

J. C. Ryle

Quotes

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Except a man be born again, he will wish one day he had never been born at all.

~J. C. Ryle

Never does a person see any beauty in Christ as a Savior, until they discover that they are a lost and ruined sinner.

~J. C. Ryle

True Christianity is not merely believing a certain set of dry abstract propositions: it is to live in daily personal communication with an actual living person - Jesus Christ.

~J. C. Ryle

No one ever said at the end of his days; 'I have read my bible too much, I have thought of God too much, I have prayed too much, I have been too careful with my soul'

~J. C. Ryle

If you love Christ, never be ashamed to let others see it and know it. Speak for Him. Witness for Him. Live for Him.

~J. C. Ryle

Our prayers may be weak, stammering, and poor in our eyes. But if they come from a right heart, God understands them. Such prayers are His delight.

~J. C. Ryle

Backsliding, generally first begins with neglect of private prayer.

~J. C. Ryle

A religion that costs nothing is worth nothing. A cheap Christianity, without a cross, will prove in the end a useless Christianity, without a crown.

~J. C. Ryle

There is only one door, one bridge, one ladder, between earth and heaven - the crucified Son of God.

~J. C. Ryle

According to the men of the world, few are going to hell; According to the Bible, few are going to heaven.

~J. C. Ryle

I fear we are in danger of forgetting that to HAVE the Bible is one thing, and to READ it quite another.

~J. C. Ryle

The highest form of selfishness is that of the man who is content to go to heaven alone.

~J. C. Ryle

A Christian is a walking sermon. They preach far more than a minister does, for they preach all week long.

~J. C. Ryle

Wealth is no mark of God's favor. Poverty is no mark of God's displeasure.

~J. C. Ryle

It costs something to be a true Christian. It will cost us our sins, our self-righteousness, our ease and our worldliness.

~J. C. Ryle

Let us cleave to Christ more closely, love Him more heartily, live to Him more thoroughly, copy Him more exactly, confess Him more boldly, and follow Him more fully.

~J. C. Ryle

No time is so well spent in every day as that which we spend upon our

knees.

~J. C. Ryle

Let us receive nothing, believe nothing, follow nothing which is not in the Bible, nor can be proved by the Bible.

~J. C. Ryle

It is neglect of the Bible which makes so many a prey to the first false teacher whom they hear.

~J. C. Ryle

Beware of manufacturing a God of your own: a God who is all mercy, but not just. Such a God is an idol of your own.

~J. C. Ryle

Do not glory in your own faith, your own feelings, your own knowledge, or your own diligence. Glory in nothing but Christ.

~J. C. Ryle

It must not content us to take our bodies to church if we leave our hearts at home.

~J. C. Ryle

And I believe it to be a signal evidence of the Spirit's presence when the Word is really precious to a man's soul.

~J. C. Ryle

The only way to be really happy in such a world as this, is to be ever casting all our cares on God.

~J. C. Ryle

How is it that many who profess and call themselves Christians, do so little for the Savior whose name they bear?

~J. C. Ryle

The 'means of grace' are such as Bible reading, private prayer, and regularly worshiping God in Church, wherein one hears the Word taught and participates in the Lord's Supper.

~J. C. Ryle

“A humble and prayerful person will find a thousand things in the Bible, which the proud student will utterly fail to discern.” ~ J.C. Ryle

~J. C. Ryle

We must read our Bibles like men digging for hidden treasure.

~J. C. Ryle

God knew what we were before conversion - wicked, guilty, and defiled; yet He loved us. He knows what we will be after conversion - weak, erring, and frail; yet He loves us.

~J. C. Ryle

It is not hard to deceive ministers, relatives and friends. But it is impossible to deceive Christ.

~J. C. Ryle

Wherever we may be, or whatever our circumstances, the Lord Jesus sees them. We are never beyond the reach of His care.

~J. C. Ryle

Whatever you read, read the Bible first. Beware of bad books: there are plenty in this day. Take heed what you read.

