

Leonard Ravenhill

Quotes

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If you want to be popular, preach happiness. If you want to be unpopular, preach holiness.

~Leonard Ravenhill

A man who is intimate with God will never be intimidated by men.

~Leonard Ravenhill

If Jesus had preached the same message that ministers preach today, He would never have been crucified.

~Leonard Ravenhill

There are two kinds of people in the world—only two kinds. Not black or white, rich or poor, but those either dead in sin or dead to sin.

~Leonard Ravenhill

I'd rather have ten people that want God than 10,000 people who want to play church.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Prayer is not an argument with God to persuade him to move things our way, but an exercise by which we are enabled by his Spirit to move ourselves his way.

~Leonard Ravenhill

I've got The Father on my side, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit and 2/3 of the angels. What do you think I'm going to do? Sit down and cry?

~Leonard Ravenhill

The less power a church has, the more entertainment it has.

~Leonard Ravenhill

How can you pull down strongholds of Satan if you don't even have the strength to turn off your TV?

~Leonard Ravenhill

Smart men walked on the moon, daring men walked on the ocean floor, but wise men walk with God.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Jesus did not come into the world to make bad men good. He came into the world to make dead men live!

~Leonard Ravenhill

Entertainment is the devil's substitute for joy. The more joy you have in the Lord the less entertainment you need.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Quit playing, start praying. Quit feasting, start fasting. Talk less with men, talk more with God. Listen less to men, listen to the words of God. Skip travel, start travail.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The church that is man-managed instead of God-governed is doomed to failure. A ministry that is college-trained but not Spirit-filled works no miracles.

~Leonard Ravenhill

There's only one proof of the Holy Ghost in your life and that's a holy life.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The secret of praying is praying in secret. A sinning man will stop praying, and a praying man will stop sinning.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Five minutes after you die you'll know how you should have lived.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The early Church was married to poverty, prisons and persecutions.

Today, the church is married to prosperity, personality, and popularity.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The greatest miracle that God can do today is to take an unholy man out of an unholy world, and make that man holy and put him back into that unholy world and keep him holy in it.

~Leonard Ravenhill

All you have to do is get in a closer walk with God and you'll find your enemies are in your own church.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The world out there is not waiting for a new definition of Christianity; it's waiting for a new demonstration of Christianity.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Prayer is not a preparation for the battle; it is the battle!

~Leonard Ravenhill

Revival is when God gets so sick and tired of being misrepresented that He shows Himself.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The cross is going to judge everything in your life: your eating, your drinking, your sleeping, your spending, your talking. Everything is cross-examined!

~Leonard Ravenhill

Most Christians pray to be blessed. Few pray to be broken.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The Church right now has more fashion than passion, is more pathetic than prophetic, is more superficial than supernatural.

~Leonard Ravenhill

You never have to advertise a fire. Everyone comes running when there's a fire. Likewise, if your church is on fire, you will not have to advertise it. The community will already know it.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Many pastors criticize me for taking the Gospel so seriously. But do they really think that on Judgment Day, Christ will chastise me, saying, 'Leonard, you took Me too seriously'?

~Leonard Ravenhill

Christ has not conquered my affections if He has to compete for my attention.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The tragedy is that we have too many dead men in the pulpits giving out too many dead sermons to too many dead people.

~Leonard Ravenhill

In revival, God is not concerned about filling empty churches, He is concerned about filling empty hearts.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Notice, we never pray for folks we gossip about, and we never gossip about the folk for whom we pray! For prayer is a great deterrent.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Why do we expect to be better treated in this world than Jesus was?

~Leonard Ravenhill

The Sunday morning service shows how popular your church is. The evening services show how popular your pastor is. Your private prayer time shows you how popular God is!

~Leonard Ravenhill

The self-sufficient does not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray, the self-righteous cannot pray. No man is greater than his prayer life.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Maturity comes from obedience, not necessarily from age.

~Leonard Ravenhill

If you're going to be a true Christian, I'll tell you one thing amongst others: it'll be a lonely life. It's a narrow way and it becomes narrower and narrower and narrower.

~Leonard Ravenhill

When there's something in the Bible that churches don't like, they call it 'legalism.'

~Leonard Ravenhill

LORD strengthen me where I am too weak and weaken me where I am too strong!

~Leonard Ravenhill

My main ambition in life is to be on the Devil's most wanted list.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Christians don't tell lies, they just go to church and sing them. How many times have you stood and sang, "Take my life and let it be" when you haven't given Him one ounce?

~Leonard Ravenhill

Thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall save his people from their sins.

~Leonard Ravenhill

A popular evangelist reaches your emotions. A true prophet reaches your conscience.

~Leonard Ravenhill

You know, we live in a day when we are more afraid of holiness than we are of sinfulness.

~Leonard Ravenhill

There are three persons living in each of us: the one we think we are, the one other people think we are, and the one God knows we are!

~Leonard Ravenhill

A man may study because his brain is hungry for knowledge, even Bible knowledge. But he prays because his soul is hungry for God.

