

Os Guinness Quotes

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I live before the audience of One-before others I have nothing to gain, nothing to lose, nothing to prove.

~Os Guinness

Freedom is not the permission to do what you like. It's the power to do what you ought.

~Os Guinness

Either we conform our desires to the truth or we conform the truth to our desires.

~Os Guinness

Christianity is the only religion whose God bears the scars of evil.

~Os Guinness

Jesus made clear that the Kingdom of God is organic and not organizational. It grows like a seed and it works like leaven: secretly, invisibly, surprisingly, and irresistibly.

~Os Guinness

In our day it's worse to judge evil than to do evil.

~Os Guinness

What is undeniable is that when comforts and convenience sap our energies and idealism, inactivity secretes sloth in to our minds like a poison in the blood.

~Os Guinness

The rewards of freedom are always sweet, but its demands are stern, for at its heart is the paradox that the greatest enemy of freedom is freedom.

~Os Guinness

We are not primarily called to do something or go somewhere; we are

called to Someone.

~Os Guinness

At the supreme moment of his dying Jesus so identified himself with men and the depths of their predicament and agony that no man can now sink so low that God has not gone lower.

~Os Guinness

Too often we forget that the great men of faith reached the heights they did only by going through the depths.

~Os Guinness

Calling is not only a matter of being and doing what we are but also of becoming what we are not yet but are called by God to be.

~Os Guinness

In working out our callings, we are to perform for one audience, the audience of One.

~Os Guinness

In terms of distance, the prodigal's pigsty is the farthest point from home; in terms of time, the pigsty is the shortest distance to the father's house.

~Os Guinness

Evangelicalism can only remain evangelical if it is passionately serious about truth and theology.

~Os Guinness

People in the secular world have too much to live with, too little to live for.

~Os Guinness

The United States is at a turning point because of a decreasing

influence of faith .

~Os Guinness

The opposite of having faith is having self-pity.

~Os Guinness

The problem with Western Christians is not that they aren't where they should be but that they aren't what they should be where they are.

~Os Guinness

Culturally, one of the best arguments we can make is, wait and see.

~Os Guinness

Calling is a 'yes' to God that carries a 'no' to the chaos of modern demands. Calling is the key to tracing the story line of our lives and unriddling the meaning of our existence in a chaotic world.

~Os Guinness

Whereas our grandparents lived as if they had swallowed gyroscopes, we think and act as if we have swallowed Gallup polls.

~Os Guinness

In other words, we are never freer than when we become most ourselves, most human, most just, most excellent, and the like.

~Os Guinness

We betray our modern arrogance and forget the place of mystery in God's dealing with us.

~Os Guinness

We human beings are never happier than when we are expressing the deepest gifts that are truly us.

~Os Guinness

Idolatry is huge in the Bible, dominant in our personal lives, and irrelevant in our mistaken estimations

~Os Guinness

We may at times be unemployed, but no one ever becomes uncalled.

~Os Guinness

We may be in the dark about what God is *doing*, but we are not in the dark about God.

~Os Guinness

Anti-intellectualism is a disposition to discount the importance of truth and the life of the mind.

~Os Guinness

If there is no Caller, there are no callings - only work.

~Os Guinness

Calling means that everyone, everywhere, and in everything fulfills his or her (secondary) callings in response to God's (primary) calling.

~Os Guinness

Everybody is born free. Not everybody is worthy of freedom.

~Os Guinness

Atheism thrives on bad religion.

~Os Guinness

Making the world safe for diversity, is one of the greatest tasks we face in the global era.

~Os Guinness

Christ is the only way to God, but there are as many ways to Christ as there are people who come to Him.

~Os Guinness

God is the ultimate source of all power. All human power is therefore derived, limited, unstable and transient.

~Os Guinness

Followers of Jesus who count the cost and are willing to take up their crosses after him must have broad shoulders.

~Os Guinness

If ours is an examined faith, we should be unafraid to doubt....There is no believing without some doubting, and believing is all the stronger for understanding and resolving doubt.

~Os Guinness

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