

## **Bulletin Fillers**

♥ **Sentence Sermons** ♥ **Food For Thought** ♥  
♥ **Edifying Quotations** ♥

These are edifying quotations, quaint sayings and humorous one-liners that might be helpful for Pastors, teachers or Christian workers. They cover a large range of topics and are not placed in any particular order and there may be some duplication. We hope you might find these helpful to you and your ministry. We will continue to add to this list.

"If we doubt God's Word about one thing, we shall have small confidence in it upon another thing. Sincere faith in God must treat all God's Word alike; for the faith which accepts one word of God and rejects another is evidently not faith in God but faith in our own judgment, faith in our own taste." --Charles Spurgeon

You cannot break God's promises by leaning upon them!

Jonathan Edwards speaking of neglectful parents: "They take some care of their (children's) bodies, but take little care of their poor souls; they provide them bread to eat, but deny them the bread of life."

"The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven ordains. Religion and morality are the essential pillars of civil society" (George Washington).

"Faith trusts not what the eye sees, but what the Word promises" (Charles Bridges).

"Christians ought to be accustomed to submit to God's testimony without question, and without reluctance, even in things the farthest beyond the reach of the human mind. 'Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth,' ought to be the motto of every Christian" (Robert Haldane).

Whenever I try I fail; whenever I trust **He** succeeds!

"He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity is wise for a moment, but a fool forever" (Tillotson).

Jehovah lifted up His rod--O Christ, it fell on Thee! Thou wast forsaken of Thy God; No distance now for me."

If absence makes the heart grow fonder, how some people must love the church!

Some people have only three occasions for attending church--when they are HATCHED, MATCHED and DISPATCHED.

"The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men" (E. M. Bounds).

"Be ready to receive God's chastisements, regardless of who holds the whip" (Tozer).

Most worries are reruns.

"I never saw a useful Christian who was not a student of the Bible" (D. L. Moody).

"I do not pray for a lighter load, but for a stronger back" (P. Brooks).

When God measures a man, He puts the tape around his heart, not his head.

"The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety" (G. Mueller).

Anxiety is the rust of life; trust is the oil.

Humility is that precious quality that makes us feel smaller as we grow greater.

Patience is waiting without worrying.

Failure is merely an opportunity to start over again, wiser than before.

Hurry is the mother of most mistakes.

Joy is the by-product of obedience.

Prayer is the pause that empowers.

True prayer is a way of life, not just an emergency route.

Service is love in working clothes.

True beauty is found in inner grace, rather than in a handsome or pretty face.

Grace is everything given to someone who deserves nothing.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

Indian definition of Christmas: Jesus Christ came down and pitched His tent right next to mine.

TODAY is the TOMORROW you worried about YESTERDAY.

Grace is God's Riches At Christ's Expense

The incarnation is God becoming poor so that man might become rich (2 Cor. 8:9).

Faith is the hand of the heart that reaches out and receives God's gift.

It is not your faith which saves, but the One in whom your faith is placed.

"I have lived to thank God that all my prayers have not been answered" (J. Ingelow)

By nothing do men show their characters more clearly than by what they think laughable.

Truth does not need defenders; it only needs witnesses.

Sin is the greatest of detectives (Numbers 32:23).

"So you've got a problem. That's good. Do you know of a single instance where any real achievement has been made in your life or in the life of anyone in history which was not due to a problem or problems faced?" (C. Stone)

The most deadly sins do not leap upon us; they creep upon us.

God's requirements are met by God's enablings (Phil. 4:13).

When you daily read the Bible and pray, you take the time OUT to take eternity IN.

Reformation can put a new coat on a man; regeneration alone can put a new man in the coat.

Revival is just a daily experience of a soul full of Jesus and running over!

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

God has two thrones--one in the highest heavens; the other in the lowliest hearts (Isa. 66:1-2).

"What we love we shall grow to resemble" (Bernard of Clairvaux)

When you pray and read the Bible daily, you are taking time out to take eternity in.

