

# William Gurnall

## Quotes

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We fear men so much, because we fear God so little.

~William Gurnall

Hope fills the afflicted soul with such inward joy and consolation, that it can laugh while tears are in the eye, sigh and sing all in a breath; it is called "the rejoicing of hope" (Hebrews 3:6).

~William Gurnall

It is the image of God reflected in you that so enrages hell; it is this at which the demons hurl their mightiest weapons.

~William Gurnall

In heaven we shall appear, not in armour, but in robes of glory. But here these are to be worn night and day; we must walk, work, and sleep in them, or else we are not true soldiers of Christ.

~William Gurnall

The Christian is bred by the Word, and he must be fed by it.

~William Gurnall

Nothing is more contrary to a heavenly hope than an earthly heart.

~William Gurnall

We are justified, not by giving anything to God,--what we do,--but by receiving from God, what Christ hath done for us.

~William Gurnall

The sins of teachers are the teachers of sin.

~William Gurnall

God Himself underwrites your battle and has appointed His own Son 'the captain of your salvation'.

~William Gurnall

To forsake sin, is to leave it without any thought reserved of returning to it again.

~William Gurnall

God would not rub so hard if it were not to fetch out the dirt that is ingrained in our natures. God loves purity so well He had rather see a hole than a spot in His child's garments.

~William Gurnall

Compare Scripture with Scripture. False doctrines, like false witnesses, agree not among themselves.

~William Gurnall

Humble souls are fearful of their own strength.

~William Gurnall

The Christian must trust in a withdrawing God.

~William Gurnall

Paul was Nero's prisoner, but Nero was much more God's.

~William Gurnall

Never was a faithful prayer lost. Some prayers have a longer voyage than others, but then they return with their richer lading at last, so that the praying soul is a gainer by waiting for an answer.

~William Gurnall

The Word of God is too sacred a thing, and preaching too solemn a work, to be toyed and played with.

~William Gurnall

We live by faith, and faith lives by exercise.

~William Gurnall

We must come to good works by faith, and not to faith by good works.

~William Gurnall

As you love your peace, Christian, be plain-hearted with God and man, and keep the king's highway.

~William Gurnall

God's wounds cure, sin's kisses kill.

~William Gurnall

Weak faith will as surely land the Christian in heaven as strong faith, for it is impossible the least dram of true grace should perish

~William Gurnall

Of all creatures in this visible world, light is the most glorious; of all light, the light of the sun without compare excels the rest.

~William Gurnall

The mightier any is in the word, the more mighty he will be in prayer.

~William Gurnall

Christ is the door that opens into God's presence and lets the soul into His very bosom, faith is the key that unlocks the door; but the Spirit is He that makes this key.

~William Gurnall

The storm may be tempestuous, but it is only temporary.

~William Gurnall

It is one thing to know a truth, and another thing to know it by unction.

~William Gurnall

He that is impatient, and cannot wait on God for a mercy, will not easily submit to Him in a denial.

~William Gurnall

Never venture near the door where sin dwells, lest you are dragged in.

~William Gurnall

We must not confide in the armour of God, but in the God of this armour, because all our weapons are only mighty through God.

~William Gurnall

One Almighty is more than all mighties

~William Gurnall

Can Christ be in thou heart and thou not know it? Can one king be dethroned and another crowned in thy soul and thou hear no scuffle?

~William Gurnall

Least doers are the greatest boasters.

~William Gurnall

Christ will bear no equal, and Satan no superior; and therefore, hold in with both thou canst not.

~William Gurnall

The soldier is summoned to a life of active duty and so is the Christian.

~William Gurnall

Godliness, as well as the doctrine of our faith, is a mystery.

~William Gurnall

And while God had work for Paul, he found him friends both in court and prison. Let persecutors send saints to prison, God can provide a keeper for their turn.

~William Gurnall

There is no such way to be even with the devil and his instruments, for all their spite against us, as by doing what good we can wherever we be come.

~William Gurnall

Christ bears with the saints' imperfections; well may the saints one with another.

~William Gurnall

Say not that thou hast royal blood in thy veins; say not that thou art born of God if thou canst not prove thy pedigree by daring to be holy!

~William Gurnall

God hath made it a debt which one saint owes to another to carry their names to a throne of grace.

~William Gurnall

The longer a soul hath neglected duty, the more ado there is to get it taken up.

~William Gurnall

Many lose heaven because they are ashamed to go in a fool's coat thither.

