

Pope Gregory I Quotes

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The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.

~Pope Gregory I

To do penance is to bewail the evil we have done, and to do no evil to bewail.

~Pope Gregory I

If the work of God could be comprehended by reason, it would no longer be wonderful, and faith would have no merit if reason provided proof.

~Pope Gregory I

We make Idols of our concepts, but Wisdom is born of wonder

~Pope Gregory I

The universe is not rich enough to buy the vote of an honest man.

~Pope Gregory I

Ignorance is a dangerous and spiritual poison, which all men ought warily to shun.

~Pope Gregory I

You don't climb a mountain in leaps and bounds, but by taking it slowly.

~Pope Gregory I

Affliction strengthens the vigor of our soul, whereas happiness weakens it.

~Pope Gregory I

The Bible is a stream of running water, where alike the elephant may swim, and the lamb walk without losing its feet.

~Pope Gregory I

The holy universal Church teaches that it is not possible to worship God truly except in Her and asserts that all who are outside of Her will not be saved.

~Pope Gregory I

You cannot acquire the gift of peace if by your anger you destroy the peace of the Lord.

~Pope Gregory I

Act in such a way that your humility may not be weakness, nor your authority be severity. Justice must be accompanied by humility, that humility may render justice lovable.

~Pope Gregory I

The bliss of the elect in heaven would not be perfect unless they were able to look across the abyss and enjoy the agonies of their brethren in eternal fire.

~Pope Gregory I

The greatness of contemplation can be given to none but those who love.

~Pope Gregory I

As long as the vice of gluttony has a hold on a man, all that he has done valiantly is forfeited by him: and as long as the belly is unrestrained, all virtue comes to naught.

~Pope Gregory I

If the intention is unclean, the deed that follows from it will also be evil, even if it seems good.

~Pope Gregory I

Whoever wishes to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.

~Pope Gregory I

Obedience is the only virtue that plants the other virtues in the heart and preserves them after they have been planted.

~Pope Gregory I

He who is required by the necessity of his position to speak the highest things is compelled by the same necessity to exemplify the highest things.

~Pope Gregory I

The human mind is prone to pride even when not supported by power; how much more, then, does it exalt itself when it has that support?

~Pope Gregory I

Whatsoever one would understand what he hears must hasten to put into practice what he has heard.

~Pope Gregory I

We ascend to the heights of contemplation by the steps of action.

~Pope Gregory I

Because God that is immutable changes what He willed, He is said to repent, although what changes is a thing and not His counsel.

~Pope Gregory I

What do they not see, who see Him Who sees all things?

~Pope Gregory I

I despise the proper constructions and cases, because I think it very unfitting that the words of the celestial oracle should be restricted by the rules of Donatus [a well-known grammarian].

~Pope Gregory I

Because He moves against faults, God is said to be angered, although He is moved by no disturbance of equanimity.

~Pope Gregory I

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