J. C. Penny, founder of the J. C. Penny chain of retail clothing stores, is credited with the following statement: "If a man's business requires so much of his time that he cannot attend the Sunday morning and evening services, and Wednesday night prayer meeting, then that man has more business than God intended him to have."

"I see that during your church convention," said the old farmer, "they discussed how to get people to attend church. I have never heard a single address at a farmer's convention on how to get the cattle to come to the rack. We spend our time discussing the best kind of feed."

What is the greatest error a person can make in his life? See Matthew 22:29

"Man's soul finds no rest until it rests in God" (Augustine).

No cosmetic for the face can compare with the beauty of inner grace.

He who WAITS on the Lord will not be crushed by the WEIGHTS of adversity.

The Bible is like a compass---it always points the believer in the right direction.

The test of a person's character is what he does when no one is watching (Phil. 2:12).

Ruffled waters cannot reflect mountain peaks and neither can a troubled heart reflect Christ (John 14:1).

True prayer is a way of life, not just an emergency detour.

Why look for a perfect church? You couldn't belong anyway.

The morning message helps people in different ways. Some rise from it greatly strengthened; others wake from it refreshed.

A hypocrite is a fellow who isn't himself on Sunday.

Every heart without Jesus Christ is a mission field; every heart with Jesus Christ should be a missionary.

There will be no disappointments to those whose wills are buried in the will of God.

Tired of the outlook? Try the upward look!

"When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart" (John Bunyan)

People sometimes think they have a strong will, when it's really a strong won't.

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can! "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10).

If men speak ill of you, live so nobody will believe them.

Reckon him a faithful Christian who is not ashamed of the gospel nor a shame to it.

One cannot be saved by imperfect obedience because God cannot accept it. The only solution is Calvary.

Noah's belief led him into the ark, and the ark, not his belief saved him. Christ is the ARK in which we find salvation.

The doctrine of grace humbles man without degrading him and exalts him without inflating him.

God has two thrones: one in the highest heaven and the other in the lowliest heart (see Isaiah 57:15 and 66:1-2).

Years ago an aged Scot, lying on his deathbed, with his loved ones gathered round him, whispered, "Could these walls speak they would tell you what sweet communion I have had here with my God." *If the walls of your room could speak, what would they say?*

The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, sidestepping responsibility, dodging issues, passing the buck and pressing their luck!

A smile can add a great deal to one's face value.

If you want your neighbor to know what Christ will do for him, let him see what Christ has done for you.

True wisdom is the accurate discernment of what is really important.

The children of the King should use the language of the court.

The BIBLE: **B**asic **I**nstruction **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth.

Don't read the Bible looking for difficulties; read the Bible looking for TRUTH.

Seek to be children in faith; seek to be men in understanding (1 Cor. 14:20).

Christians ought to declare by life and by lip that god is exactly what he says He is.

There is no limit to God's grace. there is no limit to what a person can be through the grace of God (1 Cor. 15:10).

True science and the Bible cannot possibly contradict each other since god is the Author of both.

People do not "pass away," they "pass on." They do not pass away out of existence; they pass on into eternity.

We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future.

God keeps us, not because we are faithful but because He is.

Worldly amusements are the devil's anesthetic for an empty heart.

Witnessing is simply "show and tell."

A man who walks with God always gets to his destination.

Failure if following the line o least persistence.

He who provides for this life but takes no care for eternity may be wise for a moment but he will be a fool forever.

God tells us to burden Him with that which burdens us (Psalm 55:22; 1 Pet. 5:7).

"Beware! Error often rides to its deadly work on the back of truth" (Spurgeon)

None can claim the Fatherhood of God apart from the Saviourhood of Christ (Gal. 3:26).

While the conversion of a soul is the miracle of a moment, the growth of a saint is the task of a lifetime.

Good works is faith made visible; confessing Christ is faith made audible.

