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He who would be serene and pure needs but one thing, detachment.

- Eckhart, Meister

To be full of things is to be empty of God. To be empty of things is to be full of God.

- Eckhart, Meister

The seed of God is in us. Given an intelligent and hard-working farmer, it will thrive and grow up to God, whose seed it is; and accordingly its fruits will be God-nature. Pear seeds grow into pear trees, nut seeds into nut trees, and God-seed into God.

- Eckhart, Meister

Man goes far away or near but God never goes far-off; he is always standing close at hand, and even if he cannot stay within he goes no further than the door.

- Eckhart, Meister

God is at home, it's we who have gone out for a walk.

- Eckhart, Meister

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.

- Eckhart, Meister

To be sure, this requires effort and love, a careful cultivation of the spiritual life, and a watchful, honest, active oversight of all one's mental attitudes towards things and people. It is not to be learned by world-flight, running away from things, turning solitary and going apart from the world. Rather, one must learn an inner solitude, where or with whomsoever he may be. He must learn to penetrate things and find God there, to get a strong impression of God firmly fixed on his mind.

- Eckhart, Meister

The mark of solitude is silence, as speech is the mark of community. Silence and speech have the same inner correspondence and difference as do solitude and community. One does not exist without the other. Right speech comes out of silence, and right silence comes out of speech.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

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