

**“Carry each other’s burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill  
the law of Christ.”**

—Saint Paul  
Galatians 6:2

**A Definition**

You ask: “What is the will of God?”  
Well, here’s the answer true:  
“The nearest thing, that should be  
done.  
That he can do—through you!”  
—E.C. Baird

**WE NEED more  
saints—lots more.  
For it is the saintly  
who activate our  
sense of human  
possibility.**

*Blessed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord*

*I think therefore I am unconscious.  
At the moment of thought I dwell in the UNREAL world of  
abstraction, or of the past, or of the future.*

**“I’ve come to realize just how fi-  
nite I really am. What matters to God  
is if I am obedient in today’s call. It’s  
not a tomorrow thing.”**

—Lorrie Shaver  
in a tape-recorded letter,  
shortly before her death

●God is not as much concerned with  
your ability as with your availability

## s Christianity Outlandish?

●God’s requirements are met by God’s en-  
ablings.

●Great occasions for serving God come  
seldom, but little ones surround us.

●It is difficult to follow God’s guidance  
if we are on a rigid path of our own.

**“In this world you will have trouble.  
But be of good courage,  
for I have overcome the world” (John 16:33b).**

**You can preach a better sermon with your life  
than with your lips.**

## Mother Theresa

Working at one of her homes for the sick and dying, Nobel prize winner Mother Theresa of Calcutta received a man half consumed by cancer. An attendant was overcome by the stench of decaying flesh and turned away retching. Mother Theresa took over the task herself. The miserable patient cursed her. "How can you bear the smell?!" he demanded. "It's nothing," she replied, "compared to the pain you must feel."

**"Nothing short of a new people living in a new way in a new civilization will allow our own survival or the reaching of our full potential as co-creators with God."**

**God's Opened Window**  
There is an old Italian proverb, "When God shuts a door, He opens a window." Many of God's saints have come to barriers in life which have eventually meant new and broader fields of service. If we are identified with Christ, distressing circumstances will bring us into new discoveries of the riches of His grace and the treasures of His boundless and eternal love.

—The War Cry

**"A Christianity without art is a Christianity without beauty. It is no Christianity at all."**

**"There's always time to exercise if you want it badly enough. Self-discipline is the key."**  
—George Allen

You are right, 'to criticize us of an older generation for the state of the world. But do you plan to make things any better when you take charge?"

## Witnessing Jesus Is a Steady Job

*"Live in such a way that all will know I love them"*

"I hope I'm saying yes to life, to the God of life, to God's living people."

**VICTORY OR DEFEAT** Only by desertion can we be defeated. With Christ and for Christ victory is certain. We can lose the victory by flight but not by death. Happy are you if you die in battle for after death you will be crowned. But woe to you if by forsaking the battle you forfeit at once both the victory and the crown.

## GLORIA

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I try to sing this song, I  
I try to stand up  
But I can't find my feet  
I try, I try to speak up  
But only in you I'm complete

Gloria in te Domine  
Gloria exultate

Oh Lord loosen my lips

I try to sing this song, I

I try to get in,

But I can't find the door

The door is open

You're standing there You let me in

Gloria in te Domine  
Gloria exultate

Oh Lord

If I had anything

Anything at all

I'd give it to you

I'd give it to you

Gloria in te Domine  
Gloria Gloria

## Holiness Is...

By Father John Catoir

*Holiness is not something that comes from doing good; we do good because we are holy.*

*Holiness is not something we acquire by avoiding evil; we avoid evil because we are holy.*

*Holiness is not something that follows from prayer; we pray because we are holy.*

*Holiness is not the result of kindness; we are kind because we are holy.*

*Holiness is not something that blossoms when we are courageous; we are courageous because we are holy.*

*Holiness is not the result of character building; we build character because we are holy.*

*Holiness is not a gift we obtain after a lifetime of service; we give service because we are holy.*

*Our holiness is God with us, Emmanuel. And while it's true that holiness carries with it both the Cross and Resurrection, it is more a gift than a reward.*

●Every Christian's motto should be: "I'm going to heaven, having a great time doing it, and want to take as many with me as possible."

