

Pray and Don't Lose Heart! Quotes for Encouragement

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God is the cause of causes. ~Christopher Ness

One Almighty is more than all mighties. ~Gurnall

Anything that makes me need God is ultimately and in the truest sense a blessing. ~DeMoss Wolgemuth

God sometimes leads His children to do things that afterward involve them in great distress. But because God does not think as we think or act as we act, it is often in these situations that He accomplishes His greatest victories and brings His greatest blessings. ~Boice

Oh, what a heaven of joy it brings to the heart! In the midst of trouble, to know and find Him so near that there cannot but be praise—is an experience so precious that the trouble itself becomes a cause for thanksgiving. ~Mrs. H. Taylor

The capacity for knowing God enlarges as we are brought by Him into circumstances which oblige us to exercise faith. So, when difficulties beset our path, let us thank God that He is taking trouble with us and lean hard upon Him. ~Cowman

Oh, child of God, if you could see your sorrows and troubles from the other side; if instead of looking up at them from earth, like clouds, you would look down on them from the heavenly places where you sit with Christ; if you knew how they are reflecting in prismatic beauty before the gaze of heaven the bright light of Christ's face, you would be content that they should cast their deep shadows over the mountain slopes of existence. ~Anonymous

God sees and knows what is best for us and what is needful. We do not see, but God always does. And as our Heavenly Father, He sees the need, and He prescribes the appropriate trial which is destined for our good. ~Martyn Lloyd-Jones

There is nothing that befalls you—but there is the hand of God in it. When a certain passage of providence befalls me, that is one wheel, and it may be that if this wheel were stopped, a thousand other things might come to be stopped by this. In a clock, stop but one wheel and you stop every wheel. So when God has ordered a thing for the present to be thus and thus, how do you know how many things depend upon this thing? God may have some work to do twenty years hence, that depends upon the passage of providence that falls out this day or this week. ~Jeremiah Burroughs

Lord, help me to yield obedience. I have been in the furnace. If I come out again and leave no dross behind, it will be sad. 'Tis a great loss to lose an affliction. ~Phillip Henry

God is love, and God is sovereign. His love disposes Him to desire our everlasting welfare, and His sovereignty enables Him to secure it. ~A.W. Tozer

We judge by sense and appearance and do not consider that God's heart may be toward us, while the hand of His providence seems to be against us. ~John Flavel

God not only undertakes but perfects what concerns me. He goes through with His designs and accomplishes what He begins. No difficulty so clogs things, no cross-accident falls in the way, but He carries His design through. His motions are irresistible and uncontrollable. He performs all for us. ~Flavel

The titles of God are virtual promises. He is a shield, a strong tower, a hiding place and our portion. Faith may apply these as promises. ~David Clarkson

God counts on us to accept whatever answer to our prayers He gives us, whether or not it be the answer that we wished and expected. ~Amy Carmichael

God's heart is as tender as His arm is strong. He is no less willing than able to relieve. ~Thomas Lye

At the last, it shall be clearly seen that in every chosen vessel of mercy, Jehovah did as He willed with His own, and that in every part of the work of grace, He accomplished His purpose and glorified His own name. ~Spurgeon

All that is negative in this life is seen to have a positive purpose in the execution of God's eternal plan. ~Stott on Romans 8:35-39

If I could understand God, I should be greater than God. And if He is only to do what I can understand and what I think He ought to do, He will no longer be God, but my servant. ~Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Nothing will bear looking back to with comfort like those trials, which, though painful to the flesh, have tended to break our spirit, mold our will and strengthen the simplicity of our walk with God.
~Charles Bridges, Psalm 119

From the midst of your sorrows, from the deep sin in which you are sinking, from the deep waters that overflow you, cry to God! He knows your foolishness. Your sins are not hid from Him. He will stretch out His right hand and catch you, saying, "*Oh, you of little faith. Why did you doubt?*" Then our crying and tears will be turned to joyous shouts. We will praise the name of God with a song and magnify Him with thanksgiving. For the Lord hears the needy and despises not the prisoner.
~Meyer, Psalm 69

