

# John Piper Quotes

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Prayer, Believe, World, Christ, Worship, Way, Thinking, Doe, Son, Children*

One of the great uses of Twitter and Facebook will be to prove at the Last Day that prayerlessness was not from lack of time.

~John Piper

In EVERY situation and EVERY circumstance of your life, God is always doing a thousand different things that you cannot see and you do not know.

~John Piper

Grace is not simply leniency when we have sinned. Grace is the enabling gift of God not to sin. Grace is power, not just pardon.

~John Piper

Sin is what you do when your heart is not satisfied with God.

~John Piper

Life is too short, too precious, too painful to waste on worldly bubbles that burst

~John Piper

The Gospel is not how people get to heaven. The Gospel is how people get to God.

~John Piper

If God's love for his children is to be measured by our health, wealth, and comfort in this life, God hated the apostle Paul.

~John Piper

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.

~John Piper

The deepest and most enduring happiness is found only in God. Not from God, but in God.

~John Piper

Our deeds are not the basis of our salvation, they are the evidence of our salvation. They are not foundation, they are demonstration.

~John Piper

The deepest longing of the human heart is to know and enjoy the glory of God. We were made for this.

~John Piper

It is about the greatness of God, not the significance of man. God made man small and the universe big to say something about himself.

~John Piper

Grace is power, not just pardon.

~John Piper

Grace is the pleasure of God to magnify the worth of God by giving sinners the right and power to delight in God without obscuring the glory of God.

~John Piper

The strength of patience hangs on our capacity to believe that God is up to something good for us in all our delays and detours.

~John Piper

The Bible is the ultimate authority and infallible, not the pastor and not the elders. And it doesn't mean that you believe everything he says without examining it.

~John Piper

If you live gladly to make others glad in God, your life will be hard, your risks will be high, and your joy will be full.

~John Piper

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions

exists because worship doesn't.

~John Piper

If you alter or obscure the Biblical portrait of God in order to attract converts, you don't get converts to God, you get converts to an illusion. This is not evangelism, but deception.

~John Piper

The wisdom of God devised a way for the love of God to deliver sinners from the wrath of God while not compromising the righteousness of God.

~John Piper

God has ordained that our preaching become deeper and more winsome as we are broken, humbled, and made low and desperately dependent on grace by the trials of our lives.

~John Piper

God seldom calls us for an easier life, but always calls us to know more of him and drink more deeply of His sustaining grace.

~John Piper

Do we eagerly long for the coming of Christ? Or do we want him to wait while our love affair with the world runs its course? That is the question that tests the authenticity of faith.

~John Piper

People don't enjoy salt. They enjoy what is salted. We are the salt of the earth. We do not exist for ourselves.

~John Piper

The highest mental health is not liking myself but being joyfully interested in everything but myself.

~John Piper

It is better to lose your life than to waste it.

~John Piper

Giving in a regular, disciplined, generous way-up to and beyond the tithe-is simply good sense in view of the promises of God.

~John Piper

Do not be more devoted to your own brain than you are to the Bible.

~John Piper

We weren't meant to be somebody--we were meant to know Somebody

~John Piper

Our obedience is God's pleasure when it proves that God is our treasure.

~John Piper

May we catch enough of a vision of Christ that we will not be satisfied unless we know him more fully.

~John Piper

God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them.

~John Piper

You get one pass at life. That's all. Only one. And the lasting measure of that life is Jesus Christ.

~John Piper

When you see Jesus as your Treasure, the Spirit has blown through your heart.

~John Piper

You never outgrow your need to preach to yourself the gospel.

~John Piper

Your mind was made to know and love God.

~John Piper

Prosperity cannot be a proof of God's favor, since it is what the devil promises to those who worship him. (Matt. 4:9)

~John Piper

This is the centre of the gospel - this is what the Garden of Gethsemane and Good Friday are all about - that God has done astonishing and costly things to draw us near.

~John Piper

Christmas: the Son of God expressing the love of God to save us from the wrath of God so we could enjoy the presence of God.

~John Piper

Don't follow a defeated foe. Follow Christ. It is costly. You will be an exile in this age. But you will be free.

~John Piper

There is hope in forgiveness

~John Piper

We make a god out of whatever we find most joy in. So find your joy in God and be done with all idolatry.

~John Piper

Prayer causes things to happen that wouldn't happen if you didn't pray.

~John Piper

Why Christians do what they do is just as important as what they do.

Bad motives ruin good acts.

~John Piper

O, God of wonder, enlarge my capacity to be amazed at what is amazing, and end my attraction to the insignificant.

~John Piper

Life is precarious, and life is precious. Don't presume you will have it tomorrow, and don't waste it today.

~John Piper

God is at work in the worst of times. He is at work doing a thousand things no one can see but him.

~John Piper

Do all things without grumbling. Why? You have a sovereign God who is on your side, who works everything together for your good.

~John Piper

One of the great enemies of hope is forgetting God's promises.

