

John Stott Quotes

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We should not ask, 'What is wrong with the world?' for that diagnosis has already been given. Rather we should ask, 'What has happened to salt and light?'

~John Stott

A Christian should resemble a fruit tree with real fruit, not a Christmas tree with decorations tied on

~John Stott

We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior.

~John Stott

The purpose of prayer is emphatically not to bend God's will to ours, but rather to align our will to his.

~John Stott

Our love grows soft if it is not strengthened by truth, and our truth grows hard if it is not softened by love.

~John Stott

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.

~John Stott

What we need is not more learning, not more eloquence, not more persuasion, not more organization, but more power from the Holy Spirit.

~John Stott

Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us.

~John Stott

We are sent into the world, like Jesus, to serve. For this is the natural expression of our love for our neighbors. We love. We go. We serve.

~John Stott

The Christian's chief occupational hazards are depression and discouragement.

~John Stott

Sin and the child of God are incompatible. They may occasionally meet; they cannot live together in harmony

~John Stott

Christians who neglect the Bible simply do not mature.

~John Stott

A man who loves his wife will love her letters and her photographs because they speak to him of her. So if we love the Lord Jesus, we shall love the Bible because it speaks to us of him.

~John Stott

The Spirit of God leads the people of God to submit to the Word of God.

~John Stott

Grace is God loving, God stooping, God coming to the rescue, God giving himself generously in and through Jesus Christ.

~John Stott

It is there, at the foot of the cross, that we shrink to our true size.

~John Stott

Every Christian should be both conservative and radical; conservative in preserving the faith and radical in applying it.

~John Stott

Here's how to determine God's will for your life: Go wherever your gifts will be exploited the most.

~John Stott

Prayer is not a convenient device for imposing our will upon God, or bending his will to ours, but the prescribed way of subordinating our will to his.

~John Stott

The chief reason people do not know God is not because He hides from them but because they hide from Him.

~John Stott

In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?

~John Stott

We do not need to wait for the Holy Spirit to come: he came on the day of Pentecost. He has never left the church.

~John Stott

No man preaches his sermon well to others if he does not first preach it to his own heart.

~John Stott

Our Christian life began not with our decision to follow Christ but with God's call to us to do so.

~John Stott

It is no exaggeration to say that without Scripture a Christian life is impossible.

~John Stott

God does not love us because Christ died for us; Christ died for us

because God loved us.

~John Stott

Greatness in the kingdom of God is measured in terms of obedience.

~John Stott

Grace is love that cares and stoops and rescues.

~John Stott

I have sometimes called this 'double listening'. Listening to the voice of God in Scripture, and listening to the voices of the modern world, with all their cries of anger, pain and despair.

~John Stott

The concept of substitution lies at the heart of both sin and salvation. For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man.

~John Stott

At every step of our Christian development and in every sphere of our Christian discipleship, pride is the greatest enemy and humility our greatest friend.

~John Stott

Nothing is more important for mature Christian discipleship than a fresh, clear, true vision of the authentic Jesus.

~John Stott

Truth without love is too hard; love without truth is too soft.

~John Stott

All worship is an intelligent and loving response to the revelation of God, because it is the adoration of His name.

~John Stott

We have the means of evangelizing our country, but they are slumbering in the pews of our churches.

~John Stott

If the first mark of a true and living church is love, the second is suffering. The one is naturally consequent on the other. A willingness to suffer proves the genuineness of love.

~John Stott

Many (Christians) have zeal without knowledge, enthusiasm without enlightenment. In more modern jargon, they are keen but clueless.

~John Stott

We live and die; Christ died and lived!

~John Stott

We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions but excess.

~John Stott

Prayer is the very way God Himself has chosen for us to express our conscious need of Him and our humble dependence on Him.

~John Stott

Instead of inflicting upon us the judgment we deserved, God in Christ endured it in our place.

~John Stott

All of us have inflated views of ourselves, especially in self-righteousness, until we have visited a place called Calvary. It is there, at the foot of the cross, that we shrink to our true size.

~John Stott

Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of

resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed.

~John Stott

The Cross is the blazing fire at which the flame of our love is kindled, but we have to get near enough for its sparks to fall on us.

~John Stott

It is impossible to pray for someone without loving him, and impossible to go on praying for him without discovering that our love for him grows and matures.

~John Stott

The symbol of the religion of Jesus is the cross, not the scales.

~John Stott

The command to judge not is not a requirement to be blind, but rather a plea to be generous. Jesus does not tell us to cease to be men... but to renounce the presumptuous ambition to be God.

~John Stott

Simplicity is the first cousin of contentment.

~John Stott

Saving faith is resting faith, the trust which relies entirely on the Savior.

~John Stott

Nobody can call himself a Christian who does not worship Jesus.