—Jim Callender

●God does not demand success or profit, only obedience.

Child in geography class: "The benefit of longitude and latitude is that when you are drowning you can call out what longitude and latitude you are in and they will find you."

Men will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, die for it, anything but live for it.  
Charles Caleb Colton

**there's more to being a Christian than going to church on Sunday."**

You are His hands  
You are His voice,  
You are the one who  
must make the choice.

“Why do I speak  
Why do I sit here  
Why do I even live?  
The only answer is so that all of us might live  
together in Christ.”  
St. Augustine

*My Mission*

*“To Make all that is here a  
reflection of Him” - Beginning with Myself.*

●Christians are supposed not merely to  
endure change, nor even to profit by it,  
but to cause it.

-Harry Emerson Fosdick

*A person begins to be a follower of Jesus  
only by accepting the risk of becoming himself  
one of the powerless people  
in this visible world.*

**There are no easy answers.**

“I always desired to see different things, but since I have  
seen You, I desire to see nothing but You.

Faith has to do with the basis, the  
ground on which we stand. Hope is reach-  
ing out for something to come. Love is  
just being there and acting.

-Emil Brunner

*No one can pay God for sunshine  
And He asks for no other reward  
Than to see that His children serve others  
Like they have been served by the Lord*

Helen Steiner Rice

**Take Your Place  
In Christ's Plan**

*God owes me  
Nothing  
I owe Him more  
than I can ever  
pay*

*Family is the path to our real home in God. . .  
We have here no lasting dwelling place.*

The Psalms

**Instead of assuming that we're to say yes  
to every opportunity that comes along, we  
try to imitate Jesus by doing only what we  
see the Father doing.**

Both what you run away from—and what you yearn for—is  
within you.

Trust in Him at all times; pour out your heart  
before Him; God is a refuge for us. (Ps. 62:8)

*"The fruit of silence is  
prayer.  
The fruit of prayer is  
faith.  
The fruit of faith is  
love.  
The fruit of love is  
service.  
The fruit of service is  
peace."*

*-Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Business Card*

**It's not just what you know,  
it's also WHO you know.**

**LEAD-IN**

*Then Jesus said to the disciples, "And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is much more important than food, and the body much more important than clothes."*

**HARD SELL**

*"Look at the crows; they don't plant seed or gather a harvest; they don't have storage rooms or barns; God feeds them! You are worth so much more than birds! Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? If you can't manage even such a small thing, why worry about the other things?"*

*"Look how the wild flowers grow: they don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!"*

**KICKER**

*"So don't be all upset, always concerned about what you will eat and drink. (For the pagans of this world are always concerned about all these things.) Your Father knows that you need these things. Instead, be concerned with his Kingdom, and he will provide you with these things."*

*Luke 12:22-31 GNB*

**HOW IT WORKS** Hope works in these ways: it looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst; it discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot; it regards problems, large or small, as opportunities; it pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit; it "lights a candle" instead of cursing the darkness. Hope can be a good loser because of divine assurance of ultimate victory.

**GOD'S SERVANTS** Archbishop Secker used to say, "God has three sorts of servants in the world: some are slaves, and serve Him from fear; others are hirelings, and serve for wages; and the last are sons, who serve because they love."

*There is no glorious  
Crusade - We dig in where  
we are and we fight - for  
life, for love, for creation  
for freedom, for unity.*

*We almost never see reality. What we see is a reflection of it in the form of words and concepts which we then proceed to take for reality. The world we live in is mostly a mental construct. People feed on words, live by words, would fall apart without them.*

*"Rejoice with those who  
rejoice; mourn with those who  
mourn. . . . Do not be proud,  
but be willing to associate with  
people of low position. Do not  
be conceited."*

*—Saint Paul  
Romans 12:15-16*

*....We die on the day when our  
lives cease to be illumined by  
the steady radiance renewed Daily,  
of a wonder, the source of which is  
beyond reason. Dag Hammarskjöld*

**no risk is too great,  
no sacrifice too large,  
no tactic too bold.**