

Some Short Sayings Based on Scriptures

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If something you have been doing or believing would cause you to be lost, would you want to know it? What if those you love would also be eternally lost? Are pride and tradition more important than Truth and true love?

If you find it difficult to be thankful for what God has done for you, consider what He has done for the people you love most. He has given them the opportunity to be in Heaven eternally, free from all suffering and pain (Rev. 21:4). How important is that to you? How thankful are you? Are you thankful enough to love and serve Him? (1 Jn. 2:3-6; 5:3).

If you believe all your happiness is in the past, you will neither be happy now, nor in the future. *"Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this"* (Eccl. 7:10). Of all people, Christians should be looking forward, not backward. Don't idealize your past--realize your future! (cf. Lk. 9:62; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; 5:1; Php. 3:13-14; Heb. 6:18-20).

The Holy Scriptures do not teach Christians to pray to Mary, but to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Lk. 11:1-2; Jn. 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Php. 4:6-7, etc.). There is only one Mediator in prayer--Jesus Christ: *"I exhort therefore that...prayers...be made for all men...For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"* (1 Tim. 2:1, 5). He became Mediator by reconciling us to God through His death, and that is why we pray to God through Him (Rom. 5:10; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 9:15). Mary was not divine, and she did not die for us. She was also not a perpetual virgin (Matt. 1:25; 13:55). Mary was blessed to give birth to Jesus, but she has been exalted far higher than God ever intended (Matt. 12:46-50; Lk. 11:27-28). Be careful not to get caught up in Mariolatry.

Do we love entertainment more than true wisdom and righteous living? *"It is better*

to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools” (Eccl. 7:5; cf. Psa. 141:5; Prov. 9:8,9; 19:25; 27:5,6; 28:23; Gal. 4:16).

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