

John Ortberg

Quotes

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Choices*

Peace doesn't come from finding a lake with no storms. It comes from having Jesus in the boat.

~John Ortberg

The most important task of your life is not what you do, but who you become.

~John Ortberg

If you want to do the work of God, pay attention to people. Notice them. Especially the people nobody else notices.

~John Ortberg

Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time, and time is the one thing hurried people don't have.

~John Ortberg

What repeatedly enters your mind and occupies your mind, eventually shapes your mind, and will ultimately express itself in what you do and who you become.

~John Ortberg

Wise people build their lives around what is eternal and squeeze in what is temporary. Not the other way around.

~John Ortberg

The decision to grow always involves a choice between risk and comfort. This means that to be a follower of Jesus, you must renounce comfort as the ultimate value of your life.

~John Ortberg

Never try to have more faith - just get to know God better. And because God is faithful, the better you know Him, the more you'll trust Him.

~John Ortberg

I hate how hard spiritual transformation is and how long it takes. I hate thinking about how many people have gone to church for decades and remain joyless or judgmental or bitter or superior.

~John Ortberg

When we live in the love of God, we begin to pay attention to people the way God pays attention to us.

~John Ortberg

Today, see each problem as an invitation to prayer.

~John Ortberg

Peace does not lie in getting God to give me other circumstances. Peace lies in finding God in these circumstances.

~John Ortberg

It's better to have the faith to embrace reality with all its pain than to cling to the false comfort of a painless fantasy.

~John Ortberg

Imagine watching all that God might have done with your life if you had let him.

~John Ortberg

Failure does not shape you; the way you respond to failure shapes you.

~John Ortberg

Who you become while you're waiting is as important as what you're waiting for.

~John Ortberg

Jesus ... associated with the outcasts; he spoke with them, touched them, ate with them, loved them.

~John Ortberg

The most frequent promise in the Bible is "I will be with you."

~John Ortberg

Leadership is the art of disappointing people at a rate they can stand.

~John Ortberg

Genuine brokenness pleases God more than pretend spirituality.

~John Ortberg

Every day you and I walk through God's shop. Every day we brush up against objects of incalculable worth to Him. People. Every one of them carries a price tag, if only we could see it.

~John Ortberg

Gratitude is the ability to experience life as a gift. It liberates us from the prison of self-preoccupation.

~John Ortberg

Jesus is mysterious not just because of what we don't know about him, but because of what we do know about him.

~John Ortberg

Biblically, waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want. Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be.

~John Ortberg

If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat.

~John Ortberg

Acceptance is an act of the heart. To accept someone is to affirm to them that you think it's a very good thing they are alive.

~John Ortberg

We tend to be preoccupied by our problems when we have a heightened sense of vulnerability and a diminished sense of power. Today, see each problem as an invitation to prayer.

~John Ortberg

One of the hardest things in the world is to stop being the prodigal son without turning into the elder brother.

~John Ortberg

The greatest moment of your life is now. This moment is God's irreplaceable gift to you.

~John Ortberg

We'd like to be humble...but what if no one notices?

~John Ortberg

The test of love is that it gives even when there is no expectation of a return.

~John Ortberg

Habits eat good intentions for breakfast.

~John Ortberg

Having faith does not mean never having doubts or questions. It does mean remaining obedient.

~John Ortberg

The main measure of your devotion to God is not your devotional life. It is simply your life.

~John Ortberg

Make your life about something bigger than your life.

~John Ortberg

True repentance never leads to despair. Its leads home. It leads to grace.

~John Ortberg

Grace is the offer of God's ceaseless presence and irrational love that cannot be stopped.

~John Ortberg

God wishes to be seen, wishes to be sought, wishes to be expected, and wishes to be trusted.

~John Ortberg

The problem with spending your life climbing up the ladder is that you will go right past Jesus, for he's coming down.

~John Ortberg

For the soul to be well, it needs to be with God.

~John Ortberg

We are tempted to live under the illusion that somewhere out there are people who are normal.

~John Ortberg

Prayer allows us to wait without worry.

~John Ortberg

As long as we have unsolved problems, unfulfilled desires, and a mustard seed of faith, we have all we need for a vibrant prayer life.

~John Ortberg

For many of us the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that

we will settle for a mediocre version of it.

~John Ortberg

We are too often double espresso followers of a decaf Sovereign.

~John Ortberg

Every human being who has ever lived has suffered from a messiah complex-except one.

~John Ortberg

Prudence is not hesitation, procrastination, or moderation. It is not driving in the middle of the road. It is not the way of ambivalence, indecision, or safety.

~John Ortberg

The ministry of bearing with one another is learning to hear God speak through difficult people.

~John Ortberg

To love someone is to desire and work toward their becoming the best version of themselves. The one person in all the universe who can do this perfectly for you is God.

~John Ortberg

Too often we argue about Christianity instead of marveling at Jesus.

~John Ortberg

There is no way for a human being to come to God that does not involve surrender.

