

Isaac of Nineveh

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The prayer of one who does not consider himself a sinner is not accepted by the Lord.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Above anything, welcome silence, for it brings fruits that no tongue can speak of, neither can it be explained.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Conquer evil people by gentle kindness, and make zealous people wonder at your goodness. Put the lover of legality to shame by your compassion.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Love is the fruit of prayer ... Patiently abiding in prayer signifies a man's renunciation of himself. Therefore the self-denial of the soul turns into love for God.

~Isaac of Nineveh

As a handful of sand thrown into the ocean, so are the sins of all flesh as compared with the mind of God.

~Isaac of Nineveh

The man with a heart cannot think about or see creatures without his eyes filling up with tears because of the immense compassion which seizes his heart.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Someone who bears a grudge while he prays is like a person who sows in the sea and expects to reap a harvest.

~Isaac of Nineveh

The man who follows Christ in solitary mourning is greater than he who praises Christ amid the congregation of men.

~Isaac of Nineveh

This life has been given to you for repentance; do not waste it in vain pursuits.

~Isaac of Nineveh

The wisdom of the Holy Spirit is much greater than the wisdom of the entire world. Within the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, silence prevails; the wisdom of the world, however, goes astray into idle talk.

~Isaac of Nineveh

God requires not the doing of the commandments for their own sake, but the correction of the soul, for whose sake He established the commandments.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Let them push you, but do not push; Let them crucify you, but do not crucify. Let them insult, but do not insult. Let them slander, but do not slander. Be meek, and do not be zealous in evil.

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When you want to make a beginning of a good deed, first prepare for temptations, which will come to you, and don't doubt the truth of that which you do for God.

~Isaac of Nineveh

If you cannot close the mouth of one who reviles his brother, at least avoid conversation with him.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Just as a strongly flowing fountain is not blocked up by a handful of earth, so the compassion of the Creator is not overcome by the wickedness of his creatures.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Speech is the organ of this present world. Silence is the mystery of the

world to come.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Do not waste this life in vain pursuits.

~Isaac of Nineveh

The beginning of divine wisdom is clemency and gentleness, which arise from greatness of soul and the bearing of infirmities.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Afflictions for God's sake are dearer to Him than any prayer or sacrifice.

~Isaac of Nineveh

The Commandments of God are higher than all the treasures of the earth. Whoever has acquired them has received God within himself.

~Isaac of Nineveh

The soul that loves God has its rest in God and in God alone. In all the paths that men walk in in the world, they do not attain peace until they draw nigh to hope in God.

~Isaac of Nineveh

The Lord bears all the weaknesses of men, but He does not bear a man who is always murmuring, and does not leave Him without chastisement.

~Isaac of Nineveh

If, at the time when the mind is praying it is distracted by any extraneous thought or worry about anything, then this prayer is not called pure.

~Isaac of Nineveh

Whoever prematurely begins a work that is above his strength receives

nothing, but only brings harm upon himself.

~Isaac of Nineveh

If zeal had been appropriate for putting humanity right, why did God the Word clothe himself in the body, using gentleness and humility in order to bring the world back to his Father?

~Isaac of Nineveh

Solitude is an ocean with wonderful places hidden in its depths.

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