

***BUILDING FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION —***

***Providing Financial Resources  
for the Work of God Through the Church***

**QUOTABLE QUOTES**

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*The congregations who do the best in church finances  
have a rich, full, abiding compassion for mission.  
They are motivated by a theology of service,  
not a theology of survival. Their compelling,  
driving spirit is one of striving, serving, loving mission.*

Kennon L. Callahan  
Author and teacher, Congregational Development

*Living is giving. We live life best as we give our  
strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of  
God's mission. We are called to serve, not survive.  
Our giving makes a difference in our families,  
our work, our community, our world, and our church.*

Kennon L. Callahan  
Author and teacher, Congregational Development

*Money follows mission, not the reverse. This is a shorthand way of saying that  
the stronger the congregation's relational characteristics, the easier it is to raise money.  
The stronger the congregation's mission, visitation, groupings, leadership, and decision making,  
the stronger the giving.*

Kennon L. Callahan  
Author and teacher, Congregational Development

*Remember that when you leave this earth,  
you can take with you nothing that you have received —  
only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest  
service, love, sacrifice and courage.*

St. Francis of Assisi

*Through these gifts we go where we cannot travel;  
witness where our voices cannot be heard;  
speak languages never learned  
and love those whom we have never seen.*

C. William Nicholson

*The call to stewardship and the call to mission are part of one pilgrimage.*

Anon.

*When we can share — that is poetry in the prose of life.*

Sigmund Freud

*Who is narrow of vision cannot be big of heart.*

Chinese proverb

*A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.*

Chinese proverb

*Stewardship is living into a vision of mission in a concrete way.*

Anon.

*A gift, like a home, should be designed for the individual.*

Anon.

*Of great riches there is no real use, except it be in the distribution; the rest is but conceit.*

Francis Bacon

*The one who fails to prepare is preparing to fail.*

Benjamin Franklin

*Bounty always receives part of its value from the manner in which it is bestowed.*

Samuel Johnson

*We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.*

Winston Churchill

*Every man is the architect of his own fortune.*

Sallust

*If you build it, they will come.*

W.P. Kinsella

*Each morning sees some task begin, each evening sees it close.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*To give away money is an easy matter and in any [one's] power. But to decide to whom to give it and how large and when and for what purpose and how is neither in every [one's] power nor an easy matter. Hence it is that such excellence is rare, praiseworthy, and noble.*

Aristotle

*Retain your economic freedom at all costs.*

Anon.

*It is strange but true that most people will spend forty years accumulating property, ten years conserving it, but won't take two hours to plan for its careful distribution.*

Anon.

*Riches do not consist in the possession of treasures but in the use made of them.*

Napoleon I

*Giving calls for genius.*

Ovid

*Stewardship is what we do after we say, "We believe".*

Anon.

*Think globally, act locally.*

Archbishop Arthur Peters, October 1997

*We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.*

Attributed to Sir Winston Churchill

*Planning is always paid for, whether you do it or not.*

Anon.

*True giving knows no season.*

Florence E. King

*He is rich who hath enough to be charitable.*

Sir Thomas Browne

*Goodness is easier to recognise than define.*

W.H. Auden

*It is not enough to do good; one must do it in the right way.*

John Morley

*Let's do it right. This is for the ages.*

I.M. Pei

*When we build, let us think that we build forever.*

John Ruskin

*Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It's the only thing.*

Albert Schweitzer

*There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.*

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell

*To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe.*

Anatole France

*Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.*

Henry Van Dyke

*Don't tell me where your priorities are. Show me where you spend your money and I'll tell you what they are.*

James W. Frick

*Worse than being blind is to see and have no vision.*

Helen Keller

*We can't cross a bridge until we come to it, but I always like to lay down a pontoon ahead of time.*

Bernard M. Baruch

*The method of the enterprising is to plan with audacity and execute with vigour.*

Christian Bovée

*The man who is prepared has his battle half fought.*

Miguel de Cervantes

*Make your plans as fantastic as you like, because 25 years from now, they will seem mediocre. Make your plans ten times as great as you first planned, and 25 years from now you will wonder why you did not make them 50 times as great.*

