

Vance Havner Quotes

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Christians, like snowflakes, are frail, but when they stick together they can stop traffic.

~Vance Havner

At the rate America is decaying morally, we shall have to change our national symbol from an eagle to a vulture.

~Vance Havner

The devil is not fighting religion. He's too smart for that. He is producing a counterfeit Christianity, so much like the real one that good Christians are afraid to speak out against it.

~Vance Havner

Satan is not fighting churches; he is joining them. He does more harm by sowing tares than by pulling up wheat. He accomplishes more by imitation than by outright opposition.

~Vance Havner

It is not our business to make the message acceptable, but to make it available. We are not to see that they like it, but that they get it.

~Vance Havner

A preacher should have the mind of a scholar, the heart of a child, and the hide of a rhinoceros. His problem is how to toughen his hide without hardening his heart.

~Vance Havner

If you are a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven; you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world.

~Vance Havner

Salt seasons, purifies, preserves. But somebody ought to remind us that salt also irritates. Real living Christianity rubs this world the wrong

way.

~Vance Havner

The primary qualification for a missionary is not love for souls, as we so often hear, but love for Christ.

~Vance Havner

Salvation is a helmet, not a nightcap.

~Vance Havner

If they had a social gospel in the days of the prodigal son, somebody would have given him a bed and a sandwich and he never would have gone home.

~Vance Havner

The middle of the road is a poor place to walk. It is a poor place to drive. It is a poor place to live.

~Vance Havner

Our efficiency without God's sufficiency is only a deficiency.

~Vance Havner

When a man makes alliance with the Almighty, giants look like grasshoppers.

~Vance Havner

We are not going to move this world by criticism of it nor conformity to it, but by the combustion within it of lives ignited by the Spirit of God.

~Vance Havner

Don't ever come to church without coming as though it were the first time, as though it could be the best time, and as though it could be the last time.

~Vance Havner

He who waits on God loses no time.

~Vance Havner

One man with a genuine experience with God is worth more than a library full of arguments.

~Vance Havner

What we live is what we believe. Everything else is just so much religious talk.

~Vance Havner

The gospel is for lifeboats, not showboats, and a man must make up his mind which boat he is going to operate.

~Vance Havner

No man can be a Christian by knowingly and willfully taking Christ on the installment plan, as Savior now, and Lord later.

~Vance Havner

What our Lord said about cross-bearing and obedience is not in fine type. It is in bold print on the face of the contract.

~Vance Havner

The Word of God is either absolute or obsolete.

~Vance Havner

The tragedy of today is that the situation is desperate but the saints are not.

~Vance Havner

The thermometer of a church is its prayer meeting.

~Vance Havner

We need men of the cross, with the message of the cross, bearing the

marks of the cross.

~Vance Havner

Sometimes your medicine bottle has on it, "shake well before using." That is what God has to do with some of His people. He has to shake them well before they are ever usable.

~Vance Havner

A revival is the church falling in love with Jesus Christ all over again.

~Vance Havner

If I had only one sermon to preach it would be on the Lordship of Christ. When we get right on that point we are right all down the line. God honors the exaltation of His Son.

~Vance Havner

We may never be martyrs but we can die to self, to sin, to the world, to our plans and ambitions. That is the significance of baptism; we died with Christ and rose to new life.

~Vance Havner

We need a dedicated minority who, like the apostles of old, are willing to be called the scum of the earth and a spectacle to the world for the scandal of the cross.

~Vance Havner

When the Lord's white sheep become dirty gray, all black sheep feel more comfortable.

~Vance Havner

Men love everything but righteousness and fear everything but God.

~Vance Havner

Real revival does not begin with joyous singing. It begins with

conviction and repentance on the part of Christians.

~Vance Havner

God isn't a talent scout looking for someone who is "good enough" or "strong enough." He is looking for someone with a heart set on Him, and He will do the rest.

~Vance Havner

Taking it easy is often the prelude to backsliding. Comfort precedes collapse.

~Vance Havner

A wife who is 85 percent faithful to her husband is not faithful at all. There is no such thing as part-time loyalty to Jesus Christ.

~Vance Havner

Revival precedes evangelism. The church must first repent. This is the blind spot in our eye today.

~Vance Havner

If you stand on the Word, you do not stand with the world.

~Vance Havner

People get so used to the dark that they think it is growing brighter.

~Vance Havner

Too many are willing to sit at God's table, but not work in his field.

~Vance Havner

Adam tried to hide behind the trees in the garden. There is only one tree that can hide us from Him and that is the tree of the cross.

~Vance Havner

I would just as soon listen to a gangster lecture on honesty as watch

Hollywood portray the Bible.

~Vance Havner

Some preachers ought to put more fire into their sermons or more sermons into the fire.

~Vance Havner

The world does not hate its own. It does hate our Lord. It hates His followers. Where do you belong in this lineup?

~Vance Havner

If you see a Bible that is falling apart, it probably belongs to someone who isn't!

~Vance Havner

It is one thing to say Jesus is all you want; until He is all you have and you discover He is all you ever needed.

~Vance Havner

When I pastored a country church, a farmer didn't like the sermons I preached on hell. He said, Preach about the meek and lowly Jesus. I said, That's where I got my information about hell.

~Vance Havner

Our Lord approved neither idol worship or idle worship but ideal worship in Spirit and truth.

~Vance Havner

Satan does some of his worst work on exhausted Christians when nerves are frayed and the mind is faint.

~Vance Havner

I'm tired of hearing sin called sickness and alcoholism a disease. It is the only disease I know of that we're spending hundreds of millions of

dollars a year to spread.

~Vance Havner

One hour in heaven, and we shall be ashamed that we ever grumbled.

