

Grace is a gift that costs everything for the giver and nothing from the recipient.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

"Guilt was not my problem as I felt it. What I felt most was a **glob of unworthiness** that I could not tie down to any concrete sins I was guilty of. What I needed more than pardon was a sense that God accepted me, owned me, held me, affirmed me, and would never let go of me **even if he was not too much impressed with what he had on his hands.**" Lewis Smedes

Colossians 4:6 (NIV) Let your conversation be **always full of grace**, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Proverbs 15:1 (NKJV) A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT) A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV) Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, **but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.**

"The more the grace of God is awakened in a marriage, the less husbands will attempt to control and restrict and the less wives will feel the need to "please no matter what." It makes marriage easier to manage.

Grace releases and affirms. It doesn't smother. Grace values the dignity of individuals. It doesn't destroy. Grace supports and encourages. It isn't jealous or suspicious."

Chuck Swindoll

John 1:17 (NKJV) For the law was given through Moses, **but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Grace without truth would be deceitful, and truth without grace would be condemning.

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV) "Everything is permissible for me"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"--but I will not be mastered by anything.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV) ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Romans 6:1-2 (NIV) ¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

John 1:14 (NKJV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth**.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that **in Him** we might become the righteousness of God.