Henry Curtis

*Plan ahead: It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.*

+ Richard Cardinal Cushing

*If you don't have a plan of life, you'll never have order.*

Josemaria Escriva

*The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well.*

Sir William Osler

*In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.*

Henry Ward Beecher

*If you want to know how rich you really are, find out what would be left of you tomorrow if you should lose every dollar you own tonight.*

William J.H. Boetcker

*The more you learn to do with yourself, and the more you do for others, the more you will learn to enjoy the abundant life.*

William J.H. Boetcker

*If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free; if our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed.*

Edmund Burke

*To acquire wealth is difficult, to preserve it is more difficult, but to spend it wisely, most difficult of all.*

Edward Day

*A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world.*

Muhammad

*The surplus wealth we have gained to some extent at least belongs to our fellow beings; we are only the temporary custodians of our fortunes, and let us be careful that no just complaint can be made against our stewardship.*

Jacob H. Schiff

*Of all the varieties of virtue, liberality is the most beloved.*

Aristotle

*A man there was, and they called him mad; the more he gave, the more he had.*

John Bunyan

*No person was ever honoured for what he received. Honour has been the reward for what he gave.*

Calvin Coolidge

*They who give have all things; they who withhold have nothing.*

Hindu proverb

*Let him who exhorts others to give, give himself.*

Latin proverb

*Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here, too.*

Albert Schweitzer

*A benefit consists not in that which is done or given, but in the intention of the giver or doer.*

Seneca

*If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives.*

Robert South

*We are rich only through what we give: and poor only through what we refuse and keep.*

Anne Swetchine

*The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious.*

Martin Luther

*"I can't do it" never yet accomplished anything; "I will try" has performed wonders.*

George P. Burnham

*If a man can...make a better mousetrap than his neighbour, the world will make a beaten path to his door.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

*As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.*

Andrew Carnegie

*It takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place.*

Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking-Glass*

*Nothing will come of nothing.*

William Shakespeare, *King Lear*

*I wouldn't have seen it if I hadn't believed it.*

Marshall McLuhan

*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.*

Aristotle

*He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money.*

Benjamin Franklin

*Where your talents and the world's needs cross, there lies your vocation.*

Aristotle

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.  
We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?  
Actually, who are you not to be?*  
Nelson Mandela, 1994 Inaugural Address

*The only things worth counting on are people you can count on.*  
Dwight D. Eisenhower

*I can live for two months on a good compliment.*  
Mark Twain

*When someone does something good, applaud!  
You will make two people happy.*  
Samuel Goldwyn

*Dig your well before you're thirsty.*  
Harvey Mackay

*Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid of standing still.*  
Chinese proverb

*Ask a lot, but take what is offered.*  
Russian proverb

*Everything that can be invented has been invented.*  
Director of the U.S. Patent Office, 1899

*Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.*  
Samuel Johnson

*If there is no wind, row.*  
Latin proverb

*Never, never, never, never give up.*  
Winston Churchill

*Dost thou love life?  
Then do not squander time, for that's the stuff life is made of.*  
Benjamin Franklin

*The only reason for time  
is so that everything doesn't happen at once.*  
Albert Einstein

*There is nothing in a caterpillar  
that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.*  
Buckminster Fuller

*Leadership is like beauty —  
it's hard to define but you know it when you see it.*

Warren Bennis

*The greatest discovery of this generation:  
Human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes.*

William James

*Genius is one percent inspiration, and ninety-nine percent perspiration.*

Thomas Edison

*There are three things extremely hard: steel, a diamond, and to know one's own self.*

Benjamin Franklin

*When one door of happiness closes, another opens;  
but often we look so long at the closed door that  
we do not see the one which has opened for us.*

Helen Keller

*The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*We are such stuff as dreams are made of.*

Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

*Make your living doing what you love; ethically, passionately, and never give up.*

Jerry Goodis, Canadian Marketing Guru

*The vision always precedes reality.*

Tom Leon, President, Leon's Furniture

*Most people know what to do, but they don't do what they know —  
because they haven't found their inner drive. Their passion.*