~William Gurnall

Mercy should make us ashamed, wrath afraid to sin.

~William Gurnall

The devil had as good have let Paul alone, for he no sooner comes into prison but he falls a preaching, at which the gates of Satan's prison fly open, and poor sinners come forth.

~William Gurnall

The grace thou hast will soon be less, if thou addest not more to it.

~William Gurnall

Truly, hope is the saint's covering, wherein he wraps himself, when he lays his body down to sleep in the grave: "My flesh," saith David, "shall rest in hope."

~William Gurnall

Peace of conscience is nothing but the echo of pardoning mercy.

~William Gurnall

Therefore tremble, O man, at any power thou hast, except thou usest it for God. Art thou strong in body; who hath thy strength? God, or thy lusts?

~William Gurnall

Blind zeal is soon put to a shameful retreat, while holy resolution, built on fast principles, lifts up its head like a rock in the midst of the waves.

~William Gurnall

Let thy hope of heaven master thy fear of death.

~William Gurnall

Justifying faith is not a naked assent to the truths of the gospel.

~William Gurnall

For a beggar to live at court is not so much as the King to dwell with him in his cottage.

~William Gurnall

A minister, without boldness, is like a smooth file, a knife without an edge, a sentinel that is afraid to let off his gun. If men will be bold in sin, ministers must be bold to reprove.

~William Gurnall

It is not only our duty to pray for others, but also to desire the prayers of others for ourselves.

~William Gurnall

The chains of love are stronger than the chains of fear.

~William Gurnall

He that loves the Word and the purity of its precepts cannot turn traitor.

~William Gurnall

All the plots of hell and commotions on earth have not so much as shaken God's hand to spoil one letter or line he has been drawing.

~William Gurnall

Set a strong guard about thy outward senses: these are Satan's landing places, especially the eye and the ear.

~William Gurnall

When people do not mind what God speaks to them in His word, God doth as little mind what they say to Him in prayer.

~William Gurnall

Our enemies are on every side, so must our armour be.

~William Gurnall

We have peace with God as soon as we believe, but not always with ourselves. The pardon may be past the prince's hand and seal, and yet not put into the prisoner's hand.

~William Gurnall

Few are made better by prosperity, whom afflictions make worse.

~William Gurnall

Pride of gifts robs us of God's blessing in the use of them.



~William Gurnall

Prayer is nothing but the promise reversed, or God's Word formed into an argument, and retorted by faith upon God again.

~William Gurnall

The Christian, like a chalice without a base, cannot stand on his own nor hold what he has received any longer that God holds him in His strong hands.

~William Gurnall

Thou hast no life to lose, because thou hast given it already to Christ, nor can man take away that without God's leave.

~William Gurnall

If thou beest ever so exact in thy morals, and not a worshiper of God, then thou art an atheist.

~William Gurnall

We need not borrow and take up sorrows upon use of the morrow, to make up our present load; as we read of daily bread, so of a daily cross, Luke ix. M, which we are bid to take, not to make.

~William Gurnall

Whoever hath a seed time of grace pass over his soul, shall have his harvest time also of joy.

~William Gurnall

Let thy hope of heaven master thy fear of death. Why shouldst thou be afraid to die, who hopest to live by dying!

~William Gurnall

No torment in the world is comparable to an accusing conscience.

~William Gurnall

It is no policy to let thy lusts have arms, which are sure to rise and declare against thee when thine enemy comes.

~William Gurnall

Compare not thyself with those that have less than thyself, but look on those that have far exceeded thee.

~William Gurnall

Humility is a necessary veil to all other graces.

~William Gurnall

Cease to pray and thou will begin to sin. Prayer is not only a means to prevail for mercy but also to prevent sin.

~William Gurnall

**CEASE to PRAY and thou will BEGIN to SIN.**

~William Gurnall

The Christian must stand fixed to his principles, and not change his habit; but freely show what countryman he is by his holy constancy in the truth.

~William Gurnall

Godliness is the child of truth, and it must be nursed by its own mother.

~William Gurnall

Christ hath told us He will come, but not when, that we might never put off our clothes, or put out the candle.

~William Gurnall

Pray often rather than very long at a time. It is hard to be very long in prayer, and not slacken in our affections.

~William Gurnall

The Christian's life should put his minister's sermon in print.

~William Gurnall

The Christian is to proclaim and prosecute an irreconcilable war against his bosom sins; those sins which have lain nearest his heart, must now be trampled under his feet.

~William Gurnall

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