~Leonard Ravenhill

There's one thing we need above everything else; it's something we don't talk about these days. We need a mighty avalanche of conviction of sin.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Preaching is not a profession, it's a passion! If a man can't preach with passion he shouldn't preach at all.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The true church lives and moves and has its being in prayer.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The world has lost the power to blush over its vice; the Church has lost her power to weep over it.

~Leonard Ravenhill

If you have the smile of God what does it matter if you have the frown of men?

~Leonard Ravenhill

Tell me what time you spend alone with God... and I'll tell you how spiritual you are.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The Bible definitely is infallible, how else could it survive so many years of bad preaching?

~Leonard Ravenhill

Are the things you are living for worth Christ dying for?

~Leonard Ravenhill

Christ cared enough for sinners to die for them. Do we care enough for sinners to live to reach them?

~Leonard Ravenhill

Holiness is not a luxury, it's a necessity. If you're not holy, you'll never make it to Heaven [Heb. 12:14].

~Leonard Ravenhill

It is much easier to wear a cross than to bear a cross.

~Leonard Ravenhill

John the Baptist never performed any miracles. Yet, he was greater than any of the Old Testament prophets.

~Leonard Ravenhill

How do you learn to pray? Well how do you learn to swim? Do you sit in a chair with your feet up drinking coke learning to swim? You get down and you struggle. That's how you learn to pray.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The secret of praying is praying in secret.

~Leonard Ravenhill

One of the most amazing things Jesus said is that at the judgment seat, preachers are going to say `I cast out devils, and Jesus will say `I never knew you.

~Leonard Ravenhill

You won't become a saint by studying your Bible; you'll become a saint by living it.

~Leonard Ravenhill

God has to work in a man before He can work through a man.

~Leonard Ravenhill

If Jesus came back today, he wouldn't cleanse the temple, he'd cleanse the pulpit.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The more men pray, the less worldly they become. The less they pray, the more worldly they become. I am, of course, speaking of professing Christians at this point.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The only people who want to change the Gospel are those who are unchanged by it.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The world does not believe the Bible and the church does not obey it.

~Leonard Ravenhill

If we had more hell fire preaching in the pulpit then we would have less hell bound people in the pew.

~Leonard Ravenhill

To stand before men on behalf of God is one thing. To stand before God on behalf of men is something entirely different.

~Leonard Ravenhill

What are you going to do when you get to eternity, if you can't stick in an hour with God down here?

~Leonard Ravenhill

The brutal, soul-shaking truth is that we are so earthly minded we are of no heavenly use.

~Leonard Ravenhill

No man is greater than his prayer life.

~Leonard Ravenhill

You can have all of your doctrines rightâ€”yet still not have the presence of God.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Prayer is preoccupation with our needs. Praise is preoccupation with our blessings. Worship is preoccupation with GOD Himself.

~Leonard Ravenhill

The sinner's prayer has sent more people to Hell than all the bars in America.

~Leonard Ravenhill

When you're sitting in a dark room, you can either sit and curse the darknessâ€”or you can light a candle.

~Leonard Ravenhill

You must be much WITH God before you can be much FOR God.

~Leonard Ravenhill

You can't live wrong and pray right.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Nobody stood by Jesus. Maybe nobody will stand by you. It's a lonely life, but it's a glorious life.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Faith that is going to be trusted is going to be tested.

~Leonard Ravenhill

If we displease God, does it matter whom we please? If we please Him, does it matter whom we displease?

~Leonard Ravenhill

If there are a million roads into hell, there's not one road out.

~Leonard Ravenhill

What good does it do to speak in tongues on Sunday if you have been using your tongue during the week to curse and gossip?

~Leonard Ravenhill

America is not dying because of the strength of humanism but the weakness of evangelism.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Jehovah Witnesses don't believe in hell and neither do most Christians

~Leonard Ravenhill

Men give advice; God gives guidance.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Surely revival delays because prayer decays.

~Leonard Ravenhill

My goal is GOD HIMSELF. Not joy, not peace, not even blessing but HIMSELF...my GOD.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Gethsemane is where He died; the cross is only the evidence.

~Leonard Ravenhill

We live in a day of itching ears, but I have no commission from God to scratch them.

~Leonard Ravenhill

There are only two kinds of persons: those dead in sin and those dead to sin.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Easy believeism dishonors the blood and prostitutes the altar. We must alter the altar, for the altar is a place to die on. Let those who will not pay this price leave it alone!

~Leonard Ravenhill

The question isn't were you challenged. The question is were you changed?

~Leonard Ravenhill

The Church used to be a lifeboat rescuing the perishing. Now she is a cruise ship recruiting the promising.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Everyone recognizes that Stephen was Spirit-filled when he was performing wonders. Yet, he was just as Spirit-filled when he was being stoned to death.

~Leonard Ravenhill

Today's church wants to be raptured from responsibility.

~Leonard Ravenhill

I have no faith in my faith. My faith is in the faithful God.

~Leonard Ravenhill

If we had more sleepless nights in prayer, there would be far fewer souls to have a sleepless eternal night in hell.

~Leonard Ravenhill

You can't develop character by reading books. You develop it from conflict.

~Leonard Ravenhill

God asks the best we have Because He gave the Best He had.

~Leonard Ravenhill

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