

Stanley Hauerwas Quotes

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Only the one true God can take the risk of ruling by relying on the power of humility and love.

~Stanley Hauerwas

The church doesn't have a social strategy, the church is a social strategy.

~Stanley Hauerwas

It's hard to remember that Jesus did not come to make us safe, but rather to make us disciples, citizens of God's new age, a kingdom of surprise.

~Stanley Hauerwas

We don't fall in love and then get married; instead we get married and then learn what love requires.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Never think that you need to protect God. Because anytime you think you need to protect God, you can be sure that you are worshipping an idol.

~Stanley Hauerwas

To be poor does not mean you lack the means to extend charity to another. You may lack money or food, but you have the gift of friendship to overwhelm the loneliness that grips the lives of so many.

~Stanley Hauerwas

We complain of the increased tempo of our lives, but our frenetic lives are just reflection of the economic system that we have created.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Jesus is Lord, and everything else is bullshit.

~Stanley Hauerwas

The courageous have fears that cowards never know.

~Stanley Hauerwas

For Christians do not place their hope in their children, but rather their children are a sign of their hope . . . that God has not abandoned this world.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Whenever a people are bound together in loyalty to a story that includes something as strange as the Sermon on the Mount, we are put at odds with the world.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Advent is patience it's how God has made us a people of promise, in a world of impatience.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Saints cannot exist without a community, as they require, like all of us, nurturance by a people who, while often unfaithful, preserve the habits necessary to learn the story of God.

~Stanley Hauerwas

The lives of the saints are the hermeneutical key to Scripture.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Church growth strategies are the death gurgle of a church that has lost its way.

~Stanley Hauerwas

The basis for the ethics of the Sermon on the Mount is not what works, but rather who God is.

~Stanley Hauerwas

No powers determine our lives more completely than those we think we

have under our control. I

~Stanley Hauerwas

If I were a person who was non-American, I would think humanitarian intervention is just another name for United States imperialism.

~Stanley Hauerwas

I simply cannot get over what a surprising and wonderful life God has given me.

~Stanley Hauerwas

The narratives of Scripture were not meant to describe our world ... but to change the world, including the one in which we now live.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Christians know that Christianity is simply extended training in dying early. That is what we have always been about.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Gentleness is given to those who have learned that God will not have his kingdom triumph through the violence of the world, for such a triumph came through the meekness of a cross.

~Stanley Hauerwas

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From my perspective, 'postmodernism' merely names an interesting set of developments in the social order that is based on the presumption that God does not matter.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Our hope in life beyond death is a hope made possible, not by some general sentimental belief in life after death, but by our participation in

the life of Christ.

~Stanley Hauerwas

To come to terms with our beginning requires a truthful story to acquire the skills to live in gratitude rather than resentment for the gift of life.

~Stanley Hauerwas

I am a Congregationalist with Catholic sensibilities. Which probably explains how I ended up in a Episcopal church.

~Stanley Hauerwas

Civil religion is the attempt to empower religion, not for the good of religion, but for the creation of the citizen.

~Stanley Hauerwas

I confess I take perverse delight as a theologian in the controversies surrounding postmodernism.

~Stanley Hauerwas

I am often criticized, or at least questions are raised, about what appears to be the absence of the Holy Spirit in my work.

~Stanley Hauerwas

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