

Sermon Quotes
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Men's Breakfast- Danny Jones

"Jesus made it clear that 'the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life.' But over the years men have removed the gates, knocked down the gateposts, and generally widened the gateway so as to make it easy for all and sundry to enter. Inevitably standards have been lowered, spirituality watered down, and the sharp edge of testimony blunted. Nowadays the professing church is 'a mixed multitude,' far removed from the first Christian community, of whom we read 'no one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.'"

—Arthur Wallis,
The Radical Christian)

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ:

1. A supreme love in our heart and mind for Christ and His Church
2. A complete denial of self

"... We want humility and the virtues of Christ Himself to be as strong as pride and sin and the flesh once was in our life."

—Andrew Murray

*"Humiliation of soul always **brings a positive blessing with it**. If we empty our hearts of self, God will fill them with his love. He who desires close communion with Christ should remember the Word of the Lord, 'To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.' Stoop if you would climb to heaven. Do we not say of Jesus, 'He descended that he might ascend?' So must you. You must grow downwards, that you may grow upwards; for the sweetest fellowship with heaven is to be had by humble souls, and by them alone. God will deny no blessing to a thoroughly humbled spirit. 'Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,' with all its riches and treasures. God blesses us all up to the full measure and extremity of what it is safe for him to do. If you do not get a blessing, it is because it is not safe for you to have one. If our heavenly Father were to let your un-humbled spirit win a victory in his holy war, you would pilfer the crown for yourself, and meeting with a fresh enemy you would fall a victim; so that you are kept low for your own safety. When a man is sincerely humble, and never ventures to touch so much as a grain of the praise, there is scarcely any limit to what God will do for him. Humility makes us ready to be blessed by the God of all grace, and fits us to deal efficiently with our fellow men. True humility is a flower which will adorn any garden. This is a sauce with which you may season every dish of life, and you will find an improvement in every case. Whether it be prayer or praise, whether it be work or suffering, the genuine salt of humility cannot be used in excess."*

—Charles Spurgeon

Jonathan Edwards:

“The surest character of true divine supernatural love—distinguishing it from counterfeiters that arise from a natural self-love—is that the Christian virtue of humility shines in it; that which above all others renounces, abases, and annihilates what we term self. Christian love or true charity is a humble love.”

1 Cor. 13:4-7 “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

“When, therefore, we see love in persons attended with a sense of their own littleness, vileness, weakness, and utter insufficiency; and so with self-emptiness, self-renunciation, and poverty of spirit; these are the manifest tokens of the Spirit of God. He that thus dwells in love, dwells in God, and God in him. ... Love and humility are two things the most contrary to the spirit of the devil of any thing in the world.”

—Jonathan Edwards

Titus 2:11-12 “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...”