

# Watchman Nee Quotes

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Self, Christ, Son, Lord, May, Mean, Heart, Evil, Way, Christianity*

I do not consecrate myself to be a missionary or a preacher. I consecrate myself to God to do His will where I am, be it in school, office, or kitchen, or wherever He may, in His wisdom, send me.

~Watchman Nee

Good is not always God's will, but God's will is always good.

~Watchman Nee

It does not matter what your personal deficiency, or whether it be a hundred and one different things, God has always one sufficient answer, His Son Jesus Christ, and he is the answer to every need.

~Watchman Nee

God is not seeking a display of my Christ-likeness , but a manifestation of His Christ.

~Watchman Nee

There is nothing more tragic than to come to the end of life and know we have been on the wrong course.

~Watchman Nee

If Christ lives in us, we will rejoice in everything, and we will thank and praise the Lord. We will say, 'Hallelujah! Praise the Lord' forever.

~Watchman Nee

Man's thought is always of the punishment that will come to him if he sins. But God's thought is always of the glory man will miss if he sins. God's purpose for redemption is glory, glory, glory.

~Watchman Nee

Our bread is not only the Word of God, our meat is not only to do His will, our bread is also...the difficulties that are in our way.

~Watchman Nee

The Christian experience, from start to finish, is a journey of faith.

~Watchman Nee

If you would test the character of anything, you only need to enquire whether that thing leads you to God or away from God.

~Watchman Nee

The Blood deals with what we have done, whereas the Cross deals with what we are. The Blood disposes of our sins, while the Cross strikes at the root of our capacity for sin.

~Watchman Nee

We think of the Christian life as a 'changed life' but it is not that. What God offers us is an 'exchanged life,' a 'substituted life,' and Christ is our Substitute within.

~Watchman Nee

A Christian life is an unending engagement on the battlefield.

~Watchman Nee

The Christian faith begins not with a big DO but with a big DONE.

~Watchman Nee

Why do so many Christians pray such tiny prayers when their God is so big?

~Watchman Nee

The fruit of the Spirit is . . . self-control

~Watchman Nee

Actually, only God can satisfy a Christian's heart; man cannot.

~Watchman Nee

Everyone who believes in God must have His revelation in his spirit, or

else what he believes is not God but mere human wisdom, ideals or words. Such faith cannot endure the test.

~Watchman Nee

Our prayers lay the track down which Gods power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails.

~Watchman Nee

I want nothing for myself; I want everything for the Lord.

~Watchman Nee

God will answer all our questions in one way and one way only. Namely, by showing us more of his Son.

~Watchman Nee

Our old history ends with the Cross; our new history begins with the resurrection.

~Watchman Nee

Outside Christ, I am empty; in Christ, I am full.

~Watchman Nee

The 'flesh' is too bad to be cleansed; it must be crucified.

~Watchman Nee

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith.

~Watchman Nee

May we always be possessed by the consciousness that we are not our own.

~Watchman Nee

Our rest lies in looking to the Lord, not to ourselves.

~Watchman Nee

The life of faith is not only totally different from, but also diametrically opposite to, a life of feeling.

~Watchman Nee

As God's child advances spiritually he shall discover that the Lord's time is as important as the Lord's will. Do not rashly beget an Ishmael lest he become the greatest enemy to Isaac.

~Watchman Nee

Lord, I am willing to break my heart in order that I may satisfy Thy heart!

~Watchman Nee

With complete consecration comes perfect peace.

~Watchman Nee

People who are lazy, careless, doubtful-minded or arrogant need not expect God to reveal His secret or covenant to them.

~Watchman Nee

The sight of any trouble strikes terror into the heart of those who do not have faith, but those who trust Him say, "Here comes my food!"

~Watchman Nee

The Lord has shown me that I can do anything, but that He has said, apart from Me ye can do nothing. So it comes to this, that everything I have done, and can still do apart from Him is nothing!

