Richard Baxter Quotes

Men, Heart, Christian, World, Thinking, Study, Book, Prayer, Wise, Soul, Children, People, Pain, Doors, Light, May, Grace, Humble, Religious, Blessing This life was not intended to be the place of our perfection, but the preparation for it.

~Richard Baxter

I preached as never sure to preach again, And as a dying man to dying men.

~Richard Baxter

Keep up a humble sense of your own faults, and that will make you compassionate to others

~Richard Baxter

The longer you delay, the more your sin gets strength and rooting. If you cannot bend a twig, how will you be able to bend it when it is a tree?

~Richard Baxter

Suffering so unbolts the door of the heart, that the Word hath easier entrance.

~Richard Baxter

Lay siege to your sins, and starve them out by keeping away the food and fuel which is their maintenance and life.

~Richard Baxter

If they can see you love them, you can say anything to them.

~Richard Baxter

Study hard, for the well is deep, and our brains are shallow.

~Richard Baxter

Christ leads me through no darker rooms than He went through before.

You are not likely to see any general reformation, till you procure family reformation.

~Richard Baxter

Be careful how you spend your time: Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of.

~Richard Baxter

Hell is paved with infants skulls.

~Richard Baxter

The heart is naturally hard, and grows harder by custom in sin, especially by long abuse of mercy, neglect of the means of grace, and resisteing the spirit of grace.

~Richard Baxter

To be the people of God without regeneration, is as impossible as to be the children of men without generation.

~Richard Baxter

Use sin as it will use you; spare it not, for it will not spare you; it is your murderer, and the murderer of the world: use it, therefore, as a murderer should be used. Kill it before it kills you.

~Richard Baxter

Preach to yourselves the sermons which you study, before you preach them to others.

~Richard Baxter

It is a contradiction to be a sanctified man, or a true christian, and not humble.

~Richard Baxter

An aching tooth is better out than in. To lose a rotting member is a

gain. ~Richard Baxter

Keep up your conjugal love in a constant heat and vigor. Love will suppress wrath: you cannot have a bitter mind upon small provocations, against those that you dearly love.

~Richard Baxter

We are ignorant of things necessary, because we learn things superfluous and unnecessary

~Richard Baxter

Tomorrow is always the sluggard's working day; today is his holiday ~Richard Baxter

I have pain; there is no arguing against sense, but I have peace, I have peace.

~Richard Baxter

Prayer is the breath of the new creature.

~Richard Baxter

A man pleaser cannot be true to God, because he is a servant to the enemies of his service; the wind of a man's mouth will drive him about as the chaff, from any duty, and to any sin.

~Richard Baxter

God takes men's hearty desires and will, instead of the deed, where they have not power to fulfill it; but he never took the bare deed instead of the will.

~Richard Baxter

It is not the reading of many books which is necessary to make a man wise or good; but well reading of a few. ~Richard Baxter

Do not mathematics and all sciences seem full of contradictions and impossibilities to the ignorant, which are all resolved and cleared to those that understand them?

~Richard Baxter

Unity in things Necessary, Liberty in things Unnecessary, and Charity in all.

~Richard Baxter

In hell, sinners shall forever lay all the blame on their own wills. Hell is a rational torment by conscience.

~Richard Baxter

Do not waste your time on light, weak, milkÂ-toast ministries and books

~Richard Baxter

Keep company with the more cheerful sort of the Godly; there is no mirth like the mirth of believers.

~Richard Baxter

If family religion were duly attended to and properly discharged, I think the preaching of the Word would not be the common instrument of conversion.

~Richard Baxter

In our first paradise in Eden there was a way to go out but no way to go in again. But as for the heavenly paradise, there is a way to go in, but not way to go out.

~Richard Baxter

Overvalue not therefore the manner of your own worship, and overvilify

not other men's of a different mode.

~Richard Baxter

Screw the truth into men's minds.

~Richard Baxter

Is it but right that our hearts should be on God, when the heart of God is so much on us.

~Richard Baxter

Make careful choice of the books which you read: let the holy Scriptures ever have the preeminence.

