

## **1 - Ten Powerful Quotes That Can Change Your Life**

Over the next five days I will be sharing with you 10 powerful quotes (2 quotes a day) that helped change my life. I believe these quotes can help change your life also. Each Quote is based on a familiar verse of Scripture, *which is quoted in a new, more contemporary translation.*

Most of us have a preferred version for reading the Bible. However, reading the Bible in a different translation often sheds new light on its meaning. As Christians, we view the Bible as the ultimate authority on life—but sometimes, a different translation sheds new light on its meaning. It may reveal nuances, clarify details, or otherwise point us towards a deeper understanding.

Today we begin with two of the quotes, one from Adam Clarke, the other from Elizabeth Elliot. As you ponder these quotes (and related Bible references), let them change the way you live your faith.

### **1. "Prayer requires more of the heart than of the tongue." -Adam Clarke**

How many times have you thought “I have no idea what to say” in prayer? When situations wear us down or circumstances make us weary, it may be difficult to put our thoughts into words in prayer. Lucky for us, words aren’t necessary. God knows what’s in your heart, even if you can’t find language to express that. “Simply be still, and know that He is God. (Psalm 46:10)

*Try this discipline of centered prayer: Go to a quiet place and sit quietly. Sit quietly until you feel centered enough to allow the Holy Spirit to pray for you and guide you in your prayers. Then, begin sharing your prayers with God. No matter how small or how big the matter may be, God know what’s in your heart. Do this daily for at least twenty-minutes*

### **2. "Faith does not eliminate questions. Faith knows where to take them." -Elisabeth Elliot**

“Faith is not the absence of doubt, but a gift from God” (Ephesians 2:8-9). God is big enough, powerful enough, and certain enough to withstand our questions and lead us to the answers. His gift of faith takes the pressure off us. Our role is to simply accept it, use it as a tool to navigate life—and know Who to turn to for answers when we inevitably have questions.

*Try this discipline of questioning prayer: Go to a quiet place and sit quietly until you feel centered enough to allow the Holy Spirit to pray for you and guide you in your prayers. Then, begin sharing your questions and doubts with God. No matter how small or how big the question may be, God know what’s in your heart. Simply accept that and allow it to take the pressure off of you? Pray this as often as you need it.*

**Closing Prayer Hymn: Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire**—click on the link to sing along.