

JODY HEDLUND'S BOOK CLUB COLLECTION

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~John Newton



JOHN NEWTON QUOTES

ON GRACE...

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am."

"Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior."

"He has been pleased in loving kindness to draw us to himself, and to be found by us when we sought him not."

"We serve a gracious Master who knows how to overrule even our mistakes to His glory and our own advantage."

"The love I bear Christ is but a faint and feeble spark, but it is an emanation from himself: He kindled it and he keeps it alive; and because it is his work, I trust many waters shall not quench it."

"God often takes a course for accomplishing His purposes directly contrary to what our narrow views would prescribe."

ON AFFLICTION...

"We can easily manage if we will only take, each day, the burden appointed to it."
(Short version)

"We can easily manage if we will only take, each day, the burden appointed to it. But the load will be too heavy for us if we carry yesterday's burden over again today, and then add the burden of the morrow before we are required to bear it." (Long version)

"Afflictions quicken us to prayer. It is a pity it should be so; but experience testifies, that a long course of ease and prosperity, without painful changes—has an unhappy tendency to make us cold and formal in our secret worship."

"Afflictions are useful, and in a degree necessary, to keep alive in us—a conviction of the vanity and unsatisfying nature of the present world, and all its enjoyments; to remind us that this world is not our rest, and to call our thoughts upwards, where our true treasure is, and where our heart ought to be."

"Can we wish, if it were possible, to walk in a path strewed with flowers when His was strewed with thorns?"

ON FAITH...

"God sometimes does His work with gentle drizzle, not storms."

"If we seem to get no good by attempting to draw near to Him, we may be sure we will get none by keeping away from Him."

"If you once love Him, you will study to please Him."

"If it were possible for me to alter any part of his plan, I could only spoil it."

"God works powerfully, but for the most part gently and gradually."

ON PRAYER...

"Let us chide our cold unfeeling hearts and pray for a coal of fire from the heavenly altar to send us home in a flame of love to him who has thus loved us."

"What Thou wilt, when Thou wilt, how Thou wilt."

"Prayer is the great engine to overthrow and rout my spiritual enemies, the great means to procure the graces of which I stand in hourly need."

ON RELATIONSHIPS...

"When we look at the ungodly, we are not to hate them - but to pity them, mourn over them, and pray for them. Nor have we any right to boast over them; for, by nature, and of ourselves, we are no better than they."

"When people are right with God, they are apt to be hard on themselves and easy on other people. But when they are not right with God, they are easy on themselves and hard on others."