~J. C. Ryle

To say that we are sorry for our sins is mere hypocrisy, unless we show that we are really sorry for them, by giving them up. Doing is the very life of repentance.

~J. C. Ryle

The Gospel which we possess was not given to us only to be admired, talked of, and professed - but to be practiced.

~J. C. Ryle

If God has given His Son to die for us, let us beware of doubting His kindness and love in any painful providence of our daily life.

~J. C. Ryle

Let your Christianity be so unmistakable, your eye so single, your heart so whole, your walk so straightforward, that all who see you may have no doubt whose you are, and whom you serve.

~J. C. Ryle

HATE SIN! Instead of loving it, cleaving to it, excusing it, playing with it, we ought to hate it with a deadly hatred.

~J. C. Ryle

Trials are intended to make us think, to wean us from the world, to send us to the Bible, to drive us to our knees.

~J. C. Ryle

We know but little of true Christianity, if we don't feel a deep concern about the souls of unconverted people.

~J. C. Ryle

I maintain that to tell a person they are born again, while they are living in carelessness or sin, is a dangerous delusion.

~J. C. Ryle

Since Satan can't destroy the gospel, he has too often neutralized its usefulness by addition, subtraction or substitution.

~J. C. Ryle

Pride is the oldest and most common of sins. Humility is the rarest and

most beautiful of graces.

~J. C. Ryle

O Christian, look up and take comfort. Jesus has prepared a place for you, and those who follow Him shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of His hands.

~J. C. Ryle

Let it never surprise true Christians if they are slandered and misrepresented in this world. They must not expect to fare better than their Lord.

~J. C. Ryle

Conversion is not putting a man in an armchair and taking him easily to heaven. It is the beginning of a mighty conflict, in which it costs much to win the victory.

~J. C. Ryle

If you want to find out how much someone loves you, find out how much they pray for you.

~J. C. Ryle

The blood of Christ can cleanse away all sin. But we must 'plead guilty' before God can declare us innocent.

~J. C. Ryle

There will be no universal peace until the Prince of Peace appears.

~J. C. Ryle

God does not look at riches, titles, education, or beauty. There is only one thing that God does look at, and that is the soul.

~J. C. Ryle

Knowledge of the Bible never comes by intuition. It can only be

obtained by diligent, regular, daily, attentive reading.

~J. C. Ryle

The nearer we live to God while we live, the more ready we will be to dwell forever in His presence when we die.

~J. C. Ryle

Are you tempted? Look unto Jesus. Are you afflicted? Look unto Jesus. Do all speak evil of you? Look unto Jesus. Do you feel cold, dull, and backsliding? Look unto Jesus.

~J. C. Ryle

If you do not love Christ, let me tell you plainly what is the reason. You have no sense of debt to him.

~J. C. Ryle

Tomorrow is the devil's day, but today is God's. Satan does not care how spiritual your intentions are, or how holy your resolutions, if only they are determined to be done tomorrow.

~J. C. Ryle

The true Christian delights to read the Scriptures, because they tell him about his beloved Savior.

~J. C. Ryle

The first step towards attaining a higher standard of holiness is to realize more fully the amazing sinfulness of sin.

~J. C. Ryle

The eye of God! Think of that. Everywhere, in every house, in every field, in every room, in every company, alone or in a crowd, the eye of God is always upon you.

~J. C. Ryle

Better to confess Christ 1000 times now and be despised by men, than be disowned by Christ before God on the day of Judgment.

~J. C. Ryle

Nothing is so offensive to Christ as lukewarmness in religion.

~J. C. Ryle

Your trials, crosses, and conflicts are all temporary.

~J. C. Ryle

Go to the cross of Christ, all you that want to be delivered from the power of selfishness.

~J. C. Ryle

What would you expect? Sin will not come to you saying, 'I am sin.' It would do little harm if it did. Sin always seems 'good, pleasant and desirable' at the time of arrival.

