

# Johannes Tauler

## Quotes

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Every one should find some suitable time, day or night, to sink into his depths, each according to his own fashion. Not every one is able to engage in contemplative prayer.

~Johannes Tauler

As a good wine must be kept in a good cask, so a wholesome body is the proper foundation for a well-appointed inner ground.

~Johannes Tauler

A good meditation, even when it is interrupted by occasional nodding, is much more beneficial than many outward religious exercises.

~Johannes Tauler

In prayerful silence you must look into your own heart. No one can tell you better than yourself what comes between you and God. Ask yourself. Then listen!

~Johannes Tauler

Because in the school of the Spirit man learns wisdom through humility, knowledge by forgetting, how to speak by silence, how to live by dying.

~Johannes Tauler

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The gracious, eternal God permits the spirit to green and bloom and to bring forth the most marvelous fruit, surpassing anything a tongue can express and a heart conceive.

~Johannes Tauler

Give yourself entirely to God, enter and hide in the hidden ground of your soul.

~Johannes Tauler

God does not lead all His servants by one road, nor in one way, nor at one time; for God is in all things; and that man is not serving God aright, who can only serve Him in his own self-chosen way.

~Johannes Tauler

In the kingdom of heaven it is His work that will be crowned, not yours. Anything in you that He has not wrought Himself will count for nothing.

~Johannes Tauler

Everything depends on this: a fathomless sinking into a fathomless nothingness.

~Johannes Tauler

Judge yourself; if you sincerely and humbly do that, you will not be judged by God.

~Johannes Tauler

He who desires to become a spiritual man must not be ever taking note of others, and above all of their sins, lest he fall into wrath and bitterness, and a judging spirit towards his neighbours.

~Johannes Tauler

If ye keep watch over your hearts, and listen for the Voice of God and learn of Him, in one short hour ye can learn more from Him than ye could learn from Man in a thousand years.

~Johannes Tauler

God in His wisdom has decided that He will reward no works but His own.

~Johannes Tauler

God touches and moves, warns and desires all equally, and He wants one quite as much as another. The inequality lies in the way in which His touch, His warnings, and His gifts are received.

~Johannes Tauler

Never believe that true prayer consists in mere babbling, reciting so many psalms and vigils, saying your beads while you allow your thoughts to roam.

~Johannes Tauler

Let God and all his creation teach you what your sins are.

~Johannes Tauler

To discern what weaknesses and faults separate you from God, you must enter into your own inward ground and then confront yourself.

~Johannes Tauler

Judge yourself; if you do that you will not be judged by God, as St. Paul says. But it must be a real sense of your own sinfulness, not an artificial humility.

~Johannes Tauler

Rid yourself of anything that is not directed toward God.

~Johannes Tauler

If you fall seventy times a day, rise seventy times and return to God so that you will not fall too often.

~Johannes Tauler

You don't have to leave the world to be holy and grow closer to the Holy One.

~Johannes Tauler

If we really want to achieve true prayer, we must turn our backs upon everything temporal, everything external, everything that is not divine.

~Johannes Tauler

What matters most is a good and ready will to obey God.

~Johannes Tauler

Man must do his part and detach himself from created things.

~Johannes Tauler

I never mingled with men, but I came home less of a man than I went out.

~Johannes Tauler

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