In God's eyes, it is a great thing to do a little thing well!

One whose eye is fixed by faith on heaven can trample equally under foot the smiles and the frowns of the world.

The world is full of men (and women) who are making good livings but poor lives.

Virtues are learned at mother's knee--vices at some other joint!

A spiritual depression is worse than an economic one.

A creedless religion makes for a deedless one.

An atheist cannot find God for the same reason a thief cannot find a policeman.

Changing the label doe snot alter the contents of the bottle.

Prosperity begets friends; adversity reveals them.

Men do not give authority to the truth; truth gives authority to men.

If you, a child of God, marry a child of the devil, you may expect much trouble from your father-in-law.

The cause of Christ is not going to be carried forward by complacent Sunday morning bench warmers who come in to SIT but never go out to SERVE.

Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them!

A rejoicing Christian (Phil. 4:4) is one of God's best advertisements. Rejoice evermore (1 Thess. 5:16).

Before the service, speak to God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service speak to one another, and exhort one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching (Heb. 10:25).

What happens **in us** is more important than what happens **to us**.

Sometimes the Lord calms the storm; sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.

God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

Prevent truth decay. Read your Bible every day.

He that thinks little of sin has never thought much of God, and has never thought much of the cross.

Seven days without prayer makes **one weak**.

One snowflake isn't much by itself, but it takes a bulldozer to move them when they cooperate!

Most unbelievers cannot find God for the same reason a thief cannot find a policeman (John 3:19-20).

Those who are convinced of the imminent return of Christ are not looking for the UNDERTAKER but for the UPPERTAKER (1 Cor. 15:51).

Whatever you dislike in another person, be sure to correct it in yourself (Rom. 2:1).

The secret of an unsatisfied life lies in a surrendered will.

Your life is the world's Bible; they are reading it all the time.

Some Christians in other countries share Christ with their enemies and are killed; some Christians in America are reluctant to share Christ with their loved ones.

So live that even your secret hours can bear the Lord's inspection.

While the conversion of a soul is the miracle of a moment, the growth of a saint is the task of a lifetime.

Too many hear without heeding, read without responding, confess without changing, profess without practicing, worship without witnessing, and seek without sharing.

The young barber, when asked if he had anything for gray hair, replied, "Yes sir, a lot of respect!"

The Bible is a unique Book---its Author is always present when one reads it.

True prayer is a way of life (1 Thess. 5:17), not just a case of emergency.

God has not made many of us lawyers, but He has done something more for all of us Christians; He has subpoenaed all of us as witnesses (Acts 1:8).

A soul winner is one who never gets used to the sound of marching feet on the way to a lost eternity.

Leave tomorrow's troubles to tomorrow's strength, tomorrow's work to tomorrow's time, tomorrow's trial to tomorrow's grace, and all of it to tomorrow's God (Matt. 6:34).

Children who watch TV night and day will go down in history--not to mention math, geography and grammar.

The evolutionists favorite verse: "He made me not" (Isaiah 29:16).

The time to get your spiritual instrument in tune is early in the morning before the concert of the day begins.

Prayer is not learned in the classroom but in the closet -- E. M. Bounds

Faith goes up the stairs that Love has made and looks out of the windows which Hope has opened. --Charles Spurgeon

If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under. --Ronald Reagan

Collapse in the Christian life is rarely a blowout; it's usually a slow leak.

It is a wise thing to say as little as possible to men and as much as possible to God (Prov. 11:7:27).

Christ came first not to bring judgment but to bear it (John 3:17; 12:47; 1 Pet. 3:18).

Patrick Henry shouted "Give me liberty or give me death." The next generation shouted, "Give me liberty!" The present generation shouts, "Give me!"

Wise men think without talking; fools talk without thinking (James 1:19).

God mightily uses Christians who stay cool in a hot place, sweet in a sour place and little in a big place.

Your children need your **presence** more than your **presents**.

Is Bible reading for you a mere DUTY or a real DELIGHT?

