~Francis Schaeffer

Thank God for the reality for which we were created, a moment-by-moment communication with God himself.

~Francis Schaeffer

You must not lose confidence in God because you lost confidence in your pastor. If our confidence in God had to depend upon our confidence in any human person, we would be on shifting sand.

~Francis Schaeffer

People drift from generation to generation, and the morally unthinkable becomes thinkable as the years move on.

~Francis Schaeffer

The great distinction of a true Christian is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. How careful should he be, lest anything in his thoughts or feelings would be offensive to the Divine Guest.!

~Francis Schaeffer

Our trusting the Lord does not mean that there are not times of tears. I think it is a mistake as Christians to act as though trusting the Lord and tears are not compatible.

~Francis Schaeffer

If God exists and we are made in his image we can have real meaning, and we can have real knowledge through what he has communicated to us.

~Francis Schaeffer

To fail to exhibit that we take truth seriously at those points where there is a cost in our doing so, is to push the next generation in the relative, dialectical millstream that surrounds us.

~Francis Schaeffer

Modern man has not only thrown away Christian theology, he has thrown away the possibility of what our forefathers had as a basis for morality and law.

~Francis Schaeffer

This equation of the impersonal plus time plus chance producing the total configuration of the universe and all that is in it, modern people hold by faith.

~Francis Schaeffer

Truth demands confrontation. It must be loving confrontation, but there must be confrontation nonetheless.

~Francis Schaeffer

Belief does not change what is.

~Francis Schaeffer

Modern man has both feet firmly planted in mid-air

~Francis Schaeffer

I have come to the conclusion that none of us in our generation feels as guilty about sin as we should or as our forefathers did.

~Francis Schaeffer

If one starts with an impersonal beginning, the answer to morals eventually turns out to be the assertion that there are no morals.

~Francis Schaeffer

...that is our calling: to show that there is a reality in personal relationship, and not just words about it.

~Francis Schaeffer

A compassionate open home is part of Christian responsibility, and should be practiced up to the level of capacity.

~Francis Schaeffer

In God's world the individual counts. Therefore, Christian art should deal with the individual.

~Francis Schaeffer

When my conscience under the Holy Spirit makes me aware of a specific sin I should at once call that sin sin and bring it consciously under the blood of Christ.

~Francis Schaeffer

Humanism is not wrong in its cry for sociological healing, but humanism

is not producing it.

~Francis Schaeffer

Most people do not realize that there was a paid chaplain in Congress even before the Revolutionary War ended.

~Francis Schaeffer

True spirituality consists in living moment to moment by the grace of Jesus Christ.

~Francis Schaeffer

The one thing the media abhors almost without exception is anyone who takes a firm stand on any issue out of religious principle, unless their stand happens to coincide with their expressed views.

~Francis Schaeffer

How should an artist begin to do his work as an artist? I would insist that he begin his work as an artist by setting out to make a work of art.

~Francis Schaeffer

Christ's crucifixion was on a hill, by a road, where everybody who passed by could not only see his pain, but also his shame. It was not done in a shadow, hidden away somewhere.

~Francis Schaeffer

There is nothing more ugly than an orthodoxy without understanding or compassion.

~Francis Schaeffer

If I'm going to be in the right relationship with God, I should treat the things he has made in the same way he treats them.

~Francis Schaeffer

In fact, philosophy is universal in scope. No man can live without a

world view; therefore, there is no man who is not a philosopher.

~Francis Schaeffer

Doctrinal rightness and rightness of ecclesiastical position are important, but only as a starting point to go on into a living relationship - and not as ends in themselves.

~Francis Schaeffer

Just because something is beautifully written does not mean it is true.

~Francis Schaeffer

I am afraid that as evangelicals, we think that a work of art only has value if we reduce it to a tract.

~Francis Schaeffer

In my reading of philosophy, I saw that there were innumerable problems that nobody was giving answers for. the Bible, it struck me, dealt with man's problems in a sweeping, all-encompassing thrust.

~Francis Schaeffer

The inward area is the first place of loss of true Christian life, of true spirituality, and the outward sinful act is the result.

~Francis Schaeffer

Truth carries with it confrontation.

~Francis Schaeffer

The spiritual battle, the loss of victory, is always in the thought-world.

~Francis Schaeffer

... you are not Christ's disciple, in the sense of following him, if this is not your way of life: rejected and slain daily!

~Francis Schaeffer

Ours is a post-Christian world in which Christianity, not only in the number of Christians but in cultural emphasis and cultural result, is no longer the consensus or ethos of our society.

~Francis Schaeffer

All men bear the image of God. They have value not because they are redeemed, but because they are God's creation in God's image.

~Francis Schaeffer

We must remember throughout our lives that in God's sight there are no little people and no little places. Only one thing is important: to be consecrated persons in God's place for us, at each moment.

~Francis Schaeffer

So our building of the visible Church becomes much like any natural business function, using natural means and natural motives.

~Francis Schaeffer

Things, things, things. Always more things, and success is seen as the abundance of things.

~Francis Schaeffer

The Christian should be the person who is alive, whose imagination absolutely boils, which moves, which produces something a bit different from God's world because God made us to be creative.

~Francis Schaeffer

The central problem is always in the midst of the people of God, not in the circumstances surrounding them.

~Francis Schaeffer

The overall way of thinking in the United States has shifted away from basic Biblical values, and the media share in the responsibility for this change.

~Francis Schaeffer

There is no use of Evangelicalism seeming to get larger and larger, if at the same time appreciable parts of Evangelicalism are getting soft at that which is the central core, namely the Scriptures.

~Francis Schaeffer

To die is to be with the Lord. It is not just an idea, it is a reality.

~Francis Schaeffer

The church is something beautiful

~Francis Schaeffer

...when I accept Christ as my Savior... I am immediately in a new and living relationship with each of the three persons of the Trinity.

~Francis Schaeffer

Christian art today should be twentieth-century art.

~Francis Schaeffer

Christianity believes that God has created an external world that is really there; and because He is a reasonable God, one can expect to be able to find the order of the universe by reason.

~Francis Schaeffer

There would have been no Bach had there been no Luther.

~Francis Schaeffer

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