

# Saint John Chrysostom Quotes

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Giving, Angel, Faith, Brother, Hands, Inspiration, Thinking, Mind, Children,  
Spiritual*

If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward & learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Not to share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life; we do not possess our own wealth, but theirs.

~Saint John Chrysostom

No matter how just your words may be, when you speak with anger, you ruin all: no matter how boldly you speak, how fairly reprove, or what not.

~Saint John Chrysostom

When you are weary of praying, and do not receive, consider how often you have heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The road to Hell is paved with the bones of priests and monks, and the skulls of bishops are the lamp posts that light the path.

~Saint John Chrysostom

To destroy the fetus 'is something worse than murder.' The one who does this 'does not take away life that has already been born, but prevents it from being born.'

~Saint John Chrysostom

There is nothing colder than a Christian who does not seek to save others.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others.

~Saint John Chrysostom

I am a Christian. He who answers thus has declared everything at once-his country, profession, family; the believer belongs to no city on earth but to the heavenly Jerusalem.

~Saint John Chrysostom

It is impossible to be saved without the help of the Most Blessed Virgin, because those who are not saved by the justice of God are saved by the intercession of Mary.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us, that, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the altar being made terrible to the devil.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Why not learn to enjoy the little things-there are so many of them.

~Saint John Chrysostom

God loves us more than a father, mother, friend, or any else could love, and even more than we are able to love ourselves.

~Saint John Chrysostom

We must not mind insulting men, if by respecting them we offend God.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Let us always guard our tongue; not that it should always be silent, but that it should speak at the proper time.

~Saint John Chrysostom

It is better to err by excess of mercy than by excess of severity. . .Wilt thou become a Saint? Be severe to thyself but kind to others.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.

~Saint John Chrysostom

A comprehended god is no god.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Poor human reason, when it trusts in itself, substitutes the strangest absurdities for the highest divine concepts

~Saint John Chrysostom

If there were no tribulation, there would be no rest; if there were no winter, there would be no summer.

~Saint John Chrysostom

We are commanded to have only one enemy, the devil. With him never be reconciled! But with a brother, never be at enmity in thy heart.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Many can give money to those in need, but to personally serve the needy readily, out of love, and in a fraternal spirit, requires a truly great soul.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Riches are not forbidden, but the pride of them is.

~Saint John Chrysostom

You can set up an altar to God in your minds by means of prayer. And so it is fitting to pray at your trade, on a journey, standing at a counter or sitting at your handicraft.

~Saint John Chrysostom

God helps those who work, not those who are idle. No one helps an inactive person, but one who joins in the labor. The good God himself will bring...work to perfection.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Nothing will divide the church so much as the love of power.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

~Saint John Chrysostom

It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The test of sincerity of one's prayer is the willingness to labor on its behalf.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The desire to rule is the mother of heresies.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Imagine your anger to be a kind of wild beast, because it has ferocious teeth and claws, and if you don't tame it, it will devastate all things even corrupting the soul.

~Saint John Chrysostom

We pray not to inform God or instruct Him but to beseech Him closely, to be made intimate with Him, by continuance in supplication; to be humbled; to be reminded of our sins.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Mercy imitates God and disappoints Satan.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Only those who do not fight are never wounded.

~Saint John Chrysostom

What is it to be a fool for Christ? It is to control one's thoughts when they stray out of line. It is to make the mind empty and free.

~Saint John Chrysostom

If repentance is neglected for an instant, one can lose the power of the Resurrection as he lives with the weakness of tepidity and the potential of his fall.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Every family should have a room where Christ is welcome in the person of the hungry and thirsty stranger.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Is it not excessively ridiculous to seek the good opinion of those whom you would never wish to be like?

~Saint John Chrysostom

As a moth gnaws a garment, so doth envy consume a man.

~Saint John Chrysostom

When the Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels, who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar.

~Saint John Chrysostom

When we once begin to form good resolutions, God gives us every opportunity of carrying them out.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Surely we ought to show them (animals) great kindness and gentleness for many reasons, but, above all, because they are of the same origin as ourselves.

~Saint John Chrysostom

In the Christian combat, not the striker, as in the Olympic contests, but he who is struck, wins the crown. This is the law in the celestial theatre, where the Angels are the spectators.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Slander is worse than cannibalism.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Charity is indeed, a great thing, and a gift of God, and when it is rightly ordered likens us unto God himself, as far as that is possible; for it is charity which makes the man.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one,

whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead

~Saint John Chrysostom

Feast of Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, & his sister Macrina, Teachers, c.394 & c.379 Humility is the root, mother, nurse, foundation, and bond of all virtue.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of our words, but on the fervor of our souls.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Prayer is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings.