Tony Robbins

*It's not the size of the army but the power within the army.*

Napoleon Bonaparte

*This "telephone" has too many shortcomings to be  
seriously considered as a means of communication.*

*The device is inherently of no value to us.*

Western Union Internal Memo, 1876

*We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out.*

Decca Recording Co., Rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

*You cannot kindle a fire in any other heart until it is burning in your own.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Many of life's failures are [those] who did not realize how close they were to success when they  
gave up.*

Author Unknown

*Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.*

*Talent will not; nothing is more common  
than unsuccessful men with talent.*

*Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.*

*Education alone will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.  
Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.*  
Calvin Coolidge

*Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.  
Security is mostly a superstition.  
It does not exist in nature.*  
Helen Keller

*Only those who dare to fail greatly  
can ever achieve greatly.*  
Robert F. Kennedy

*Throughout history, outstanding leaders  
have been ordinary people with extraordinary vision —  
and the skills to communicate it* Peter Urs Bender

*I hear — I forget.  
I see — I remember.  
I do — I understand.*  
Confucius

*A good leader is best when people barely know he exists...  
Of a good leader, who talks little, when his work is done, his aim  
fulfilled, they will say: "We did this ourselves."*  
Lao Tzu (circa 600 B.C.)

*I never worry about action, but only about inaction.*  
Winston Churchill

*In the arena of human life the honours and rewards fall to those  
who show their good qualities in action.*  
Aristotle

*Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.*  
Benjamin Disraeli

*We must not sit down and wait for miracles. Up and be going!*  
John Eliot

*Let deeds match words.*  
Plautus

*There is nothing wrong with change, if it is in the right direction.*  
Winston Churchill

*Charity makes no decrease in property.*  
Arabian proverb

*The unfortunate need people who will be kind to them;*

*the prosperous need people to be kind to.*

Aristotle

*Public charities and benevolent associations for the gratuitous relief of every species of distress, are peculiar to Christianity; no other system of civil or religious policy has originated them; they form its highest praise and characteristic feature.*

Charles Caleb Colton

*He who has no charity deserves no mercy.*

English proverb

*You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned your money, unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you.*

Ruth Smeltzer

*Real generosity toward the future consists in giving all to what is present.*

Albert Camu

*He who can see three days ahead will be rich for three thousand years.*

Japanese proverb

*I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.*

Thomas Jefferson

*The great French Marshal Lyautey once asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree was slow-growing and would not reach maturity for 100 years. The marshal replied, "In that case, there is no time to lose, plant it this afternoon."*

John F. Kennedy

*We work day after day, not to finish things; but to make the future better...because we will spend the rest of our lives there.*

Charles F. Kettering

*What you hide from God, don't show your neighbours.*

Ignas Bernstein

*Get the pattern of your life from God, then go about your work and be yourself.*

Phillips Brooks

*God does not want us to do extraordinary things; He wants us to do ordinary things extraordinarily well.*

Bishop Charles Gore

*There is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God's; there is no portion of money that is our money, and the rest God's money. It is all His; He made it all, gives it all, and He has simply trusted it to us for His service. A servant has two purses, the master's and his own, but we have only one.*

Adolphe Monod

*No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.*

St. Ambrose

*Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.*

Cicero

*One can never pay in gratitude; one can only pay in kind somewhere else in life.*

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

*The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.*

Plutarch

*The price of greatness is responsibility.*

Winston Churchill

*Preach the Gospel always; and when necessary, use words.*

St. Francis of Assisi

*There are three conversions necessary (for the Christian life): the conversion of the heart, the mind, and the purse.*

Martin Luther

*One aspect of neighbourly love is that we must not merely will our neighbours good, but actually work to bring it about.*

Thomas Aquinas

*To pray for anything for which we will not take counsel together,  
for which we will not jointly labour,  
for which we will not contribute our energies and means,  
is only mocking God and disappointing ourselves.*

Alexander Campbell, July 1834

*The secret of success is to do the common things uncommonly well.*

John D. Rockefeller

*Consider your possessions loaned to you by God.*

St. Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380

