

# Andrew Bonar Quotes

by Andrew Bonar

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of dealing with children seriously, prioritizing prayer, and avoiding a restless ministry to grow holier and kinder.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 46:10, Matthew 6:6, Matthew 19:14, Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:16, 1 Peter 5:7

**Topics:** "Prayer", "Conversion of Children"

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## Description

Andrew Bonar emphasizes the importance of recognizing the potential for conversion in children with the same faith as for adults, advocating for personal engagement in their spiritual journey. He highlights the significance of prayer and fasting, urging believers to prioritize communion with God over worldly distractions. Bonar warns against the dangers of scattering one's energies and encourages a deep commitment to prayer, asserting that true sanctification can be evidenced in both children and adults. He reminds the congregation that the best Christian work is often unseen by others, and that true holiness manifests in kindness.

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## Transcript

There is a practical error very common among God's people. All of them profess to believe that the Holy Spirit may convert souls at any age, and that conversion cannot take place too soon; while yet they do not look for the conversion of children with the same lively faith that they manifest in asking and expecting the Holy Spirit to change those who are of riper years.

Children ought to be dealt with, in regard to the duty of accepting Christ, as closely and seriously as older people... Personal dealing is required; a dealing with them one by one

Children's conscientiousness in lessons, and fairness in playing games, and command of temper, may yield as true a proof of sanctification begun, as do the integrity of the adult, and his firm adherence to principle in matter of merchandise.

Fasting is abstaining from anything that hinders prayer.

One of the gravest perils which besets the ministry is a restless scattering of energies over an amazing multiplicity of interests which leaves no margin of time and of strength for receptive and absorbing communion with God.

Oh brother, pray; in spite of Satan, pray; spend hours in prayer; rather neglect friends than not pray; rather fast, and lose breakfast, dinner, tea, and supper - and sleep too - than not pray. And we must not talk about prayer, we must pray inright earnest. The Lord is near. He comes softly while the virgins slumber.

God will not let me get the blessing without asking. Today I am setting my face to fast and pray for enlightenment and refreshing. Until I can get up to the measure of at least two hours in pure prayer every day, I shall not be contented. Meditation and reading besides.

The Prince of the power of the air seems to bend all the force of his attack against the spirit of prayer.

The best part of all Christian work is that part which only God sees."

If we are growing holier we are growing kinder.

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