~Saint John Chrysostom

A man's readiness and commitment are not enough if he does not enjoy help from above as well; equally help from above is no benefit to us unless there is also commitment and readiness on our part.

~Saint John Chrysostom

It is possible to offer fervent prayer even while walking in public or strolling alone or seated in your shop ... while buying or selling ... or even while cooking.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Good men do not always have grace and favor, lest they should be puffed up, and grow insolent and proud.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Words would be superfluous if we had deeds to show for Them.



~Saint John Chrysostom

Every trace of the old philosophy and literature of the ancient world has vanished from the face of the earth.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Before they committed the crime of crimes, before they killed their Master, before the cross, before the slaying of Christ, [Jewish sacrifices were] an abomination.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Just as those who are deprived of light cannot walk straight, so also those who do not behold the ray of the Holy Scriptures must necessarily sin, since they walk in the deepest darkness.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Nothing causes us to so nearly resemble God as the forgiveness of injuries.

~Saint John Chrysostom

What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young?

~Saint John Chrysostom

Shall I tell you of their plundering, their covetousness, their abandonment of the poor, their thefts, their cheating in trade?

~Saint John Chrysostom

I do not think there are many among Bishops that will be saved, but many more that perish.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Whatever you may do for your brother, being hungry, and a stranger, and naked, not even the devil will be able to despoil, but it will be laid

up in an inviolable treasure.

~Saint John Chrysostom

God asks little, but He gives much.

~Saint John Chrysostom

What the soul is in the body, let Christians be in the world.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The pains of hell are not the greatest part of hell; the loss of heaven is the weightiest woe of hell.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Woman -a foe of friendship, an inescapable punishment, a necessary evil.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Musicke doth withdraw our mindes from earthly cogitations, lifteth up our spirits into heaven, maketh them light and celestial.

~Saint John Chrysostom

You [Jews] did slay Christ, you did lift violent hands against the Master, you did spill his precious blood. This is why you have no chance for atonement, excuse, or defense.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Fasting of the body is food for the soul.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Thus abide constantly with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that the heart swallows the Lord and the Lord the heart, and the two become one.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Sin makes man a coward; but a life in the Truth of Christ makes Him bold.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Every man is the painter and the sculptor of his own life.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Hell is paved with priests' skulls.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The Holy Scriptures lead us to God and open the path to the knowledge of God.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Every time that we sin, we are born of the devil. But every time that we do good, we are born of God.

~Saint John Chrysostom

He that enjoys naught without thanksgiving is as though he robbed God.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The primary goal in the education of children is to teach, and to give the example of, a virtuous life.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Laughter has been implanted in our soul, that the soul may sometime be refreshed.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The drunken man is a living corpse.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Endurance is the queen of all virtues.

~Saint John Chrysostom

This is the highest point of philosophy, to be simple & wise; this is the angelic life.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Intemperance is a hydra with a hundred heads. She never stalks abroad unaccompanied with impurity, anger, and the most infamous profligacies.

~Saint John Chrysostom

No one can harm the man who does himself no wrong.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Depart from the highway, and transplant thyself in some enclosed ground; for it is hard for a tree that stands by the wayside to keep her fruit till it be ripe.

~Saint John Chrysostom

In the matter of piety, poverty serves us better than wealth, and work better than idleness, especially since wealth becomes an obstacle even for those who do not devote themselves to it.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Where dance is, there is the devil.

~Saint John Chrysostom

And all men are ready to pass judgement on the priest as if he was not a being clothed with flesh, or one who inherited a human nature.

~Saint John Chrysostom

That is true plenty, not to have, but not to want riches.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Be ashamed when you sin, not when you repent.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Memory of our good works makes us negligent and leads to arrogance. Do not think of your good deeds, so that God may remember them.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Woman is a necessary evil, a natural temptation, a desirable calamity, a domestic peril, a deadly fascination, and a painted ill.

~Saint John Chrysostom

...there is nothing that has been created without some reason, even if human nature is incapable of knowing precisely the reason for them all.

~Saint John Chrysostom

The Holy Scriptures do not know any distinctions. They enjoin that all lead the life of monks.

~Saint John Chrysostom

Him who is dead and gone honor with remembrance, not with tears.

~Saint John Chrysostom

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