Christ died, that's history. Christ died for me, that's salvation. Is the death of Christ more than history to you?

What if you woke up today with only the things that you thanked God for yesterday?

"In one thousand trials it is not five hundred of them that work for the believer's good, but nine hundred ninety-nine of them, and one besides" (George Mueller on Romans 8:28).

Half of the people of the world are unhappy because they cannot afford the things that bring misery to the other half.

Do you seek your own or that which is Christ's? See Phil. 2:21

#### Acrostics

CROSS      Christ Rescues Obdurate Sinners Supernaturally (Rom. 5:6-10).

GRACE      God's Riches At Christ's Expense (2 Cor. 8:9).

FAITH      Forsaking All I Trust Him (Eph. 1:12-13).

BIBLE      Believers' Instructions Before Leaving Earth (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

PRAY      Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

Those who believe in the imminent (He could come at any time) return of Christ are not looking for the **undertaker** but the **uppertaker** (1 Cor. 15:51-52).

May every day be a day of reckoning (see Romans 6:1-13).

A Christian does what is right because he is a Christian, never in order to be one.

We have no righteousness apart from Jesus Christ.

Salvation and Christianity are based not on what you do but on Whom you know.

Righteousness will make you moral, but morality will not make you righteous (Matt. 5:20).

Our good works are not what causes us to be saved; our bad works are not what causes us to be lost (Rom. 3:20; John 3:18).

We do not change our lives in order to come to Christ; we come to Him just as we are, and He changes our lives (John 6:37).

Good works done apart from Christ are bad works (Matt. 17:22-23).

The purpose of good works is not to save us but to bring glory to God (Matt. 5:16).

When it comes to genuine faith and works, you cannot have one without the other (James 2:17-18,26).

Victory is not something we achieve; it is something we receive (1 Cor. 15:57).

[good quote on repentance] "Must a person 'turn from sin' in order to be saved? Sick people do not turn from their sickness to a physician. If they could turn from sickness, they would no longer need a physician. Rather, sick people turn to a physician for deliverance from their sickness. Similarly, sinners cannot turn from their sins to Christ. If they could, they would not need a Savior. Sinners must turn to Christ, the Great Physician, for deliverance from their sin and its consequence. This clarification does not imply that sin should be downplayed. It must be addressed. But the purpose for doing so must be kept clear. Sin must be recognized as the problem, **but not sinning is not the solution**—Jesus is. Christ must be recognized as the solution. This combination of understanding leads to repentance, which in salvation is turning to Christ for deliverance from sin and its consequence." --Dr. John Van Gelderan

Man's way leads to a hopeless end; God's way leads to an endless hope.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Worry is the darkroom where negatives can develop.

Never put a question mark where God puts a period.

Stop wrestling with God's Word and start resting on it.

Christians and camels receive their burdens kneeling.

Church members should be like snowflakes: there are no two alike but working together they can cover a lot of ground!

Never be ashamed of the gospel (Rom. 1:16) and never be a shame to the gospel (1 Pet. 2:12).

A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor can a Christian be perfected without adversity (James 1:2).

Live this day well; tomorrow's strength and grace will come tomorrow (Matt. 6:24).

The unregenerate person lives in sin and **loves it**; the regenerate person at times lapses into sin and **loathes it**.

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me. And may I gladly do my part to win that soul for Thee."

The growing Christian is like a head of wheat: the riper he grows, the lower he bends his head.

The BIBLE is like a compass, always pointing the believer in the right direction.

He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment but a fool forever.

No matter how long you nurse a grudge, it won't get better.

Don't grumble because you don't have what you want; be thankful you don't get what you deserve.

Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.

The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer but unoffered prayer.



Spurgeon pointed out that the Latin equivalent for the Greek word "agnostic" is the word "ignoramus."

"We find out that when Jesus is all we have, He is all we need and all we want. We are shipwrecked on G'od and stranded on omnipotence!" (Vance Havner)

A good preacher should present Christ in such a way that he COMFORTS THE AFFLICTED and AFFLICTS THE COMFORTABLE!