~John Piper

The more of God's Word you know and love, the more of God's Spirit you will experience.

~John Piper

All heroes are shadows of Christ

~John Piper

There are only three kinds of Christians when it comes to world missions: zealous goers, zealous senders, and disobedient.

~John Piper

The evil and suffering in this world are greater than any of us can

comprehend. But evil and suffering are not ultimate. God is. Satan, the great lover of evil and suffering, is not sovereign. God is.

~John Piper

The most dangerous thing in the world is the sin of self-reliance and the stupor of worldliness.

~John Piper

Great waves, and blaze with fire like them. In beauty, but do not condemn, The seamen who embark and fail, But only those who will not sail.

~John Piper

Bitterness about your parents' brokenness will kill you. Be the grace-filled end of generational sin in your family.

~John Piper

It has to do with seeing God. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

~John Piper

The key that unlocks the treasure chest of God's peace is faith in the promises of God.

~John Piper

To be a Christian is to move toward need, not comfort.

~John Piper

Every criticism or slight against you, warranted or not, received or endured humbly, is written in heaven for your reward.

~John Piper

Faith begins with a backward look at the cross, but it lives with a forward look at the promises



~John Piper

Blind people don't decide to see. Jesus says, 'See!' and they see.

~John Piper

God without Christ is no God.

~John Piper

I don't know how people pray who don't believe in the sovereignty of God to do the impossible. Because all the things I want to happen are impossible. If they're possible I'll do them.

~John Piper

Reading is more important to me than eating.

~John Piper

Without the renewed mind, we will distort the Scriptures to avoid their radical commands for self-denial, and love, and purity, and supreme satisfaction in Christ alone.

~John Piper

Desire that your life count for something great! Long for your life to have eternal significance. Want this! Don't coast through life without a passion.

~John Piper

We cannot know what prayer is for until we know that life is war.

~John Piper

Lives of faith are the great mirror of the dependability of God.

~John Piper

Books don't change people; paragraphs do, Sometimes even sentences.

~John Piper

God is not a killjoy; he just opposes what kills joy.

~John Piper

Servanthood does not nullify leadership; it defines it. Jesus does not cease to be the Lion of Judah when He becomes the lamblike servant of the church.

~John Piper

Treasuring life above Christ is a tragedy.

~John Piper

It is not surprising that prayer malfunctions when we try to make it a domestic intercom to call upstairs for more comforts in the den.

~John Piper

The bloodline of Jesus is thicker, deeper, stronger than the bloodline of race, ethnicity and family.

~John Piper

Christian fasting, at its root, is the hunger of a homesickness for God

~John Piper

heaven is a place of unparalleled and indescribable joy

~John Piper

Don't marry so you can stop pursuing women. Marry so you can perfect the pursuit of ONE woman for a lifetime.

~John Piper

Does Christ get a good reputation because of the way we live? Is the excellence of Christ displayed in our lives? That should matter to us, not whether we ourselves are praised.

~John Piper

Redemption is not perfection. The redeemed must realize their imperfections.

~John Piper

It is a fight from start to finish to be happy in God.

~John Piper

Don't ever think that the sin of your past means there is no hope for your future.

~John Piper

Love is the overflow of joy in God that meets the needs of others.

~John Piper

If you are sufficient for your task, it's too small.

~John Piper

Do you feel loved by God because you believe he makes much of you, or because you believe he frees you and empowers you to enjoy making much of him?

~John Piper

Headship is the divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christlike, servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.

~John Piper

Maintaining joy in God takes 'work'; that is, it's a fight against every impulse for alien joys and every obstacle in the way to seeing and savoring Christ.

~John Piper

What defines us as Christians is not most profoundly that we have come to know him but that he took note of us and made us his own.

~John Piper

Death is like my car. It takes me where I want to go.

~John Piper

Prayer as a relationship is probably your best indicator about the health of your love relationship with God. If your prayer life has been slack, your love relationship has grown cold.

~John Piper

Don't be surprised. There is nothing new under the sun. Only endless repackagings

~John Piper

The greatest act of freeing happened when Jesus died in our place and paid our debt.

~John Piper

Marriage. The roots are deep. The covenant is solid. The love is sweet. Life is hard. And God is good.

~John Piper

Lavish giving and open homes are close to the center of life in Christ.

~John Piper

Anger devours almost all other good emotions. It deadens the soul. It numbs the heart to joy and gratitude and hope and tenderness and compassion and kindness.

~John Piper

I know of no other way to triumph over sin long-term than to gain a distaste for it because of a superior satisfaction in God.

~John Piper

Where passion for God is weak, zeal for missions will be weak.

~John Piper

To love God passionately is to love truth passionately.

~John Piper

Waiting for the Lord in a season of darkness should not be a time of inactivity. We should do what we can do. And doing is often God's appointed remedy for despair.

~John Piper

God tests His people through hardship.

~John Piper

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