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Phillips Brooks (December 13, 1835 - January 23, 1893), was a noted United States clergyman and author, who briefly served as Bishop of Massachusetts in the Episcopal Church during the early 1890s.

The best advisers, helpers and friends, always are not those who tell us how to act in special cases, but who give us, out of themselves, the ardent spirit and desire to act right, and leave us then, even through many blunders, to find out what our own form of right action is.

- Brooks, Phillips

A man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by his words.

- Brooks, Phillips

The truest help we can render an afflicted man is not to take his burden from him, but to call out his best energy, that he may be able to bear the burden.

- Brooks, Phillips

No man or woman can be strong, gentle, pure, and good, without the world being better for it and without someone being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.

- Brooks, Phillips

No one who has come to true greatness has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to the people, and what God has given them he gives it for mankind.

- Brooks, Phillips

Jesus Christ, the condescension of divinity, and the exaltation of humanity.

- Brooks, Phillips

Be such a man, and live such a life, that if every man were such as you, and every life a life like yours, this earth would be God's Paradise.

- Brooks, Phillips

Call your opinions your creed, and you will change them every week. Make your creed simply and broadly out of the revelation of God, and you will keep it to the end.

- Brooks, Phillips

To say, well done to any bit of good work is to take hold of the powers which have made the effort and strengthen them beyond our knowledge.

- Brooks, Phillips

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

- Brooks, Phillips

I do not pray for a lighter load, but for a stronger back.

- Brooks, Phillips

Charity should begin at home, but should not stay there.

- Brooks, Phillips

A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned Godward.

- Brooks, Phillips

Self-confidence is either a petty pride in our own narrowness, or the realization of our duty and privilege as God's children.

- Brooks, Phillips

No man has come to true greatness who has not felt that his life belongs to his race, and that which God gives to him, He gives him for mankind.

- Brooks, Phillips

Dreadful will be the day when the world becomes contented, when one great universal satisfaction spreads itself over the world. Sad will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of

his soul some great desire to do something larger which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is a child of God.

- Brooks, Phillips



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