Other books are given for our information; the Bible was given for our transformation (2 Cor. 3:18).

Let "DESERVED" be written on the door of Hell, but on the door of Heaven "THE FREE GIFT."

"I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are wise and beautiful, but I never read in either of them, 'Come unto Me, and I will give you rest.'" (Augustine)

If the Lord had intended men to live in a permissive society, wouldn't the Ten Commandments have been the Ten Suggestions?

The reason some folks don't believe in missions is that the brand of Christianity they have isn't worth propagating.

Don't expect young people to listen to your advice and ignore your example (1 Tim. 4:12).

"Desire in a creature for ought else but God's glory is sin" (W. R. Newell).

TRUE RICHES: If you want to be rich, give; if you want to be poor, grasp; if you want abundance, scatter; if you want to be needy, hoard.

Sin will take you farther than you ever thought you'd stray; sin will keep you longer than you ever thought you'd stay; sin will cost you more than you'd ever thought you'd pay.

The Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible.

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, than no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him"--C. T. Studd

"When we rely on organization, we get what organization can do. When we rely upon education, we get what education can do. When we rely on eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. But when we rely on the Holy Spirit, we get what God can do" (A. C. Dixon).

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

Don't ever say that we have no opportunity to reach people. It is not that the chances are missing, but we are missing the chances.

Soul winners are not soul winners because of what they know, but because of Whom they know, and how well they know HIM, and how much they long for others to know HIM.

Truth is stubborn; it does not apologize to anybody.

God's GRACE is what God gives us that we do not deserve; God's MERCY is what God does not give us that we do deserve.

A little boy asked his father the meaning of the term "Religious Awakening." His father explained that a "Religious Awakening" is what takes place after the preacher has ended his sermon.

God hasn't made many of us lawyers, but he has subpoenaed all of us as witnesses! (Acts 1:8)

"Seek not to understand that thou mayest believe, but believe that thou mayest understand" (Augustine). See Heb. 11:3.

A hypocrite is a fellow who isn't himself on Sunday.

Salvation is not giving up SOMETHING, but rather receiving SOMEONE (John 1:12). It is not TRYING, but TRUSTING.

Worldliness is simply pursuing the activities of the present life with no thought for God.

CONSECRATION is to sign your name at the bottom of a blank sheet and let God fill it in as He wills.

PATIENCE is the ability to let your light shine after your fuse is blown.

PROCRASTINATION is putting off until tomorrow what we should have done the day before yesterday.

Drinking does not drown sorrows; it just irrigates them (Eph. 5:18).

The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you (2 Cor. 12:9).

One who has light views of sin will never have great thoughts of God (James 4:8-9).

Don't criticize the Bible; let the Bible criticize you (Heb. 4:12).

When you study the Bible "hit or miss," you will MISS more than you HIT (2 Tim. 2:15).

No man is so free as he who is bound to Christ (Rom. 6:22).

"I am a slow walker, but I never walk back" (Abraham Lincoln)

It is good to be content with what you HAVE but never with what you ARE.

Many parents give their children everything--except themselves.

If you are God's gold, expect the furnace (1 Pet. 4:12).

There are three kinds of believers: true believers, unbelievers and make-believers.

Salvation is not something we achieve, but something we receive.

Look around and be distressed; look inside and be depressed; look at Jesus and be at rest!

Outside of the will of God there can be no true success; in the will of God there can be no failure.

Those who are lost have only themselves to blame; those who are saved have only God to thank.

How can a person be happy in heaven who finds it miserable to be in God's house on earth?

God's requirements are met by God's enabling.

Man talks about the survival of the fittest, but the glory of the gospel is that it transforms the unfit.

Freedom is not the right to do as you please, but the liberty to do as you ought.

"It is written"--PROOF ENOUGH! "It is finished"--PROVISION ENOUGH! "It is I"--PRESENCE ENOUGH!

