

# Richard Cecil Quotes

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The first step towards knowledge is to know that we are ignorant.

~Richard Cecil

Method is the very hinge of business, and there is no method without punctuality.

~Richard Cecil

God's way of answering the Christian's prayer for more patience, experience, hope and love often is to put him into the furnace of affliction.

~Richard Cecil

Example is more forcible than precept. People look at my six days in the week to see what I mean on the seventh.

~Richard Cecil

Every year of my life I grow more convinced that it is wisest and best to fix our attention on the beautiful and the good, and dwell as little as possible on the evil and the false.

~Richard Cecil

All extremes are error. The reverse of error is not truth, but error still. Truth lies between extremes.

~Richard Cecil

Self-will so ardent and active that it will break a world to pieces to make a stool to sit on.

~Richard Cecil

I could write down twenty cases wherein I wished that God had done otherwise than he did, but which I now see, if I had had my own way, would have led to extensive mischief.

~Richard Cecil

Faith makes all evil good to us, and all good better; unbelief makes all good evil, and all evil worse.

~Richard Cecil

Unbelief starves the soul; faith finds food in famine.

~Richard Cecil

Abraham teaches us the right way of conversing with God : "And Abraham fell on his face, and God talked with him." When we plead with Him, our faces should be in the dust.

~Richard Cecil

Faith laughs at the shaking of the spear; unbelief trembles at the shaking of a leaf.

~Richard Cecil

The history of all the great characters of the Bible is summed up in this one sentence: They acquainted themselves with God, and acquiesced His will in all things.

~Richard Cecil

Providence is a greater mystery than revelation.

~Richard Cecil

Wisdom prepares for the worst, but folly leaves the worst for the day when it comes.

~Richard Cecil

The Christian will find his parentheses for prayer even in the busiest hours of life.

~Richard Cecil

The Christian's fellowship with God is rather a habit than a rapture.

~Richard Cecil

Eloquence is vehement simplicity.

~Richard Cecil

It is much easier to settle a point than to act on it.

~Richard Cecil

In the midst of sorrow, faith draws the sting out of every trouble, and takes out the bitterness from every affliction.

~Richard Cecil

Our Heavenly Father always sends His children the things they ask, or better things.

~Richard Cecil

Let family worship be short, savory, simple, plain, tender, heavenly.

~Richard Cecil

Think of the ills from which you are exempt, and it will aid you to bear patiently those which now you may suffer.

~Richard Cecil

Sin, without strong restraints, would pull God from His throne, make the world the minion of its lusts, and all beings bow down and worship.

~Richard Cecil

Every man is an original and solitary character. None can either understand or feel the book of his own life like himself.

~Richard Cecil

If there is any person to whom you feel a dislike, that is the person of whom you ought never to speak.

~Richard Cecil

The world looks at ministers out of the pulpit to know that they mean in

it.

~Richard Cecil

Prayer is faith passing into action.

~Richard Cecil

In viewing the scheme of redemption, I seem like one viewing a vast and complicated machine of exquisite contrivance; what I comprehend of it is wonderful, what I do not, is, perhaps, more so still.

~Richard Cecil

A wise man looks upon men as he does on horses; all their caparisons of title, wealth, and place, he considers but as harness.

~Richard Cecil

The Old and New Testaments contain but one scheme of religion. Neither part of this scheme can be understood without the other.

~Richard Cecil

The spirit and tone of your home will have great influence on your children. If it is what it ought to be, it will fasten conviction on their minds, however wicked they may become.

~Richard Cecil

The nurse of infidelity is sensuality.

~Richard Cecil

There is no such thing as a fixed policy, because policy like all organic entities is always in the making.

~Richard Cecil

The religion of a sinner stands on two pillars; namely, what Christ did for us in the flesh, and what he performs in us by his Spirit. Most errors arise from an attempt to separate these two.

~Richard Cecil

Nothing can be proposed so wild or so absurd as not to find a party, and often a very large party to espouse it.

~Richard Cecil

Regeneration is God's disposing the heart to Himself; conversion is the actual turning of the heart to God.

~Richard Cecil

Religion is such a belief of the Bible as maintains a living influence on the heart.

~Richard Cecil

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