

William Law

Quotes

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He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life.

~William Law

No education can be of true advantage to young women but that which trains them up in humble industry, in great plainness of living, in exact modesty of dress.

~William Law

We must alter our lives in order to alter our hearts, for it is impossible to live one way and pray another.

~William Law

If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead.

~William Law

Be intent upon the perfection of the present day.

~William Law

From morning to night keep Jesus in thy heart, long for nothing, desire nothing, hope for nothing but to have all that is within thee changed into the spirit and temper of the holy Jesus.

~William Law

If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you.

~William Law

Joseph has lately endeavored to seduce my wife, and has found her a virtuous woman.

~William Law

Self is the root, the tree, and the branches of all the evils of our fallen state.

~William Law

All people desire what they believe will make them happy. If a person is not full of desire for God, we can only conclude that he is engaged with another happiness.

~William Law

Hell is nothing else but nature departed or excluded from the beam of divine light.

~William Law

What could begin to deny self, if there were not something in man different from self?

~William Law

Death is not more certainly a separation of our souls from our bodies than the Christian life is a separation of our souls from worldly tempers, vain indulgences, and unnecessary cares.

~William Law

The greatest saint in the world is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives alms, or is most eminent for temperance, chastity or justice. It is he who is most thankful to God.

~William Law

Nothing harms or destroys us but the wrong use of that liberty of choice which God has entrusted to us.

~William Law

Ask what Time is, it is nothing else but something of eternal duration become finite, measurable and transitory.

~William Law

What can you conceive more silly and extravagant than to suppose a man racking his brains, and studying night and day how to fly?

~William Law

The more we pay for any truth, the better is our bargain.

~William Law

He that rightly understands the reasonableness and Excellency of charity will know that it can never be excusable to waste any of our money in pride and folly.

~William Law

Love has no errors, for all errors are the want for love.

~William Law

Divine love is perfect peace and joy, it is a freedom from all disquiet, it is all content and happiness; and makes everything to rejoice in itself.

~William Law

The sun meets not the springing bud that stretches towards him with half the certainty that God, the source of all good, communicates himself to the soul that longs to partake of him.

~William Law

Receive every day as a resurrection from death, as a new enjoyment of life.

~William Law

He who complains of the weather, complains of the God who ordained the weather!

~William Law

Perfection does not consist in any singular state or condition of life, or in any particular set of duties, but in holy and religious conduct of

ourselves in every state of Life.

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If, therefore, a man will so live as to show that he feels and believes the most fundamental doctrines of Christianity, he must live above the world.

~William Law

Where has the Scripture made merit the rule or measure of charity?.

~William Law

Perhaps there cannot be a better way of judging of what manner of spirit we are of, than to see whether the actions of our life are such as we may safely commend them to God in our prayers.

~William Law

If our life is not a course of humility, self-denial, renunciation of the world, poverty of spirit, and heavenly affection, we do not live the lives of Christians.

~William Law

We may justly condemn ourselves as the greatest sinners we know because we know more of the folly of our own heart than we do of other people's.

~William Law

Love and pity and wish well to every soul in the world; dwell in love, and then you dwell in God.

~William Law

Feasts and business and pleasure and enjoyments seem great things to us, whilst we think of nothing else; but as soon as we add death to them they all sink into an equal littleness.

~William Law

Until we are renewed in the spirit of our mind and illumined in every part, our very virtues are but taught practices grafted upon a corrupt bottom

~William Law

The merit of persons is to be no rule of our charity, but we are to do acts of kindness to those that least deserve it.

~William Law

The eyes of our souls only then begin to see when our bodily eyes are closing.

~William Law

God seeth different abilities and frailties of men, which may move His goodness to be merciful to their different improvements in virtue.

~William Law

The obedience of men is to imitate the obedience of angels, and rational beings on earth are to live unto God, as rational beings in heaven live unto Him.

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