~John Stott

Social responsibility becomes an aspect not of Christian mission only, but also of Christian conversion. It is impossible to be truly converted to God without being thereby converted to our neighbor.

~John Stott

It is a great comfort to know that our judge will be none other than our savior.

~John Stott

The chief occupational hazard of leadership is pride.

~John Stott

The modern world detests authority but worships relevance. Our Christian conviction is that the Bible has both authority and relevance, and that the secret of both is Jesus Christ

~John Stott

The essence of apostasy is changing sides from that of the crucified to that of the crucifier.

~John Stott

The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified.

~John Stott

Christians believe that true worship is the highest and noblest activity of which man, by the grace of God, is capable.

~John Stott

The truth is that there are such things as Christian tears, and too few of us ever weep them.

~John Stott

We need to repent of the haughty way in which we sometimes stand in judgment upon Scripture and must learn to sit humbly under its judgment instead.

~John Stott

Christian giving is to be marked by self-sacrifice and self-forgetfulness, not by self-congratulation.

~John Stott

The gospel is NOT preached if Christ is not preached.

~John Stott

Scripture is the royal scepter by which King Jesus rules his church

~John Stott

His authority on earth allows us to dare to go to all the nations. His authority in heaven gives us our only hope of success. And His presence with us leaves us with no other choice.

~John Stott

The Bible isn't about people trying to discover God, but about God reaching out to find us.

~John Stott

Pride is more than the first of the seven deadly sins; it is itself the essence of all sin.

~John Stott

Faith is a reasoning trust, a trust which reckons thoughtfully and confidently upon the trustworthiness of God.

~John Stott

The cross is not just a badge to identify us...it is also the compass which gives us our bearings in a disoriented world.

~John Stott

Persecution is simply the clash between two irreconcilable value-systems.

~John Stott

The chief reason why the Christian believes in the divine origin of the Bible is that Jesus Christ Himself taught it.

~John Stott

Never use a gallon of words to express a spoonful of thought. Our unadorned word should be enough.

~John Stott

Faith's only function is to receive what grace offers.

~John Stott

No theology is genuinely Christian which does not arise from and focus on the cross.

~John Stott

At the cross in holy love God through Christ paid the full penalty of our disobedience himself.

~John Stott

There is something inherently inappropriate about cherishing small ambitions for God.

~John Stott

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

~John Stott

There is evidence for the deity of Jesus -- good, strong, historical, cumulative evidence; evidence to which an honest person can subscribe without committing intellectual suicide.

~John Stott

Apathy is the acceptance of the unacceptable.

~John Stott

Do not be content with a static Christian life. Determine rather to grow in faith and love, in knowledge and holiness.

~John Stott

The church lies at the very center of the eternal purpose of God. It is not a divine afterthought.

~John Stott

Good conduct arises out of good doctrine.

~John Stott

There is no Christianity without the cross. If the cross is not central to our religion, ours is not the religion of Jesus.

~John Stott

The law requires works of human achievement; the gospel requires faith in Christ's achievement. The law makes demands and bids us obey; the gospel brings promises and bids us believe.

~John Stott

When the Christian loses himself, he finds himself, he discovers his true identity.

~John Stott

Perhaps the transformation of the disciples of Jesus is the greatest evidence of all for the resurrection.

~John Stott

If we love our neighbor we shall without doubt tell him the good news of Jesus. But equally if we truly love our neighbor we shall not stop there.

~John Stott

Moved by the perfection of His holy love, God in Christ substituted Himself for us sinners. That is the heart of the cross of Christ.

~John Stott

Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble themselves to serve.

~John Stott

As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead.

~John Stott

A deaf church is a dead church: that is an unalterable principle.

~John Stott

God has clothed His thoughts in words, and there is no way to know Him except by knowing the Scriptures.

~John Stott

God condemned sin in Christ, so that holiness might appear in us.

~John Stott

Every powerful movement has had its philosophy which has gripped the mind, fired the imagination and captured the devotion of its adherents.

~John Stott

God intends... our care of Creation to reflect our love for the Creator.

~John Stott

The good news is the gospel of God, about Christ, according to Scripture, for the nations, unto the obedience of faith, and for the sake of the Name.

~John Stott

Good works are indispensable to salvation - not as its ground or means, however, but as its consequence and evidence.

~John Stott

I believe that to preach or to expound the scripture is to open up the inspired text with such faithfulness and sensitivity that God's voice is heard and His people obey Him

~John Stott

Mission arises from the heart of God Himself and is communicated from His heart to ours. Mission is the global outreach of the global people of a global God.

~John Stott

We can all be stimulated to greater generosity by the known generosity of others.

~John Stott

A gift is acceptable according to what the giver has, not according to what he has not.

~John Stott

Envy is the reverse side of a coin called vanity - Nobody is ever envious of others who is not first proud of himself.

~John Stott

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