~Watchman Nee

Christ is the Son of God. He died to atone for men's sin, and after three days rose again. This is the most important fact in the universe. I die believing in Christ.

~Watchman Nee

Not until we take the place of a servant can He take His place as Lord.

~Watchman Nee

Separation to God, separation from the world, is the first principle of Christian living.

~Watchman Nee

To keep our hand on the plow while wiping away our tears -- THAT is Christianity!

~Watchman Nee

By the time the average Christian gets his temperature up to normal, everybody thinks he has a fever!

~Watchman Nee

God has supplied all my needs and has not failed me once.

~Watchman Nee

We may be weak, but looking at our weakness will never make us strong.

~Watchman Nee

The Spirit is both a builder and a dweller. He cannot dwell where he has not built; He builds to dwell and dwells in only what he has built.

~Watchman Nee

We must have a spirit of power towards the enemy, a spirit of love towards men, and a spirit of self-control towards ourselves.

~Watchman Nee

A drowning man cannot be saved until he is utterly exhausted and ceases to make the slightest effort to save himself.

~Watchman Nee

I must first have the sense of God's possession of me before I can have the sense of His presence with me.

~Watchman Nee

God not only wants to break the outer man...He wants our spirit and our soul...our inner man and outer man to be separated from each other.

~Watchman Nee

We work because we have not seen the work of Christ.

~Watchman Nee

All satanic works are performed from the outside inward; all divine works from the inside outward.

~Watchman Nee

An affection which is not inspired by the Lord will soon be transformed into lust. Samson is not alone in the history of man in failing in this regard. Delilah is still cutting the hair of man today!

~Watchman Nee

Genuine spiritual knowledge lies not in wonderful and mysterious thoughts but in actual spiritual experience through union of the believer's life with truth.

~Watchman Nee

At times it seems we require more grace to lose our wealth than to lose our life!

~Watchman Nee

And it is through conflict that God induces the believer to seek and to grasp total triumph in Christ.

~Watchman Nee

Our prayers lay the track down which God's power can come.

~Watchman Nee

The child of God ought to confess his weakness that he does not know how to pray, and petition the Holy Spirit to teach him.

~Watchman Nee

The Christian life from start to finish is based upon this principle of utter dependence upon the Lord Jesus.

~Watchman Nee

A person who wholly follows the Lord is one who believes that the promises of God are trustworthy, that He is with His people, and that they are well able to overcome.

~Watchman Nee

How true it is that without the guidance of the Holy Spirit intellect not only is undependable but also extremely dangerous, because it often confuses the issue of right and wrong.

~Watchman Nee

An unpeaceful mind cannot operate normally.

~Watchman Nee

The devil abhors light and truth because these remove the ground of his working.

~Watchman Nee

True spiritual life depends not on probing our feelings and thoughts from dawn to dusk but on 'looking off' to the Savior!

~Watchman Nee

Teach us to pray that we may cause The enemy to flee, That we his evil power may bind, His prisoners to free.



~Watchman Nee

He who is able to accept everything gladly from the Lord - including darkness, dryness, flatness - and completely disregard self is he who lives for Him.

~Watchman Nee

True revelation of the fact of the Spirit's indwelling will revolutionize the life of any Christian.

~Watchman Nee

The idea of waste only comes into our Christianity when we underestimate the worth of our Lord.

~Watchman Nee

Do not be taken in or flattered by your own success or fame. Take not only as to whether or not the old creation, including everything which comes by birth, has gone through the cross.

~Watchman Nee

The particular sin of omission which gives ground to the evil spirits is the believer's passivity.

~Watchman Nee

Many confuse understanding with believing.

~Watchman Nee

The note of hallelujah must never be in short supply in the spirit of the believer.

~Watchman Nee

The right attitude is this: that I have my own will, yet I will the will of God.

