

Billy Graham Delights in Cheap Birthday Cake on 98th Birthday

Evangelist Billy Graham rang in his 98th birthday Nov. 7, delighting family and supporters.

“He told us three years ago that he might live to be 100—I hope he does! He once said, ‘God isn’t finished with you when you retire! We never retire from His service.’” Franklin Graham shared on Facebook.

On a less spiritual side, “He likes these cheap birthday cakes that have that lard icing on them. I’m going to go get him one of those cheap birthday cakes from the local grocery store, and we’ll celebrate his birthday,” Franklin said.

Billy has been named the most influential preacher of all time, and *TIME* magazine dubbed him the the Pope of Protestant America.

According to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Billy has shared the gospel with 215 million people at hundreds of crusades, missions and evangelistic rallies across the world.

Graham is largely considered one of the most encouraging figures on the planet.

To celebrate his birthday, read inspirational quotes and tell us your favorite.

“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one’s children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one’s life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.”

"I've read the last page of the Bible. It's all going to turn out all right."

"But I also urge you to vote for another reason: I believe it is a God-given responsibility. When Jesus walked this earth, the whole civilized world was under the authority of one individual: the Roman emperor (or Caesar). He wasn't elected by popular vote, nor did ordinary people have an opportunity to express their views through the ballot box. And the Roman government wasn't perfect; in fact, it promoted paganism and could be brutal. And yet Jesus taught that people still had a responsibility to encourage and support their government in every way they possibly could."

"'Suffering should not make us bitter people,' my mother once said. 'It should make us better comforters.' Young people need to hear this from those who have walked before them, because someday they'll be walking those same steps, but there may not be anyone following behind."

"I feel sorry for the man who has never known the bracing thrill of taking a stand and sticking to it fearlessly. Moral courage has rewards that timidity can never imagine. Like a shot of adrenaline, it floods the spirit with vitality."

"The legacy we leave is not just in our possessions, but in the quality of our lives. The greatest waste in all of our earth, which cannot be recycled or reclaimed, is our waste of the time that God has given us each day."

"Is it not arrogance or narrow-mindedness to claim that there is only one way of salvation or that the way we follow is the right way? I think not. After all, do we fault a pilot for being narrow-minded when he follows the instrument panel [while] landing in a rainstorm? No, we want him to remain narrowly focused!"

"If you know Christ, you don't need to beg for the Holy Spirit to come into your life; He is already there—whether you 'feel'

His presence or not. Don't confuse the Holy Spirit with an emotional feeling or a particular type of spiritual experience."

"Pray for our nation, especially as we look forward to elections a year from now. Pray especially that God will raise up leaders who will stand for justice and morality, and will seek God's will in all they do. Pray too that our nation will turn to God, and that we may experience true spiritual revival. Increasingly we seem to be pushing God out of our lives as a nation—and this will have tragic consequences."