~Vance Havner

Nobody in pulpit or pew needs a revival more than a bitter-spirited fundamentalist with his dispensations right and his disposition wrong.

~Vance Havner

If the devil cannot keep you from being saved, if next he fails to make you backslide, then he undertakes to keep you just an average Christian. Here he succeeds with most believers.

~Vance Havner

Where are the marks of the cross in your life? Are there any points of identification with your Lord? Alas, too many Christians wear medals but carry no scars.

~Vance Havner

What we love usually manages to get into our conversation. What is down in the well of the heart will come up in the bucket of the speech.

~Vance Havner

There is no devil in the first two chapters of the Bible and no devil in the last two chapters. Thank God for a book that disposes of the devil!

~Vance Havner

God judges what we tolerate as well as what we practice. Too often we put up with things we ought to put out.

~Vance Havner

We are challenged these days, but not changed; convicted, but not converted. We hear, but do not; and thereby we deceive ourselves.

~Vance Havner

The only way to meet the modern demon-stration of the powers of darkness is by a demonstration of the power of God.

~Vance Havner

The devil will let a preacher prepare a sermon if it will keep him from preparing himself.

~Vance Havner

Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts, the gift of God to man - His unspeakable gift of His Son, and the gift of man to God - when we present our bodies a living sacrifice.

~Vance Havner

Revival is simply New Testament Christianity, the saints going back to normal.

~Vance Havner

In other days people chose a church on the basis of their doctrinal convictions. Now, lacking doctrinal convictions, they choose for social reasons.

~Vance Havner

A picture of Christ was hung in the back of a pulpit. When the minister rose to speak one Sunday morning, a little boy asked his mother, 'Mother, who is that man who stands so we can't see Jesus?'

~Vance Havner

Jesus Christ demands more complete allegiance than any dictator who ever lived. The difference is, He has a right to it.

~Vance Havner

God is on the lookout today for a man who will be quiet enough to get a

message from Him, brave enough to preach it, and honest enough to live it.

~Vance Havner

Too many Christians live their Christian lives inside their heads; it never gets out through hands and feet and lips.

~Vance Havner

We are suffering from a believism that never has believed, and a receivism that never has received, and it leads to deceivism.

~Vance Havner

The temple of truth has never suffered so much from woodpeckers on the outside as from termites within.

~Vance Havner

Our Lord sent His disciples out as sheep among wolves; now the wolves are being invited into the sheepfold.

~Vance Havner

Because the Lord loves us He chastens and rebukes us. Modern sentimentality has reduced God to a tolerant indulgent grandfatherly being who winks at our transgressions.

~Vance Havner

The church is so subnormal that if it ever got back to the New Testament normal it would seem to people to be abnormal.

~Vance Havner

Too many church services start at eleven sharp and end at twelve dull.

~Vance Havner

We have always needed old people to keep things from going too fast and young people to keep them from going too slow. Youth has fire and

age has light and we need both.

~Vance Havner

God has a place and purpose for you, somewhere for you to be and something for you to do. You never will be happy elsewhere, nor can you please God anywhere but there.

~Vance Havner

If we don't come apart; we will come apart.

~Vance Havner

The alternative to discipline is disaster

~Vance Havner

We justify ourselves when we should judge ourselves. If we learned humility, it might spare us the humiliation.

~Vance Havner

Faith doesn't wait until it understands; in that case it wouldn't be faith.

~Vance Havner

Our Lord holds the keys to the doors of Christian service. You don't have to chase 'key men' around if you know the Keeper of the keys!

~Vance Havner

Some missionaries bound for Africa were laughed at by the boat captain. 'You'll only die over there,' he said. But a missionary replied, 'Captain, we died before we started.'

~Vance Havner

Worse than blind leaders of the blind are bland leaders of the bland.

~Vance Havner

The last word of our Lord to the church was not the Great Commission.

The last thing He said to the church was 'Repent.' He said that to five out of seven.

~Vance Havner

Nothing is needed so much as a holy indignation against sin. It is true that there is not enough love for God, and one sign of it is that there is not enough hatred for sin.

~Vance Havner

God knows His own. It is well that He does, for sometimes it would be difficult for us to determine who are His!

~Vance Havner

I suspect that much of our praying to be used is selfish, and underneath it is the sneaking desire to make our mark and be recognized.

~Vance Havner

A preacher who is too big for a little crowd would be too little for a big crowd.

~Vance Havner

Most people would not want to live where there are no churches but many people live as though there were no churches.

~Vance Havner

No amount of facts in his head can compensate for the lack of fire on his lips.

~Vance Havner

You haven't lost anything when you know where it is. Death can hide but not divide.

~Vance Havner

To build character of purpose and integrity is our high mark, and that

cannot be done in a world where there are no adverse elements.

~Vance Havner

No life is great that does not point to Christ.

~Vance Havner

You have not really learned a commandment until you have obeyed it. The Church suffers today from Christians who know volumes more than they practice.

~Vance Havner

The early Christians condemned false doctrine in a way that sounds almost unchristian today.

~Vance Havner

If you lack knowledge, go to school. If you lack wisdom, get on your knees.

~Vance Havner

The same church members who yell like Comanche Indians at a ball game on Saturday sit like wooden Indians in church on Sunday.

~Vance Havner

Civilization today reminds me of an ape with a blowtorch playing in a room full of dynamite. It looks like the monkeys are about to operate the zoo, and the inmates are taking over the asylum.

~Vance Havner

If you are what you've always been, you are not a Christian. A Christian is a new creation.

~Vance Havner

Another thing I liked about my Dad at church: he did his sleeping at home. He never used the church as an adult nursery.

~Vance Havner

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