~Watchman Nee

Natural strength is what we receive from the hand of God as Creator.  
Spiritual strength is what we receive from God in grace.

~Watchman Nee

Whatever the mind sets itself on is what the man walks after.

~Watchman Nee

God will not give me humility, or patience, or holiness, or love as separate investments of His grace. He has given only one gift to meet our need, His Son Christ Jesus.

~Watchman Nee

On at least four separate occasions and recorded in the four Gospels the Lord Jesus called His disciples to deny their soul life, deliver it to death, and then to follow Him.

~Watchman Nee

May the things of this world so lose their power over us that we do not in the slightest wish to be 'worldly'; nay, we even delight in not remaining 'in the world.'

~Watchman Nee

Believers must persevere in prayer that they may see clearly their own pitiful state and understand the indwelling, working, and demands of the Holy Spirit.

~Watchman Nee

We may infer from any defeat of ours that it is due either to lack of faith or failure to obey. No other reason can suffice.

~Watchman Nee

Now is the hour we should humbly prostrate ourselves before God, willing to be convicted afresh of our sins by the Holy Spirit.

~Watchman Nee

Spiritual advancement is measured by faithful obedience.

~Watchman Nee

When the fruit of your service is out of all proportion to the gifts you possess, THAT is Blessing!

~Watchman Nee

A mistaken thought may be corrected easily, but an errant affection is nearly unmanageable.

~Watchman Nee

A born-again person ought to possess unspeakable peace in the spirit.

~Watchman Nee

Victory is the normal experience of a Christian; defeat should be the abnormal experience.

~Watchman Nee

A spiritual Christian therefore is one whose spirit is led by God's Spirit... Perhaps their speech does convey truth, but without the quickening of the Holy Spirit even truth is of small advantage.

~Watchman Nee

All we have-ourselves-to Him, and if that be all, that is enough.

~Watchman Nee

Just as the right relationship with Christ generates a Christian, so the proper relationship with the Holy Spirit breeds a spiritual man.

~Watchman Nee

To secure one's freedom the Christian must experience God's light which is God's truth.

~Watchman Nee

If we just had more revelation of what we already have, there would be far less prayers and far more praise.

~Watchman Nee

They spend more time in analyzing, in collecting materials, and in hard thinking than on prayer, on seeking God's mind, and on waiting for the power from above.

~Watchman Nee

The gospel we preach must not be just something we hear from men or read from books or even conceived through our meditation. Unless it is delivered to us by God, it can serve no spiritual utility.

~Watchman Nee

All knowledge is the outgrowth of obedience; everything else is just information.

~Watchman Nee

Fellowship means among other things that we are ready to receive of Christ from others. Other believers minister Christ to me, and I am ready to receive.

~Watchman Nee

The cares of this life emerge as very small items indeed along our daily path.

~Watchman Nee

Satan can only attack us from the outside in. He may work through the lust and sensations of the body or through the mind and emotion of the soul, for those two belong to the outward man.

~Watchman Nee

If the mind is open the individual will soon perceive the preciousness of a truth which initially appeared rather dull to him but now is illumined by

the spirit's light.

~Watchman Nee

We should try our best to pour out all the burdens in our spirit by prayer until all of them have left us.

~Watchman Nee

Never adopt an attitude of indifference, for if you do you will suffer for it. The weight will grow heavier and heavier.

~Watchman Nee

A Christian ought to realize what the weights laid on his spirit are. If he encounters it in the morning and does not deal with it at once, he experiences defeat the whole day long.

~Watchman Nee

Oh, Lord, you have indeed been gracious to me.

~Watchman Nee

For God to reveal His Son in us is not the result of research or searching; it is entirely a matter of mercy and revelation. It is an inward seeing, an inner knowing.

~Watchman Nee

Overcoming sin, blessed though it surely is, is but the bare minimum of a believers experience. There is nothing astonishing in it. Not to overcome sin is what ought to astonish us.

~Watchman Nee

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