

LIGHT

In this life we cannot do great things, we can only do small things with great love.

Jesus said love one another. He didn't say love the whole world.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

The success of love is in the loving—it is not in the result of loving. Of course it is natural in love to want the best for the other person, but whether it turns out that way or not does not determine the value of what we have done.

The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it.

We are all pencils in the hand of God.

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

Peace begins with a smile.

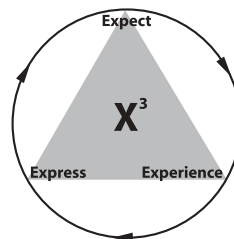
Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

There should be less talk; a preaching point is not a meeting point. What do you do then? Take a broom and clean someone's house. That says enough.

It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start.

We, the unwilling, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much, for so long, with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing.

Amazingly, all the quotations here are all from the writings and public sayings of Mother Teresa whose early expectations of her relationship with God seemed to have colored her life experience with him. Our expectations of life and relationships determine our experience of life and relationships, which in turn, drive our expression of those experiences. The expression of experience by us or others then create or modify our expectations of new experience in a continuous cycle. Our expectations largely determine the quality of our lives.



DARK

Lord, my God, who am I that You should forsake me and now become as the most hated one—the one who is unwanted—unloved. I call, I cling, I want—and then I am on Whom I can cling—no, No One. Alone... When I am alone there is nothing but emptiness & darkness. My heart aches with pain—I have no Faith—I dare not utter the words of my heart and make me suffer untold agony.

Please pray specially for me that I may not spend my life as I may show Himself—for there is such terrible darkness that I was dead. It has been like this more or less from the beginning.

The more I want him—the less I am wanted.

Such deep longing for God—and...repulsed—emptiness. [The saving of] Souls holds no attraction—Heaven is not what I please that I keep smiling at Him in spite of everything.

What do I labour for? If there be no God, then I am a lost Soul then Jesus, You also are not true. I utter words but try my utmost to get out of every word the sweetness of prayer of union is not there any longer—I no longer have a prayer.

I have come to love the darkness—for I believe in the small part of Jesus' darkness and pain on earth. I know that Jesus can't go anymore through the agony of death through it in me.

I just have the joy of having nothing—not even a relationship with God. [My soul is like an] ice block. I accept—not because of the Will of God—I accept His will.

If I ever become a Saint - I will surely be one of the absent from Heaven - to [light] the light of those who are going to suffer...for all eternity, if this [is] possible.

The silence and the emptiness is so great, that I do not hear—the tongue moves [in prayer] but I do not pray for me—that I let Him have [a] free hand.

[My] smile is "a mask" or "a cloak that covers the face of the heart was in love with God—tender, personal love. I have said, "What hypocrisy."