Speak to your soul thus, "If I were dealing with a man's promise, I should carefully consider the ability and the character of the man who had covenanted with me. So with the promise of God; my eye must not be so much fixed upon the greatness of the mercy—that may stagger me—as upon the greatness of the Promiser—that will cheer me. My soul, it is God, even your God; God who cannot lie, who speaks to you! This word of His which you are now considering, is as true as His own existence. He is a God unchangeable. He has not altered the thing which has gone out of his mouth, nor called back one single consolatory sentence."
~Spurgeon

To believe actively that our Heavenly Father constantly spreads around us providential circumstances that work for our present good and our everlasting well-being—brings to the soul a veritable benediction. Most of us go through life praying a little, planning a little, jockeying for position, hoping but never being quite certain of anything and always secretly afraid that we will miss the way. This is a tragic waste of truth and never gives rest to the heart. There is a better way! It is to repudiate our own wisdom and take instead the infinite wisdom of God. Our insistence upon seeing ahead is natural enough, but it is a real hindrance to our spiritual progress. God has charged Himself with full responsibility for our eternal happiness and stands ready to take over the management of our lives. The moment we turn in faith to Him, here is His promise, "*and I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not. I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them*" Isaiah 42:6. ~A.W. Tozer

Darkness is not always the frown of God. It is only Himself, thy shade on thy right hand. ~Henry Martyn

Read Ephesians one. It is a chapter I keep in mind every day in prayer. We cannot believe too much nor hope too much. ~Henry Martyn

The Lord loves us too well to let us miss the best. He has to weaken our strength in the way to bring us into the valley of weeping, to empty, to humble and prove us that we, too, may know that our strength—every bit of it—is in Him alone, and learn to leave ourselves entirely in His hands. So your valley of weeping shall become a place of springs. Many shall drink of the living water because you have suffered, trusted, conquered through faith in God. ~Hudson Taylor

Remember this: had any other condition been better for you than the one in which you are, divine love would have put you there. ~Spurgeon.

Everything that a man leans upon but God will be a dart that will certainly pierce his heart through and through. He who leans only upon Christ, lives the highest, choicest, safest and sweetest life. Count and call everything a mercy that is less than hell. Proud hearts think themselves wronged when afflicted. ~Thomas Brooks

When you are fretful and desponding, think what would not a lost soul, that had been but an hour in hell, give for a drop of that grace you have in your heart. Think seriously of this and be thankful.
~Thomas Brooks

Family burdens and... pressure super-added, but her resources did not fail. For she drew moment by moment upon all the fullness of God.
~Written of Mrs. Hudson Taylor

Our very insufficiency gives us a special claim to the fulfillment of His promise: *"My grace is sufficient for you. My strength is made perfect in weakness."* ~Hudson Taylor

We have, and may expect to have, some trials,
But with humble faith to see
Love inscribed upon them all,
This is happiness to me:
Our Father not only knows but sends them all in love.
~Hudson Taylor

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not, with Him, also freely give us all things?" Oh, that Christians would learn to reason themselves out of their fears and out of their distrusts as the apostle does! Oh, that they would no longer rend and wrack their precious souls with fears and cares, but rest satisfied in this—that He who has been so kind to them in spiritual [things] will not be wanting to them in temporal [things]. ~Thomas Brooks

The desire which is directed to God cannot miss gratification. When God Himself is our desire, we shall be forever delivered from disappointment because we can always have Him. ~Meyer

The most glorious triumphs of Christ are spiritual, and His noblest work is that wrought in the secret of the soul. Not the conquest of kingdoms, but self-conquest. Not the renunciation of anything external, merely, but self-renunciation. Not the consecration of substance, but self-consecration in the service of God and man. These are the hardest deeds to accomplish and the most divine attainments.

