

# Some Inspirational Quotes

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**Psalm 19:7-11** <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. <sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. <sup>11</sup> By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**Psalm 119:43,47,48-48, 92, 95, 97-99, 103, 105, 160** <sup>43</sup> Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws... <sup>47</sup> for I delight in your commands because I love them. <sup>48</sup> I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I meditate on your decrees... <sup>92</sup> If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction... <sup>95</sup> The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes... <sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. <sup>98</sup> Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes... <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!... <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path... <sup>160</sup> All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

**Ezra 7:10** <sup>10</sup> For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel. *See Neh. Ch. 8*

**John 5:39** <sup>39</sup> You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,

**1 Timothy 4:13-16** <sup>13</sup> Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. <sup>14</sup> Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. <sup>15</sup> Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. <sup>16</sup> Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

**2 Timothy 2:15** <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

"Pastors who do not know Greek are forced to borrow their ideas from others. They are slaves to the commentators, but have no means to check their accuracy. The best tools of interpretation are beyond their reach." -David Black

"The more a theologian detaches himself from the basic Hebrew and Greek text of Holy Scripture, the more he detaches himself from the source of real theology? And real theology is the foundation of a fruitful and blessed ministry." -Heinrich Bitzer,

"Reading the Bible in translation is like kissing your new bride through a veil." Haim Machman Bialik

"If the languages had not made me positive as to the true meaning of the word, I might have still remained a chained monk, engaged in quietly preaching Romish errors in the obscurity of a cloister; the pope, the sophists, and their anti-Christian empire would have remained unshaken." -Martin Luther

"Without languages we could not have received the Gospel. Languages are the scabbard that contains the sword of the Spirit; they are the casket which contains the priceless jewels of antique thought; they are the vessel that holds the wine; and as the gospel says, they are the baskets in which the loaves and fishes are kept to feed the multitude. If we neglect the literature we shall eventually lose the gospel...No sooner did men cease to cultivate the languages than Christendom declined, even until it fell under the undisputed dominion of the pope. But no sooner was this torch relighted, than this papal owl fled with a shriek into congenial gloom...In former times the fathers were frequently mistaken, because they were ignorant of the languages and in our days there are some who, like the Waldenses, do not think the languages of any use; but although their doctrine is good, they have often erred in the real meaning of the sacred text; they are without arms against error, and I fear much that their faith will not remain pure." – Martin Luther

"As dear as the gospel is to us all, let us as hard contend with its language." Martin Luther

"A guide to souls ought to know the literal meaning of every word, verse, and chapter in Scripture, without which there can be no firm foundation on which the spiritual meaning can be built...Can he do this in the most effectual manner, without a knowledge of the original languages? Without this will he not frequently be at a stand, even as to texts which regard practice only? But will he be still under greater difficulties with respect to converted Scriptures. He will not be able to rescue these out of the hands of any man of learning that would pervert them: for whenever an appeal is made to the original [language], his mouth is stopped at once." -John Wesley

"Once John Wesley received a note from a self-appointed evangelist telling him, 'The Lord has told me to tell you that He doesn't need your book learning, your Greek and Hebrew.' Wesley replied, 'Thank you, Sir. Your letter was superfluous, however, as I already knew the Lord has no need of my 'book learning' as you put it. However, although the Lord has not directed me to say so, on my own responsibility I would like to say, the Lord does not need your ignorance either.'" - source unknown

"It should go without saying that if a professor in biblical studies is unable to deal with technical linguistic arguments in a class because most of the students have not taken Greek and Hebrew, the level of instruction necessarily drops. Moreover, the important education that takes place as students converse with one another also plummets several notches. The natural tendency to gravitate toward 'relevancy' and pragmatism can do nothing but flourish in such an environment. And the end result is an increase in the poisonous anti-intellectualism that has already taken its toll in the evangelical church." - Moises Silva

"I have come to think that the way individuals and communities interpret the Bible is arguably the most important barometer of larger intellectual and cultural trends." – Kevin Vanhoozer