

In Mary Sumner's footsteps: Bible verses & Mary Sumner quotes

Listening to God

Jesus replied, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'
Luke 11:28

Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"
Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." *1 Samuel 3:9-10*

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
⁵ The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away. *Isaiah 50:4-5*

And he said to me, "Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you." *Ezekiel 3:10*

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." *Jeremiah 33:3*

Jesus said: The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10: 1-4

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. *John 10: 14-16*

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. *Romans 10:17*

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do. *James 1:22-25*

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. *Revelation 3:2*

Listening to one another

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.
Proverbs 18:2 (ESV)

To answer before listening –
that is folly and shame.
Proverbs 18:13

When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need—words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you. *Ephesians 4:29 (NCV)*

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. *James 1:19*

Journeying

The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise,
getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come. *Proverbs 4:18 (GNT)*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take. *Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)*

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you,
saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.' *Isaiah 30:21*

What does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8*

Steps of faith

The Lord makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;
though he may stumble, he will not fall,
for the Lord upholds him with his hand. *Psalms 37:23-24;*

He has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping. *Psalms 66:9*

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through
the rivers, they will not sweep over you. *Isaiah 43:2*

We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God
prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. *Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)*

Mary Sumner quotes

Her foresight, her wisdom and judgment laid the great foundation stone for us. And as the building grows, and far and wide her early message goes forth – the same message, though to a different generation – we pray that the faith which shone through her every word and thought may illumine ours, that we, with grateful hearts, may build well and truly, as she did.

Mrs Boustead, Central President of Mothers' Union: December 1927

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Mrs Sumner's pen was as busy as ever, as the packets of answers to her letters show; some from the Members of Parliament to whom she wrote personally; some from the highest leaders of Church and State.

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Prayer and dogged work will win the day!

Mary Sumner: referring to her campaign to raise the standards of Christian teaching in all schools; and also in the home

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I and a certain number of earnest friends are praying daily for our present government... I want to live in prayer for them.

Mary Sumner

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Remember, Ladies, to be yourselves what you would have your children be.

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Together, by the Grace of God... we can calm each other when we are afraid; strengthen one another when we are weak; and work together to raise our children to the glory of God. Unity is strength.

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Our Society is a company of mothers, and good women possessed with motherly hearts, women of all classes, high and humble, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, great ladies of the land and poor mothers in small homes. We have bound ourselves together to love and help one another.

Mary Sumner

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