~Richard Baxter

Surely love is both work and wages.

~Richard Baxter

While doubt cannot be expelled, it can be subdued.

~Richard Baxter

Paganism attributes the creation of the world to blind chance.

~Richard Baxter

A holy and heavenly life is a continual pain to the consciences of sinners around you and continually solicits them to change their course.

~Richard Baxter

Take heed to yourselves, lest you perish while you call upon others to take heed of perishing, and lest you famish yourselves while you prepare their food.

~Richard Baxter

You may know God, but not comprehend Him.

~Richard Baxter

Prayer must carry on our work as much as preaching; he preacheth not heartily to his people that will not pray for them.

~Richard Baxter

Lord, I surrender. I am completely overcome by your love.

~Richard Baxter

Special mercy arouses more gratitude than universal mercy.

~Richard Baxter

You will cast away your cards and dice when you find the sweetness of youthful learning.

~Richard Baxter

Dangers breed fears, and fears more dangers bring.

~Richard Baxter

To live among such excellent helps as our libraries afford, to have so many silent wise companions whenever we please.

~Richard Baxter

Once more consider, there is nothing, but heaven, worth setting our hearts upon.

~Richard Baxter

Speak to your people as to men that must be awakened, either here or in hell.

~Richard Baxter

Sinners, hear and consider, if you wilfully condemn your souls to bestiality, God will condemn them to perpetual misery.

The devils never had a Savior offered to them, but you have; and do you yet make light of Him?

~Richard Baxter

What we most value, we shall think no pains too great to gain.

~Richard Baxter

When the Son of God comes to rescue us and bring us back to God, He does not find in us the ability to believe.

~Richard Baxter

An ounce of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow.

~Richard Baxter

The churchyard is the market place where all things are rated at their true value, and those who are approaching it talk of the world and its vanities with a wisdom unknown before.

~Richard Baxter

Doth any man live more to himself, or less to God, than the proud? ~Richard Baxter

This is the sanctification of your studies: when they are devoted to God, and when He is the end, the object, and the life of them all.

~Richard Baxter

I take the love of God and self-denial to be the sum of all saving grace and religion.

~Richard Baxter

We must study as hard how to live well as how to preach well.

~Richard Baxter

Sinful zeal doth make men doubly sinful.

~Richard Baxter

It is true, that men may have Christ whenever they are willing to comply with His terms. But if you are not willing now, how can you think you shall be willing hereafter?

~Richard Baxter

I did nothing that I might not have done better.

~Richard Baxter

Our very business is to teach the great lesson of self-denial and humility to our people, and how unfit is it then that we should be proud ourselves!

~Richard Baxter

Death is half disarmed when the pleasures and interests of the flesh are first denied.

~Richard Baxter

A little love has made me willingly study, preach, write, and even suffer.

~Richard Baxter

If life be long, I will be glad, Tthat I may long obey; If short, yet why should I be sad, To soar to endless day?

~Richard Baxter

If you do not see yourselves and all things as living, moving, and having their being in God, you see nothing, whatever you may think you see. ~Richard Baxter

As holy zeal is the fervency of our grace, so sinful zeal is the intention and fervency of sin.

In my library I have profitably and pleasantly dwelt among the shining lights, with which the learned, wise, and holy men of all ages have illuminated the world.

~Richard Baxter

Life is short, and we are dull, and eternal things are necessary, and the souls that depend on our teaching are precious.

~Richard Baxter

Never does sin so reign in the Church or State, as when it has gained reputation,or, at least, is no disgrace to the sinner,nor is a matter od offence to we who behold it.

~Richard Baxter

I must confess, as the experience of my own soul, that the expectation of loving my friends in heaven principally kindles my love to them while on earth.

~Richard Baxter

'Tis hard preaching a stone into tears, or making a rock to tremble. ~Richard Baxter

You shall find this to be God's usual course: not to give his children the taste of his delights till they begin to sweat in seeking after them. ~Richard Baxter

In a divine commonwealth holiness must have the principal honor and encouragement, and a great difference be made between the precious and the vile.

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