~J. C. Ryle

To be prayerless is to be without God, without Christ, without grace, without hope, and without heaven.

~J. C. Ryle

Praying and sinning will never live together in the same heart. Prayer will consume sin, or sin will choke prayer.

~J. C. Ryle

Let us be very careful that we never exalt any minister, or sermon, or book, or friend above the Word of God.

~J. C. Ryle

Faith in the Lord Jesus is the only sure medicine for troubled hearts.

~J. C. Ryle

Fear not because your prayer is stammering, your words feeble, and your language poor. Jesus can understand you.

~J. C. Ryle

We should no more tolerate false doctrine than we would tolerate sin.

~J. C. Ryle

The Gospel was not meant merely to reside in our intellect, memories, and tongues, but to be seen in our lives.

~J. C. Ryle

Look not to yourselves! You are by nature wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. Look simply unto Jesus.

~J. C. Ryle

Take away the cross of Christ, and the Bible is a dark book.

~J. C. Ryle

However corrupt our hearts, and however wicked our past lives, there is hope for us in the Gospel.

~J. C. Ryle

Laughter, ridicule, opposition, persecution, are often the only reward which Christ's followers get from the world.

~J. C. Ryle

Sin forsaken is one of the best evidences of sin forgiven.

~J. C. Ryle

Men fall in private long before they fall in public.

~J. C. Ryle

Never let us be guilty of sacrificing any portion of truth on the altar of peace.

~J. C. Ryle

Live as if you thought that Christ might come at any time.

~J. C. Ryle

A crucified Savior will never be content to have a self-pleasing, self-indulging, worldly-minded people.

~J. C. Ryle

Look to the cross, think of the cross, meditate on the cross, and then go and set your affections on the world if you can.

~J. C. Ryle

Let us beware of repentance without evidence.

~J. C. Ryle

In justification the word to be addressed to man is believe - only believe; in sanctification the word must be 'watch, pray, and fight.'

~J. C. Ryle

People are backsliders on their knees long before they backslide openly in the eyes of the world.

~J. C. Ryle

The very sermon that we needlessly miss, may contain a precious word in season for our souls.

~J. C. Ryle

God is far more willing to save sinners than sinners are to be saved.

~J. C. Ryle

Beware of self-righteousness in every possible shape and form. Some people get as much harm from their "virtues" as others do from their sins.

~J. C. Ryle

The love of our Lord Jesus Christ towards sinners is strikingly shown in His steady purpose of heart to die for them.

~J. C. Ryle

Let us strive, every year we live, to become more deeply acquainted with Scripture.

~J. C. Ryle

Unity without the gospel is a worthless unity; it is the very unity of hell.

~J. C. Ryle

Prayer needs neither learning, wisdom or book knowledge to begin it. It needs nothing but heart and will.

~J. C. Ryle

The chief end for which He lived and died was to provide eternal redemption for mankind.

~J. C. Ryle

The Word of God is ROCK. All else is sand.

~J. C. Ryle

A trial is an instrument by which our Father in heaven makes Christians more holy.

~J. C. Ryle

If I never spoke of hell, I should think I had kept back something that was profitable, and should look on myself as an accomplice of the devil.

~J. C. Ryle

What is the cause of most backslidings? I believe, as a general rule,

one of the chief causes is neglect of private prayer.

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No salvation without regeneration - no spiritual life without a new birth - no heaven without a new heart.

~J. C. Ryle

No one ever reached heaven without repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

~J. C. Ryle

There are eternal consequences resulting from all our thoughts, words and actions, of which we take far too little account.

~J. C. Ryle

The world's idea of greatness is to rule, but Christian greatness consists in serving.

~J. C. Ryle

What is the best safeguard against false doctrine? The Bible regularly read, regularly prayed over, regularly studied.

~J. C. Ryle

Let us watch against PRIDE in every shape - pride of intellect, pride of wealth, pride in our own goodness.

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