

John Climacus

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Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honour your patience.

~John Climacus

Humility is the only virtue that no devil can imitate. If pride made demons out of angels, there is no doubt that humility could make angels out of demons.

~John Climacus

An angel fell from Heaven without any other passion except pride, and so we may ask whether it is possible to ascend to Heaven by humility alone, without any other of the virtues.

~John Climacus

Humility is constant forgetfulness of one's achievements.

~John Climacus

Repentance lifts a man up. Mourning knocks at heaven's gate. Holy humility opens it.

~John Climacus

Obedience is the burial of the will and the resurrection of humility.

~John Climacus

The lover of silence draws close to God. He talks to Him in secret and God enlightens him.

~John Climacus

When a man has found the Lord, he no longer has to use words when he is praying, for the Spirit Himself will intercede for him with groans that cannot be uttered.

~John Climacus

A servant of the Lord stands bodily before men, but mentally he is knocking at the gates of heaven with prayer.

~John Climacus

Confession is like a bridle that keeps the soul which reflects on it from committing sin, but anything left unconfessed we continue to do without fear as if in the dark.

~John Climacus

Humility is the only thing that no devil can imitate.

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The offspring of virtue is perseverance. The fruit and offspring of perseverance is habit and child of habit is character.

~John Climacus

Those who submit to the Lord with simple heart will run the good race. If they keep their minds on a leash, they will not draw the wickedness of the demons onto themselves.

~John Climacus

Fight to escape from your own cleverness. If you do, then you will find salvation and uprightness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~John Climacus

As long as anger lives, it continues to be the fruitful parent of many unhappy children.

~John Climacus

The friend of silence comes close to God. In secret he converses with him and receives his light.

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Just as the winds whip up the sea, so does anger stir confusion in the mind.

~John Climacus

Often the Lord heals vainglory by dishonor.

~John Climacus

I know a man who, when he saw a woman of striking beauty, praised the Creator for her. The sight of her lit within him the love of God.

~John Climacus

Do not make judgments, and you will travel no quicker road to the forgiveness of your sins. 'Judge not, so that you may not be judged' (Lk. 6:37).

~John Climacus

Pride is the utter poverty of soul disguised as riches, imaginary light where in fact there is darkness.

~John Climacus

It is not the self-critical who reveals his humility (for does not everyone have some how to put up with himself?). Rather, it is the man who continues to love the person who has criticized him.

~John Climacus

Simplicity is an enduring habit within a soul that has grown impervious to evil thoughts.

~John Climacus

Someone who is elated with wine speaks the truth on all subjects, even without meaning to. In the same way, anyone who is inebriated with the spirit of penitence will never be able to tell lies.

~John Climacus

He does not show humility who accuses himself (for who will not accept rebukes from himself?), but he who, being rebuked by another, does not decrease his love toward him.

~John Climacus

The slave of the belly ponders the menu with which to celebrate the feast. The servant of God, however, thinks of the graces that may enrich him.

~John Climacus

We know the utility of prayer from the efforts of the wicked spirits to distract us during the divine office; and we experience the fruit of prayer in the defeat of our enemies.

~John Climacus

The man who pets a lion may tame it, but the man who coddles the body makes it ravenous.

~John Climacus

When people begin to praise us, let us hurry to remember the multitude of our transgressions, and we will see that we are truly unworthy of that which they say and do in our honor.

~John Climacus

A proud monk needs no demon. He has turned into one, an enemy to himself.

~John Climacus

When you hear that your neighbor or friend has reproached you in your absence or presence, then show love and praise him.

~John Climacus

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven.

~John Climacus

I would not consider my spirituality worthwhile that wants to walk in sweetness and ease and run from the imitation of Christ.

~John Climacus

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