36 Bible Verses About Simple Living

[**Hebrews 12:1-2**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hebrews+12%3A1-2&version=NIV)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders** and the sin that so easily entangles. And **let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,** **fixing our eyes on Jesus,** the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

[**1 Thessalonians 4:11**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Thessalonians+4:11&version=NIV)

"...**make it your ambition to lead a quiet life:** You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you,"

[**1 Timothy 6:6-7**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+6%3A6-7&version=NIV)

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it."

[**Ecclesiastes 4:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiastes+4%3A4&version=NIV)

"And I saw that all toil and all achievement spring from one person’s envy of another. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind."

[**Luke 12:15**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+12%3A15&version=NIV)

Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

[**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+7%3A29-31&version=NIV)

"What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; **those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them.** For this world in its present form is passing away."

[**Psalm 46:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+46%3A10&version=NIV)

"He says, '**Be still, and know that I am God;**  
    I will be exalted among the nations,  
    I will be exalted in the earth.'”

[**Philippians 4:8**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=philippians+4%3A8&version=NIV)

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

[**Ecclesiastes 4:6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ecclesiastes+4%3A6&version=NIV)

"Better one handful with tranquillity  
    than two handfuls with toil  
    and chasing after the wind."

[**Galatians 1:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=gal+1%3A10&version=NIV)

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

[**Matthew 10:37-39**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+10%3A37-39&version=NIV)

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.**"

[**Luke 12:32-34**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+12%3A32-34&version=NIV)

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**"

[**Matthew 6:33**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+6%3A33&version=NIV)

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

[**John 6:27**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+6%3A27&version=NIV)

"**Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life,** which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

[**1 John 2:15-17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+2%3A15-17&version=NIV)

"**Do not love the world or anything in the world.** If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever."

[**Colossians 3:1-2**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A1-4&version=NIV)

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things**."

[**John 15:12-13**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+15%3A12-13&version=NIV)

"**My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends."

[**Luke 9:25**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+9%3A25&version=NIV)

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"

[**Philippians 4:11-13**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+4%3A11-13&version=NIV)

"... **have learned to be content whatever the circumstances**. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

[**Proverbs 30:7-9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Prov+30%3A7-9&version=NIV)

“Two things I ask of you, Lord;  
    do not refuse me before I die:  
Keep falsehood and lies far from me;  
    **give me neither poverty nor riches,**  
**but give me only my daily bread.**  
Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you  
    and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’  
Or I may become poor and steal,  
    and so dishonor the name of my God."

[**Philippians 3:13-14**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=philippians+3%3A13-14&version=NIV)

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."**

[**John 15:16-17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+15%3A16-17&version=NIV)

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and **appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last**—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."

[**Jeremiah 9:23-24**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+9%3A23-24&version=NIV)

"This is what the Lord says:

'Let not the wise boast of their wisdom  
    or the strong boast of their strength  
    or the rich boast of their riches,  
**but let the one who boasts boast about this:**  
**that they have the understanding to know me,**  
that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,  
    justice and righteousness on earth,  
    for in these I delight,'  
declares the Lord."

[**1 Timothy 6:18-19**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+6%3A18-19&version=NIV)

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, **so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."**

[**1 Timothy 6:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+6%3A17&version=NIV)

"Command those who are rich in this present world **not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God**, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

[**\*1 Corinthians 7:24**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+7%3A24&version=NIV)

"Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them."

[**Colossians 3:23-24**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A23-24&version=NIV)

"**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters**, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

[**1 Timothy 2:9-10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+2%3A9-10&version=NIV)

"**I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety,** adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds,appropriate for women who profess to worship God."

[**Mark 10:29-30**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+10%3A29-30&version=NIV)

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life."

[**Matthew 6:6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+6%3A6&version=NIV)

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

[**James 4:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+4%3A4&version=NIV)

"You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

[**John 21:21-22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+21%3A21-22&version=NIV)

When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?”

"Jesus answered, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? **You must follow me.**'"

[**Luke 10:38-41**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A42&version=NIV)

"As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. **She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said.** But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

**'Martha, Martha, the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'”**

[**Luke 14:27**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+14%3A27&version=NIV)

"And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

[**Matthew 18:3-4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+18%3A3-4&version=NIV)

"And he said: 'Truly I tell you, **unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.** Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'"

**[Micah 6:8](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Micah+6%3A8&version=NIV" \t "_blank)**

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
    And what does the Lord require of you?  
**To act justly and to love mercy**  
**and to walk humbly with your God**."