

Saint Basil Quotes

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Grace, Heart, Eye, Kindness, Light, Saint, Love, Abortion, Would Be, Needs*

A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

~Saint Basil

If every man took only what was sufficient for his needs, leaving the rest to those in want, there would be no rich and no poor.

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The hairsplitting difference between formed and unformed makes no difference to us. Whoever deliberately commits abortion is subject to the penalty for homicide.

~Saint Basil

It is not he who begins well who is perfect. It is he who ends well who is approved in God's sight.

~Saint Basil

We need not only read Sacred Scripture, but learn it as well and grow up in it. Realize that nothing is written in Scripture unnecessarily. Not to read Sacred Scripture is a great evil.

~Saint Basil

The human being is an animal who has received the vocation to become God.

~Saint Basil

There is still time for endurance, time for patience, time for healing, time for change. Have you slipped? Rise up. Have you sinned? Cease. Do not stand among sinners, but leap aside.

~Saint Basil

Many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head, and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away the hunger.

~Saint Basil

Every divine action begins from the Father, proceeds through the Son, and is completed in the Holy Spirit.

~Saint Basil

The steam of meat darkens the light of the spirit...One hardly can have virtue when one enjoys meat meals and feasts.

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As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm; as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle, and the hero in adversity: so is the Christian tried in temptation.

~Saint Basil

Everyone looks for the good, therefore everyone looks for God.

~Saint Basil

The bread you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor.

~Saint Basil

Lust hath these three companions: the first, blindness of understanding; the second, hardness of heart; the third, want of grace.

~Saint Basil

Drunkenness, the ruin of reason, the destruction of strength, premature

old age, momentary death.

~Saint Basil

O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity.

~Saint Basil

Just as a very little fresh water is blown away by a storm of wind and dust, in like manner the good deeds, that we think we do in this life, are overwhelmed by the multitude of evils.

~Saint Basil

Does not the gratitude of the dog put to shame any man who is ungrateful to his benefactors?

~Saint Basil

When you have become God's in the measure he desires, then he himself will bestow you upon others; unless, to your greater glory, he chooses to keep you all to himself.

~Saint Basil

The woman who purposely destroys her unborn child is guilty of murder. With us there is no nice enquiry as to its being formed or unformed.

~Saint Basil

I heard many discourses which were good for the soul, but I could not discover in the case of any one of the teachers that his life was worthy of his words.

~Saint Basil

Therefore, let God inspired Scripture decide between us; and on whichever side be found doctrines in harmony with the Word of God, in

favor of that side will be cast the vote of truth

~Saint Basil

Indulging in unrestrained and immoderate laughter is a sign of intemperance, of a want of control over one's emotions, and of failure to repress the soul's frivolity by a stern use of reason.

~Saint Basil

There is nothing unpremeditated, nothing neglected by God. His unsleeping eye beholds all things.

~Saint Basil

We often find comfort in telling what is painful in actual experience.

~Saint Basil

All who call the Holy Ghost a creature we pity, on the ground that, by this utterance, they are falling into the unpardonable sin of blasphemy against Him.

~Saint Basil

Who is the covetous man? One for whom plenty is not enough.

~Saint Basil

I reckon silence more profitable than speech, for? in the words of the Preacher, 'The words of wise men are heard in quiet' (Eccles. 9:17).

~Saint Basil

Every evil is a sickness of soul, but virtue offers the cause of its health.

~Saint Basil

A woman who deliberately destroys a fetus is answerable for murder. And any fine distinction as to its being completely formed or unformed is not admissible amongst us.

~Saint Basil

If you begin to guard wealth it will not be yours. But if you begin to distribute it, you will not lose it.

~Saint Basil

We should not accept in silence the benefactions of God, but return thanks for them.

~Saint Basil

Beside each believer stands an Angel as protector and shepherd, leading him to life.

~Saint Basil

He who confesses magic or sorcery shall do penance for the time of murder, and shall be treated in the same manner as he who convicts himself of this sin.

~Saint Basil

It is right to submit to a higher authority whenever a command of God would be violated.

~Saint Basil

He who sows courtesy reaps friendship.

~Saint Basil

Wherever you may go, the least plant may bring you clear remembrance of the Creator.

~Saint Basil

If, therefore, there is any grace in the water, it is not from the nature of water but from the Spirit's presence there.

~Saint Basil

If someone has repented once of a sin, and again does the same sin, this is a sign that he has not been cleansed of the causes of the sin,

wherefrom, as from a root, the shoots spring forth again.

~Saint Basil

What is the mark of love for your neighbor? Not to seek what is for your own benefit, but what is for the benefit of the one loved, both in body and in soul.

~Saint Basil

Do not measure your loss by itself; if you do, it will seem intolerable; but if you will take all human affairs into account you will find that some comfort is to be derived from them.

~Saint Basil

Troubles are usually the brooms and shovels that smooth the road to a good man's fortune.

~Saint Basil

... if, to me, to live is Christ (Phil. 1:21), truly my words ought to be about Christ, my every thought and deed ought to depend upon His commandments, and my soul to be fashioned after His.

~Saint Basil

If everyone would take only according to his needs and would leave the surplus to the needy, no one would be rich, no one poor, no one in misery.

~Saint Basil

Truly unexpected tidings make both ears tingle.

~Saint Basil

Resolve to treat the things in your possession as belonging to others.

~Saint Basil

We must always be on guard lest, under the pretext of keeping one

commandment, we be found breaking another.

~Saint Basil

We should not think that we achieve success in preaching through our own devices, but we should rely entirely on God.

~Saint Basil

No Christian ought to think of himself as his own master, but each should rather so think and act as though given by God to be slave to his like minded brethren (cf. I Cor. 9:19)?

~Saint Basil

All of us who desire the kingdom of God are, by the Lord's decree, under an equal and rigorous necessity of seeking after the grace of Baptism.

~Saint Basil

We should even go beyond doing what is required in order to avoid scandal.

~Saint Basil

Science which is acquired unwillingly, soon disappears; that which is instilled into the mind in a pleasant and agreeable manner, is more lasting.

~Saint Basil

He who is guilty of unseemliness with males will be under discipline for the same time as adulterers.

~Saint Basil

Let sleep itself be an exercise in piety, for such as our life and conduct have been, so also of necessity will be our dreams.

~Saint Basil

When someone steals a person's clothes, we call him a thief. Should we not also give the same name to the one who could clothe the naked but does not?

~Saint Basil

Any one who chooses will set up for a literary critic, though he cannot tell us where he went to school, or how much time was spent in his education, and knows nothing about letters at all.

~Saint Basil

If one had taken what is necessary to cover one's needs and had left the rest to those who are in need, no one would be rich, no one would be poor, no one would be in need.

~Saint Basil

I cannot persuade myself that without love to others, and without, as far as rests with me, peaceableness toward all, I can be called a worthy servant of Jesus Christ.

~Saint Basil

Good masters teach good doctrine, but that taught by evil masters is wholly evil.

~Saint Basil

To lovers of the truth, nothing can be put before God and hope in Him.

~Saint Basil

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