Frederick William Robertson Quotes

Men, Heart, Christian, Soul, Strong, Believe, Son, Mistake, Character, Children, Self, Truth, Thinking, Prayer, Long, Hypocrisy, World, Earth, Two, Eye There are three things in the world that deserve no mercy, hypocrisy, fraud, and tyranny.

~Frederick William Robertson

Instruction ends in the schoolroom, but education ends only with life. A child is given to the universe to be educated.

~Frederick William Robertson

We win by tenderness. We conquer by forgiveness.

~Frederick William Robertson

God's truth is too sacred to be expounded to superficial worldliness in its transient fit of earnestness.

~Frederick William Robertson

This is the true liberty of Christ, when a free man binds himself in love to duty. Not in shrinking from our distasteful occupations, but in fulfilling them, do we realize our high origin.

~Frederick William Robertson

To grieve over sin is one thing, to repent is another.

~Frederick William Robertson

Marriage is not a union merely between two creatures - it is a union between two spirits; and the intention of that bond is to perfect the nature of both.

~Frederick William Robertson

What the world calls virtue is a name and a dream without Christ. The foundation of all human excellence must be laid deep in the blood of the Redeemer's cross, and in the power of His resurrection.

~Frederick William Robertson

Only what coronation is in an earthly way, baptism is in a heavenly way;

God's authoritative declaration in material form of a spiritual reality.

~Frederick William Robertson

There is a past which is gone forever, but there is a future which is still our own.

~Frederick William Robertson

Pray till prayer makes you forget your own wish, and leave it or merge it in God's will.

~Frederick William Robertson

If you think that you can sin, and then by cries avert the consequences of sin, you insult God's character.

~Frederick William Robertson

The one who will be found in trial capable of great acts of love is ever the one who is always doing considerate small ones.

~Frederick William Robertson

Defeat in doing right is nevertheless victory.

~Frederick William Robertson

I will tell you what to hate. Hate hypocrisy, hate cant, hate indolence, oppression, injustice; hate Pharisaism; hate them as Christ hated them with a deep, living, godlike hatred.

~Frederick William Robertson

This world is given as the prize for the men in earnest; and that which is true of this world, is truer still of the world to come.

~Frederick William Robertson

The true aim of every one who aspires to be a teacher should be, not to impart his own opinions, but to kindle minds.

There is a divine depth in silence. We meet God alone.

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Time and pains will do anything.

~Frederick William Robertson

This world is given as a prize for the men in earnest; and that which is true of this world is truer still of the world to come.

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Earth has not a spectacle more glorious or more fair to show than this love tolerating intolerance; charity covering, as with a vail, even the sin of the lack of charity.

~Frederick William Robertson

Poetry creates life; Science dissects death.

~Frederick William Robertson

To believe is to be strong. Doubt cramps energy. Belief is power.

~Frederick William Robertson

No one can be great, or good, or happy except through the inward efforts of themselves.

~Frederick William Robertson

A life of prayer is a life whose litanies are ever fresh acts of self-devoting love.

~Frederick William Robertson

Never does a man know the force that is in him till some mighty affliction or grief has humanized the soul.

~Frederick William Robertson

The humblest occupation has in it materials of discipline for the highest

heaven. ~Frederick William Robertson

This is the ministry and its work--not to drill hearts and minds and consciences into right forms of thought and mental postures, but to guide to the living God who speaks.

~Frederick William Robertson

To turn water into wine, and what is common into what is holy, is indeed the glory of Christianity.

~Frederick William Robertson

Truth is given, not to be contemplated, but to be done. Life is an action, not a thought.

~Frederick William Robertson

The only revenge which is essentially Christian is that of retaliating by forgiveness.

~Frederick William Robertson

The office of poetry is not to make us think accurately, but feel truly.

~Frederick William Robertson

There is a two-fold solemnity which belongs to the dying hour-it is the winding up of life, and it is the commencement of eternity.

~Frederick William Robertson

He alone can believe in immortality who feels the resurrection in him already.

~Frederick William Robertson

It is more true to say that our opinions depend upon our lives and habits, than to say that our lives and habits depend on our opinions.

Christ within us, the hope of glory. ~Frederick William Robertson

Brethren, happiness is not our being's end and aim. The Christian's aim is perfection, not happiness; and every one of the sons of God must have something of that spirit which marked his Master.

~Frederick William Robertson

Only so far as a man believes strongly, mightily, can he act cheerfully, or do anything that is worth doing.

~Frederick William Robertson

Mourning after an absent God is an evidence of a love as strong, as rejoicing in a present one.

~Frederick William Robertson

Child of God, if you would have your thought of God something beyond a cold feeling of His presence, let faith appropriate Christ.

~Frederick William Robertson

The Christian life is not knowing or hearing, but doing.

~Frederick William Robertson

The man whom society will not forgive nor restore is driven into recklessness.

~Frederick William Robertson

A happy home is the single spot of rest which a man has upon this earth for the cultivation of his noblest sensibilities.

~Frederick William Robertson

Women and God are the two rocks on which a man must either anchor or be wrecked.

He who, with strong passions, remains chaste--he who, keenly sensitive, with manly power of indignation in him, can yet restrain himself and forgive--these are strong men, spiritual heroes.

~Frederick William Robertson

No man ever progressed to greatness and goodness but through great mistakes.

~Frederick William Robertson

... religious controversy does only harm. It destroys humble inquiry after truth, and throws all the energies into an attempt to prove ourselves right-a spirit in which no man gets at truth.

~Frederick William Robertson

Through ages, through eternity, what you have done for Christ, that, and only that, you are.

~Frederick William Robertson

That friend, given to you by circumstances over which you have not control, was God's own gift.

~Frederick William Robertson

In all matters of eternal truth, the soul is before the intellect; the things of God are spiritually discerned. You know truth by being true; you recognize God by being like Him.

~Frederick William Robertson

Do you want to learn holiness with terrible struggles and sore affliction and the plague of much remaining evil? Then wait before you turn to God.

~Frederick William Robertson

Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's sensitiveness-these cost very little, but they are priceless in their value. ~Frederick William Robertson

It is not by change of circumstances, but by fitting our spirits to the circumstances in which God has placed us, that we can be reconciled to life and duty.

~Frederick William Robertson

God's justice and love are one. Infinite justice must be infinite love. Justice is but another sign of love.

~Frederick William Robertson

Life, like war, is a series of mistakes, he is the best who wins the most splendid victories by the retrieval of mistakes. Forget mistakes: organize victory out of mistakes.

~Frederick William Robertson

It is not the situation which makes the man, but the man who makes the situation.

~Frederick William Robertson

The mistake we make is to look for a source of comfort in ourselves: self-contemplation, instead of gazing upon God. In other words, we look for comfort precisely where comfort never can be.

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