



God's Love Made Visible

Luke 2:1-20

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David)

*To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife,
being great with child.*

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

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Thoughts for the Week

Ordinary People With Extraordinary Gifts

You may, through the course of a lifetime, find inspirational people in your life who are not famous, are not authors, nor are they motivational speakers. These can be, what might be termed, ordinary people with an extraordinary gift to inspire and provide encouragement to those around them. These special people may be someone you meet at work and that person could be a co-worker, or a supervisor who excels at leading people through example, through skilled coaching sessions, and one who always sees the solution instead of the problem.

It could also be a person that you meet at church, or in a bowling league, or a schoolteacher, or the neighbor next door. It doesn't matter who the person is or isn't in terms of a position of importance; the real matter is that they are inspiring and uplifting.

Quotes From Some Inspiring People

"You teach best what you most need to learn." Richard Bach

*"There's no scarcity of opportunity to make a living at what you love.
There is only a scarcity of resolve to make it happen." Wayne Dyer*

"No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourself." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Strong, deeply rooted desire is the starting point of all achievement." Napoleon Hill

*"Never skimp on that extra effort, that additional few minutes, that soft word of praise or thanks,
that delivery of the very best that you can do." Og Mandino*

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate." Oprah Winfrey

*"Flaming enthusiasm backed by horse sense and persistence,
is the quality that most frequently makes for success." Dale Carnegie*

"I always like to look on the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter." Walt Disney

The One Thing They All Have In Common

I am sure you will recognize some of these people as they have been a role model and have inspired millions of people. The one thing they all have in common is their attitude towards life. They tend to look at the positive side of things. They demonstrate a willingness to help others. Attitude makes such a difference in a person's life.

The other common factor is their willingness to encourage others. These people are always willing to help improve others lives. They provide support and give people confidence in what they are doing.

Think of the people who have touched your life, look at their outlook on life and their philosophies. It's always better to model the behavior of people who are successful. It is also helpful to study them, you will find many times that success did not just happen, many of them had failures and disappointments but that did not stop them. They showed perseverance by getting back up and trying again. They learned from their mistakes and started again with their newfound knowledge.

Inspirational Quotes for Reflection

*"Riding a bike takes both attitude and skill.
If you believe that you will fall, then you will certainly fall.
However, if you decide to forget about your fear of falling and failing,
and instead focus on the joy of the ride, you will no doubt find yourself pedaling at top speed,
enjoying the wind in your hair." Sarah Brooks*

*"Altering your attitude to include gratefulness and gratitude in your everyday life
will remove any kind of jealousy or sadness you might feel." Dianne Kane*

*"We deal with disappointing and depressing experiences each day of our lives.
Rest assured that these difficult times are your opportunity to grow
and to learn more advanced strategies
in order to scale your next mountain quickly." Michelle C. Ustaszewski*

Happy Birthday – Laura (12/27)

The Best Memory System for the New Year

Author Unknown

*Forget the kindness that you do, as soon as you have done it;
Forget the praise that falls on you, the moment you have won it.
Forget the slander that you hear, before you can repeat it;
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, wherever you may meet it.*

*Remember every kindness done, to you, whatever its measure;
Remember praise by others won, and pass it on with pleasure.*

*Remember every promise made, and keep it to the letter;
Remember those who lend you aid, and be a grateful debtor.*

*Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living;
Forget each worry and distress, be hopeful and forgiving.
Remember everything good, remember truth, and remember heaven is above you.
And you will find through age and youth, true joy and hearts to love you!*