

**Romans 6:23**

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 R G A Y I Z S Y R H A N F O U S U  
 S L L R E X P H M S T U R M H B L  
 D G H Z M U T H E A A A U E L I L  
 P C N M V E U Q E D O F E X T S I  
 V I L O E S F F I F S U R D K E A  
 S J O N I S H E F O R T T G F U S  
 X A R F C I H Z C M Q T F I G F I  
 C Y D D C T N U L X V F K T N B R

<b>Words to Find:</b>	sin	of	Jesus
For	is	God	Christ
the	death	is	our
wages	but	eternal	Lord
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	gift	through	

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*Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. — Thomas Kempis*

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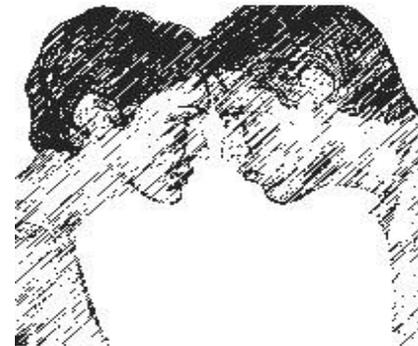
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**Don't Quit**

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Too many quit, or want to quit when the going gets rough. In most cases, one never really quits the problem, he just runs away from it. The dilemma is still there. Quitters are everywhere:

☹ Husbands feel they cannot handle the burden of being a husband and father, and run away. Although there is distance between him and his family, he is still a father and



husband. His running away has not changed that. The problems he ran away from usually get far bigger than they originally were.

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**A Soft Answer**

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An English sergeant once stationed in Egypt tells this incident about himself:

“There was a private in the same company who was converted in Malta before the regiment came to Egypt. We gave that fellow an awful time. One terrible night,

he came in very tired and very wet. Before getting into bed, he got down to pray. My boots were



heavy with wet mud, and I let him have one on one side of the head, and the other on the other side. He just went on with his prayers. Next morning I found those boots beautifully polished and standing by the side of my bed. That was his reply to me, and it broke my heart. I was saved that day.”

*“A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.” Proverb 15:1*

## Don't Quit

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- ⊖ Wives run off leaving families and husbands; however, each is still a wife and mother.
- ⊖ Children sometime do not like their parents rule. They run away, but they still have the same parents. They just put space between the unsolved problem that will probably haunt them the rest of their lives unless they stay and work out the problem.
- ⊖ Students quit school, but usually spend their life without training and education. The rest of their life is stalled, because they never learned the lessons they would need to further their life.
- ⊖ Friends quit a long-term friendship, because of an argument.
- ⊖ Employees quit when they do not like what is happening at the work place.

It usually is easy to walk away from an uncomfortable situation. It does takes not character, intelligence, or common sense to run away when the way gets tough. Rarely is anything solved by quitting. There will always be problems in life. Unsolved problems have a way of following us wherever we go.

Many take their quitting life-style and try to apply it to their spiritual lives. Here are several reasons why one cannot quit on God:

**You cannot quit being a Christian:** Once a true Christian, always a Christian. You did not earn it. It was a free gift of salvation, given if you trusted Jesus' finished work on the cross as payment for all your sins. However, too many quit being Christ-like.

*"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28-29*

**You cannot quit, because the enemy has nothing to offer.** There are only two sides – Satan's and God's. If you are truly saved by faith, you cannot get unsaved and be on the loser's side.

*"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:13*

**You cannot quit because victory may be just around the corner.** Troubles and tribulations are part of the school of life. You may be very close to

passing the "test" and going onto life's next lesson. Do not quit now.

*"And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." II Timothy 4:18*

**You cannot quit when you make a mistake.** Just get back in the saddle, and try again.

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:35-39*

**You cannot quit now; you will miss the harvest.** Maybe one day your problem will be over, and you will reap a blessing from the tribulation. Maybe it will be tomorrow or the day after. Spiritual fruit does not come the day it is planted.

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58*  
Also: John 15:4

Life is many times very difficult. If you are a Christian, you are on the winning side. Do not quit now. Victory is possible, and it is a blessing when it is achieved.

## A Happy Day

*Author Unknown*

Today will be a happy day  
If, first, you find some time to pray;



If, first, alone  
you go apart  
From worldly things, and in  
your heart  
You make  
resolve to do  
your best

And then to God you leave  
the rest.

For God will take the hate and  
fear

Of yesterday and yesteryear  
And in their place, He'll make  
you feel

The light and love He would  
reveal

Yes, this will be a happy day  
If, friend, right now you'll stop  
and pray.

**Spread out your petition  
before God, and then  
say, "Thy will, not mine  
be done." The sweetest  
lesson I have learned in  
God's school is to let the  
Lord choose for me.**

*— D. L. Moody*

When I consider my crosses, tribulations, and temptations, I shame myself almost to death, thinking what are they in comparison to the suffering of my blessed Savior Jesus Christ. — Martin Luther