~H.G. Guinness

One of Satan's devices to keep poor souls in a sad, doubting, and questioning condition is causing them to be always poring and musing upon sin; to mind their sins more than their Savior; yea, minding their sins to the point of forgetting and neglecting their Savior. Their eyes are so fixed on their disease, that they cannot see the remedy, though it be near; and they do so muse upon their debts that they have neither mind nor heart to think of their surety. ~Thomas Brooks

I yield to Your sovereignty all that I am and have; do with me as you will. Give me silence in my heart in place of murmurings and complaints. Keep my wishes from growing into willings, my willings from becoming fault-finding with Your providences, and have mercy on me. If I sin and am rebellious, help me repent; then take away my mourning and give me music. ~Valley of Vision

When you don't "feel" anything, "persevere in the use of means if present comfort be withheld." ~William Jay

"On my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to my weaknesses. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in me" 2 Corinthians 12:5-9. The conclusion seems inescapable. The way to grow in strength is to diminish in self-importance. The way to enjoy more of Christ in our lives is to be more honest, more realistic about what we are and less obsessed with the urge to keep up appearances with other people at all costs. ~Maurice Roberts

Oh, the gulf between our blessings and our deservings.
~Maurice Roberts, *The Thought of God*

Meditation on Ecclesiastes 1. All the rivers of earthly joy may be flowing into your heart, but they will never fill it. The pleasures of this world after a while become monotonous, and pall on our taste, but in Christ, there is perennial interest. The water that He gives rises up to eternal life. In His love and service there is always satisfaction and blessedness. We need not go outside of Him for new delights; and to know Him is to possess a secret which makes all things new. There is a freckle on every flower, a stain on every leaf, a drawback in every lot that we may be driven to find perfect fruition in God only. ~F.B. Meyer

How delightful! He who foreknew every thought that would find an entrance into the minds of His people, has here [in His Word] secretly laid up seasonable direction and encouragement for every—even the most minute—occasion and circumstance of need.
~Bridges, Psalm 119:40

Forty years in Midian taught Moses that only the Spirit of God in man can overcome the spirit of the world. By disappointment and repeated failure, by the silence of the desert, we are taught that we are nothing—then God becomes our all in all, and all things become possible to us as we believe. ~F.B. Meyer

Did not Jesus die for sins of infirmity? And even of presumption? Does every failing annul the marriage covenant? So neither does every infirmity or backsliding dissolve our covenant with God. Was our faithfulness the basis of this covenant? Rather, does not the blood of this covenant (Hebrews 13:20) make constant provision for our foreseen unfaithfulness? And does not our gracious God overrule even our backsliding to establish a more simple reliance upon Himself and a more circumspect and tender walk before Him? ~Bridges, Psalm 119:106

A simple and vigorous faith will quickly enliven you with that love, delight, rejoicing in the Lord, readiness to work and cheerfulness to suffer, which will once again make the ways of God pleasantness and peace to your soul. ~Bridges

At all times, the safest and shortest way to peace is to let God use his own methods with us; to live the present moment to Him—in the situation He has placed us; not dreaming of other circumstances more favorable to our spiritual prosperity but leaving ourselves, our difficulties, our discouragements in His hands—Who makes no mistakes in any of his dispensations, but who orders them all that they may turn to our salvation through our prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. ~Bridges, Psalm 119:134

Do you wish to realize this comfort? Then seek to approach your God by the only way of access. Learn to contemplate Him in the only glass in which a God of love is seen: in the face of Jesus Christ. Guard against looking for comfort from any other source. Beware especially that satisfaction in creature cisterns which draws you away from the fountain of living water. Learn also to prize this comfort supremely, and not to be content without some enjoyment, or even with a scanty measure of enjoyment. But rather, let every day's refreshment be made a step for desiring and attaining renewed and sweeter refreshment for tomorrow. ~Bridges

The deeper our troubles, the louder our thanks to God who has led us through all and preserved us until now. Our griefs cannot mar the melody of our praise. We reckon them to be the bass part of our life's song. *"He has done great things for us whereof we are glad."*
~Spurgeon, Psalm 126:3

You do not have to wonder if He will be there for you in your moment of need. When you give way to these fears, you commit an act of gospel irrationality. If He gave you Jesus, He will give you, along with Him, everything you need. ~Tripp

For whatever a man trusts in—from that he expects happiness.
~*Valley of Vision*