

Spirituality Quotes

Spirituality – our way of being in the world... in the light of the Mystery at the core of the universe.

Maria Harris, *Rethinking Religious Education*

To be a spiritual guide for youth and create a presence-centred youth ministry means youth workers must live, minister, guide, lead and mentor out of the wholeness of their souls

Mike King, *Presence-centred Youth Ministry*

Spirituality is... developing the courage, the determination, to commit ourselves to living all the dimensions of life with awareness and strength, with depth and quality.

Joan Chittister, *Heart of Flesh*

If the Christian faith is to offer any light, love or truth to young people, we have to move beyond words. We have not share not only the teachings of Jesus but more importantly the presence of Jesus.

Mark Yaconelli, *Contemplative Youth Ministry*

In a world of many conflicting voices, we have become aware of the need for each of us to take responsibility for our own spiritual welfare, and the development of personal ritual is emerging as a significant way of doing this.

Olive Drane, *Spirituality to Go*

A life is either all spiritual or not spiritual at all. No-one can serve two masters. Your life is shaped by the end you live for. You are made in the image of what you desire.

Thomas Merton

Spirituality calls everyone to wider visions of human mutuality, reciprocity, and interdependence before a God who seeks the unity and community of all.

Anne Carr, *Transforming Grace*

Spirituality... invariably boils down to some kind of practice or apprenticeship in living what we call discipleship. We enter it by following a path, joining a quest, learning a new dimension, finding co-travellers, claiming a living tradition, accepting a guide, choosing a mentor.

David Augsburger, *Dissident Disciples*

Spirituality is ... an internal experience that profoundly affects how we view nature and the world, how we see ourselves and each other. It is therefore felt to be internal and external, personal and public at the one and the same time.

David Tacey. *Re-enchantment*

... youth ministry encourages the notion that energy, vitality, faith, and life must be pumped into young people - requiring that we create spectacles and enormous amounts of money and energy. In reality, young people in partnership with the Spirit can provide enormous energy and healing for the world.

David White, *Practicing Discernment with Youth*

Spirituality is... renarrated for all comers as personal integration, subjective feeling, and self-improvement toward individual health and personal well-being - and no longer has anything to do with, for example, religious faith and self-discipline towards holiness or obedience.

Christian Smith & Melinda Denton, *Soul Searching*