~John Ortberg

The good news as Jesus preached it is not just about the minimal entrance requirements for getting into heaven when you die. It is about the glorious redemption of human life-your life.

~John Ortberg

We must assess our thoughts and beliefs and reckon whether they are moving us closer to conformity to Christ or farther away from it.

~John Ortberg

Joylessness may be the sin most readily tolerated by the church.

~John Ortberg

Solitude is the one place where we can gain freedom from the forces of society that will otherwise relentlessly mold us. Solitude requires relentless perseverance.

~John Ortberg

Over time, grit is what separates fruitful lives from aimlessness.

~John Ortberg

Willpower is trying very hard not to do something you want to do very much.

~John Ortberg

Sloth is the failure to do what needs to be done when it needs to be done - like the kamikaze pilot who flew seventeen missions.

~John Ortberg

God is not interested in our spiritual life. He's interested in our life.

~John Ortberg

The goal is not for us to get through the Scriptures. The goal is to get the Scriptures through us.

~John Ortberg

The Bible does not say you are God's appliance; it says you are his masterpiece. Appliances get mass-produced.

~John Ortberg

What matters is not the accomplishments you achieve; what matters is the person you become.

~John Ortberg

Disciplined people can do the right thing at the right time in the right way for the right reason.

~John Ortberg

Going in faith does not necessarily mean going with serenity or without doubts. Faith can be difficult.

~John Ortberg

Hurry is not just a disordered schedule. Hurry is a disordered heart.

~John Ortberg

You must arrange your days so that you are experiencing deep contentment, joy and confidence in your everyday life with God.

~John Ortberg

The possibility of transformation is the essence of hope.

~John Ortberg

Self-improvement is no more God's plan than self-salvation.

~John Ortberg

God is so immense that if he were 'too visible,' people would give forced compliance without expressing their heart. So God made it possible, in enormous love, for us to live as if he were not there.

~John Ortberg

When preaching is done right, it can change lives. When it's done badly, my failure goes beyond the merely human.

~John Ortberg

The church is in the hope business.

~John Ortberg

If I have the courage to acknowledge my limits and embrace them, I can experience enormous freedom. If I lack this courage, I will be imprisoned by them.

~John Ortberg

Skepticism can keep us from blessing, can keep us trapped in two minds.

~John Ortberg

It only makes sense to ask God for guidance in the context of a life committed to "seeking first the kingdom."

~John Ortberg

God is a God of endless opportunities to do good; the God of the open door.

~John Ortberg

One of the great illusions of our time is that hurrying will buy us more time.

~John Ortberg

Your world could grow infinitely bigger if you were only willing to become...appropriately small.

~John Ortberg

To become truly free, you must surrender.

~John Ortberg

True love is willing to warn, reprove, confront or admonish when

necessary.

~John Ortberg

It may be a very bad thing that I needed God to die for me, but it is a wonderful thing that God thinks I am worth dying for.

~John Ortberg

At the heart of Christian faith is the story of Jesus death and resurrection.

~John Ortberg

Both hope and pessimism are deeply contagious. And no one is more infectious than a leader.

~John Ortberg

The primary goal of spiritual life is human transformation.

~John Ortberg

One of the most painful aspects of suffering is the loneliness of it. Others may offer support or empathy, but no one can walk the road to Moriah in our place.

~John Ortberg

The greatest bloodbaths in the history of the human race were recorded in the twentieth century in countries that sought to eliminate God, worship, and faith.

~John Ortberg

If we are serious about loving God, we must begin with people, all people. And especially we must learn to love those that the world generally discards.

~John Ortberg

Over and over in the Bible, it is fear that threatens to keep people from

trusting and obeying God.

~John Ortberg

Ever console or scold people hurt in human relationships that satisfaction comes from God alone? Stop. Adam's fellowship with God was perfect, and God Himself declared Adam needed other humans.

~John Ortberg

The only cure from sin is by maintaining a vision of God.

~John Ortberg

Significance is about who we are before it is about what we do.

~John Ortberg

Failure is not an event, but rather a judgment about an event. Failure is not something that happens to us or a label we attach to things. It is a way we think about outcomes.

~John Ortberg

sometimes we do not realize how much we have to be grateful for until it is threatened.

~John Ortberg

You have a "turn" every time you have an opportunity to choose. But most of us only see a tiny fraction of the choices we have.

~John Ortberg

Jesus gave the world its most influential movement.

~John Ortberg

The Holy Spirit says: You are it. You are God's plan. In a thirsty world, people need to be refreshed. It is a broken world, and people need to be healed. Now get out there and do it!

~John Ortberg

Greatness is never achieved through indecision.

~John Ortberg

Jesus changed how the world thinks about science, medicine, human rights, education & more.

~John Ortberg

Waiting on the Lord is a confident, disciplined, expectant, active, sometimes painful clinging to God.

~John Ortberg

There is a world of difference between being friendly to someone because they're useful to you and being someone's friend.

~John Ortberg

We who preach have one tool. We are people of the book.

~John Ortberg

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