

Inspirational Street Preaching Evangelism Quotes



“And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” - Luke 14:23

“Not called!” did you say? “Not heard the call,” I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father’s house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not come there. Then look Christ in the face — whose mercy you have professed to obey — and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world.” - *William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army*

“Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon Earth.” - *John Wesley*

“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one GO there UNWARNED and UNPRAYED for.” - *Charles Spurgeon*

“I’d rather have people hate me with the knowledge that I tried to save them.” - *Keith Green*

“The church that does not evangelize will fossilize.” - *Oswald J. Smith*

“No sort of defense is needed for preaching outdoors, but it would take a very strong argument to prove that a man who has never preached beyond the walls of his meetinghouse has done his duty. A defense is required for services within buildings rather than for worship outside of them.” - *William Booth*

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women to come in." – *Jonathan Edwards*

"The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked: his wrath towards you burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire; he is of purer eyes than to bear to have you in his sight; you are ten thousand times more abominable in his eyes, than the most hateful venomous serpent is in ours. You have offended him infinitely more than ever a stubborn rebel did his prince; and yet it is nothing but his hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment." – *Jonathan Edwards*

"I believe I never was more acceptable to my Master than when I was standing to teach those hearers in the open fields...I now preach to ten times more people than I would if I had been confined to the churches." – *George Whitfield*

"I am well assured that I did far more good to my Lincolnshire parishioners by preaching three days on my father's tomb than I did by preaching three years in his pulpit." John Wesley

"Lord, make me a crisis man. Let me not be a mile- post on a single road, but make me a fork that men must turn one way or another in facing Christ in me." – *Jim Elliot*

"Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry? Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die? Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand? Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you DAMNED?" – *Leonard Ravenhill*

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"We can speak appropriately and please men. Or we can trust God and risk everything." – *Art Katz*

"It is to be ascribed to nothing else that you did not go to hell the last night; that you were suffered to awake again in this world, after you closed your eyes to sleep. And there is no other reason to be given, why you have not dropped into hell since you arose in the morning, but that God's hand has held you up. There is no other reason to be given why you have not gone to hell, since you have sat here in the house of God, provoking his pure eyes by your sinful wicked manner of attending his solemn worship. Yea, there is nothing else that is to be given as a reason why you do not this very moment drop down into hell. O sinner! Consider the fearful danger you are in!" – *Jonathan Edwards*

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"While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while children go hungry, as they do now I'll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight - I'll fight to the very end!" - *William Booth*

"Isn't it staggering when you think that one sermon on the day of Pentecost produced 3000 people? And we had some cities yesterday where 3000 sermons were preached and nobody was saved. And it doesn't even faze us." - *Leonard Ravenhill*

"Ministers often preach about the Gospel instead of preaching the Gospel. They often preach about sinners instead of preaching to them." - *Charles Finney*

"If Jesus had preached the same message that ministers preach today, He would never have been crucified." - *Leonard Ravenhill*

"We are not called to proclaim philosophy and metaphysics, but the simple gospel. Man's fall, his need of a new birth, forgiveness through atonement, and salvation as the result of faith, these are our battle-ax and weapons of war." - *C. H. Spurgeon*

"Christian people, are you figuring round and round to get a little property, yet neglecting souls? Beware lest you ruin souls that can never live again! Do you say — I thought they knew it all? They reply to you, "I did not suppose you believed a word of it yourselves. You did not act as if you did. Are you going to heaven? Well, I am going down to hell! There is no help for me now. You will sometimes think of me then, as you shall see the smoke of my woe rising up darkly athwart the glorious heavens. After I have been there a long, long time, you will sometimes think that I, who once lived by your side, am there. O remember, you cannot pray for me then; but you will remember that once you might have warned and might have saved me." - *Charles G. Finney*

"Do all the good you can by all the means you can in all the places you can at all the times you can to all the people you can as long as ever you can." - *John Wesley*

"Apostolic preaching is not marked by its beautiful diction, or literary polish, or Cleverness of expression, but Operates in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." - *Arthur Wallis*

"It is not the bigness of the words you utter, but the force with which you deliver them" - *C. H. Spurgeon*

"In my preaching of the Word, I took special notice of this one thing, namely, that the Lord did lead me to begin where His Word begins with sinners; that is, to condemn all flesh, and to open and allege that the curse of God, by the Law, doth belong to and lay hold on all men as they come into the world, because of sin." - *John Bunyan*

"Be cold, sober, wise, circumspect. Keep yourself low by the ground avoiding high questions.

Expound the Law truly and open the veil of Moses to condemn all flesh and prove all men sinners, and set at broach the mercy of our Lord Jesus, and let wounded consciences drink of Him." - *William Tyndale*

"The man who does not know the nature of the Law, cannot know the nature of sin." - *John Bunyan*

"Rash preaching, disgusts; timid preaching, leaves poor souls fast asleep; bold preaching is the only preaching that is owned of God" - *Rowland Hill*

"If you're not meeting the Devil head on, then you're going in the same direction" - *Billy Sunday*

"It is a poor sermon that gives no offense; that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself nor with the preacher." - *George Whitefield*

"It is imperative that preachers of today learn how to declare the spiritual law of God; for, until we learn how to wound consciences, we shall have no wounds to bind with Gospel bandages." - *Walter Chantry*

"It is either all of Christ or none of Christ! I believe we need to preach again a whole Christ to the world-a Christ who does not need our apologies, a Christ who will not be divided, a Christ who will either be Lord of all or will not be Lord at all!" - *A. W. Tozer*

(Speaking of the Holy Spirit coming upon him:) "I went to preaching again. The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths, and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you should give me all the world - it would be as dust in the balance." - *D. L. Moody*