Live so that when you tell someone you are a Christian, it confirms their suspicions instead of surprising them.

When there is no thirst for righteousness, the sermons seem dry.

The Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who is not.

Salvation is by atonement, not attainment; by believing, not achieving.

The best **tact** is winning a soul is **contact**.

There are those who have tons of religion but not an ounce of salvation.

God has two thrones: one in the highest Heaven and the other in the lowliest heart (Isaiah 57:15).

You can count on God's ability. Can God count on your availability?

Good works are not something a person does in order to be saved (Eph. 2:8-9); good works are something a saved person does (Eph. 2:10).

Your life is the world's Bible; they are reading you every day.

When the Christian stays his mind on Christ (Isaiah 26:3), he develops a wonderful CALMplex.

A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor.

You are always in the wrong key when you start singing your own praises (Prov. 27:2). Let another man praise you and not your own mouth.

Sign in front of a church: "Keep America Clean! Get Saved Today!"

Jusification means: Man's guilt GONE and Christ's righteousness GIVEN.

Some Christians are like Arctic rivers--frozen at the mouth.

If you want the world to HEED, put your CREED into your DEED.

Attending services doesn't depend on how far you live from church but how close you live to God.

Satan is to be avoided as a lion, dreaded as a serpent, but above all to be feared as an angel of light!

If we could gain our own salvation, Christ never would have needed to die to provide it.

Beware of those who preach tons of RELIGION but not one ounce of SALVATION.

It doesn't take great men to do mighty things for God, just consecrated men!

Fruit bearing trees require frequent spraking; fruit bearing Christians require frequent praying.

Trials should make us better, not bitter.

God tells us to burden Him with what burdens us!

What is your greater concern--learning more of the Bible or living the little you do know?

Jesus is the open door to the "whosoever wills," but the tightly closed one to the "whosoever won'ts."

Recipe for revival: If all the sleeping folks would wake up, all the lukewarm would fire up, all the disgruntled would sweeten up, all the discouraged would cheer up, all the depressed would look up, all the estranged would make up, and all the gossipers would shut up, then there might come a revival.

If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of God, any table better than the Lord's Table, any person better than Christ, any indulgence better than the hope of heaven---take alarm.

The things that go in one ear and out the other do not hurt as much as the things that go in one ear, get all mixed up, and then slip out the mouth.

Worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ may be free but it is not cheap. Someone had to pay an enormous price (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Backsliding begins when knee bending stops.

We are saved by God's mercy, not by our merit, by Christ's dying, not by our doing (Tit. 3:5).

The church is filled with willing people--some willing to work and the rest willing to let them.

Let us suffer the greatest sorrow rather than commit the least sin! Romans 12:9

It is a great responsibility to own a Bible (Luke 12:48).

Only God within can help us win over sin (Rom. 8).

It's hard to tune in on Heaven's message if our lives are fully of earthly static (Col. 3:1-2).

Life is fragile--handle with prayer.

Worry pulls tomorrow's cloud over today's sunshine.

People cannot change truth, but truth can change people.

Moses lived to be 120. The first 40 years in Egypt he learned he was something. The second 40 years (alone with God) he learned he was nothing. The last 40 years he learned that God could make something out of nothing.

An impulsive child stood precipitously on one of the highest limbs of a tall tree and called down to his father, "I am going to jump now and defy the law of gravity!" "No," said the father, "you won't defy the law of gravity when you jump, you will simply demonstrate it." So shall it be with those who set themselves in opposition to God's Word.

"See that what thou singest with thy lips thou believest in thy heart, and what thou believest in thy heart thou doth exemplify in thy life" (Council of Carthage, 4th century).

A man is really measured by what he is; and not by what he has (Luke 12:15).

Being in tune with God means that you are out of tune with the world (James 4:4).

Fear-Walk-Love-Serve-Keep (Deuteronomy 10:12-13).