"Finney preached and sometimes the whole congregation would get up and leave! That's good preaching." - *Leonard Ravenhill*

"He with whom the ministry is a secondary thing, may be a correct, a learned, an elegant, even an oratorical, but will never be a powerful preacher." - *J. W. Alexander*

"Preach not calmly and quietly as though you were asleep, but preach with fire and pathos and passion." - *C. H. Spurgeon*

"I would say that a „dull preacher“ is a contradiction in terms; if he is dull he is not a preacher. He may stand in a pulpit and talk, but he is certainly not a preacher." - *David Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

"The great reason why we have so little good preaching is that we have so little piety. To be eloquent one must be in earnest; he must not only act as if he were in earnest, or try to be in earnest, but be in earnest." - *C. H. Spurgeon*

"Would ministers preach for eternity! They would then act the part of true Christian orators, and not only calmly and coolly inform the understanding, but, by persuasive, pathetic address, endeavor to move the affections and warm the heart." - *George Whitefield*

"Unless we have the spirit of the prophets resting upon us, the mantle which we wear is nothing but a rough garment to deceive. We ought to be driven forth with abhorrence from the society of honest men for daring to speak in the name of the Lord if the Spirit of God rests not upon us." - *C. H. Spurgeon*

"It was strictly forbidden to preach to other prisoners, as it is in captive nations today. It was understood that whoever was caught doing this received a severe beating. A number of us decided to pay the price for the privilege of preaching, so we accepted their terms. It was a deal: we preached and they beat us. We were happy preaching; they were happy beating us - so everyone was happy." - *Richard Wurmbrand*

"Should I comfort those who do not mourn?" Some preachers are too quick and too willing to hand out pardons to sinners who do not mourn over their crimes!" - *John Fletcher*

"Art thou ready, Oh preacher, to take the consequences of letting the Lord speak through thee as He will?" - *Keith Daniel*

"Before I can preach love, mercy, and grace, I must preach sin, Law, and judgment." - *John Wesley*

"The kind of sermon which is likely to break the hearer's heart is that which first has broken the preacher's heart, and the sermon which is likely to reach the heart of the hearer is the one which has come straight from the heart of the preacher." - *Charles Spurgeon*

"Preach 90% Law and 10% grace." - *John Wesley*

"The preacher's work is to throw sinners down into utter helplessness that they may be compelled to look up to Him who alone can help them." - *Charles Spurgeon*

"The God of holiness and eternal majesty is hardly mentioned these days. The preachers used to declare with holy boldness to the pew dwellers, "You are lost." Today it is, "You are loved." It takes living men to deliver the living Word. Unless the preachers walk in the fear of the Lord and step out of eternity into the pulpits, the spiritual life of the nation will continue in its descent to weakness and finally apostasy." - *Leonard Ravenhill*

"The power that is in the Gospel does not lie in the eloquence of the preacher, otherwise men would be the converters of souls, nor does it lie in the preacher's learning, otherwise it would consist in the wisdom of men. We might preach until our tongues rotted, till we would exhaust our lungs and die, but never a soul would be converted unless the Holy Spirit be with the Word of God to give it the power to convert." - *Kevin Turner*

"A wet eyed preacher will never preach dry sermons" - *Leonard Ravenhill*

"The preachers are the greatest problem in the United States of America."
- *Paul Washer*

"Shouldst thou not weep over such a people, and should not thy tears interrupt thy words? Shouldst thou not cry aloud, and show them their transgressions; and entreat and beseech them as for life and death?" - *Richard Baxter*

"The world will never believe in a religion in which there is no power. A rationalized faith, a socialized church, and a moralized gospel may gain applause, but they awaken no conviction and win no converts." - *Samuel Chadwick*

"If you release me today, I'll preach tomorrow," - *John Bunyan* (while imprisoned as a non-conformist)

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"May the Lord send us prophets - terrible men, who cry aloud and spare not, who sprinkle nations with unctioned woes - men too hot to hold, too hard to be heard, too merciless to spare." - *Leonard Ravenhill*

"Some men will spin out a long prayer telling God who and what he is, or they pray out a whole system of divinity. Some people preach, others exhort the people, till everybody wishes they would stop, and God wishes so, too, most undoubtedly." - *Charles Finney*

"Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all." - *D. L. Moody*

"Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still." - *E. M. Bounds*

"The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoe." - *D. L. Moody*

"If you have no wish to bring others to heaven, you are not going there yourself." - *C. H. Spurgeon*

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"Who cares who frowns, if God smiles." - *Catherine Booth*

"Whenever you find a preacher who takes the Bible allegorically and figuratively...that preacher is preaching an allegorical gospel which is no gospel. I thank God for a literal Christ, for a literal salvation. There is literal sorrow, literal death, literal Hell, and, thank God, there is a literal Heaven." - *J. Frank Norris*

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"I set myself on FIRE, they come to watch me burn." - *Wesley*

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"It is not our strength we want. It is not our work to make them believe. That is the work of the Spirit. Our work is to give them the Word of God. I cannot convert men; I can only proclaim the Gospel" - *D. L. Moody*

"God had an only Son and he made him a missionary." - *David Livingstone*

"You have one business on earth - to save souls." - *John Wesley*

“Brethren, do something; do something, do something! While societies and unions make constitutions, let us win souls. I pray you, be men of action all of you. Get to work and quit yourselves like men. Old Suvarov’s idea of war is mine: `Forward and strike! No theory! Attack! Form a column! Charge bayonets! Plunge into the center of the enemy! Our one aim is to win souls; and this we are not to talk about, but do in the power of God!’” -

Charles Spurgeon
