

## **Livingstone Online - 10 Memorable Quotations from David Livingstone**

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### Slavery and Abolition

1. "But the strangest disease I have seen in this country seems really to be broken heartedness" (Livingstone on the effects of slavery)
2. "I once saw a party in the slave yoke singing merrily & thought my these fellows have taken to it kindly [...] I asked the cause of their mirth & was told that they laughed at the idea "of coming back after death and haunting & killing those who had sold them."

### The Human Condition

3. "Man is a complex being and we greatly need our motives to be purified from all that is evil."
4. "That nasty negrophobia spirit which is spreading in England won't do to travel with."

### Determination as an Explorer

5. "I pray for help to do what is right but sorely am I perplexed & grieved & mourn – I cannot give up making a complete work of the exploration"
6. "I think I am in the line of duty . . . I have never wavered in my conviction that this is the case."

### Religious Convictions

7. "I am a missionary, heart and soul. God had an only Son, and He was a missionary and a physician. A poor, poor imitation I am or wish to be. In this service I hope to live, and in it I wish to die."
8. "I bow to the heavy stroke of our Heavenly Father who does all things well and pray that he may give me grace and strength to bear up against what at present quite takes the heart out of me." (Livingstone on the death of his wife)

### Cross-Cultural Knowledge

9. "My latinity would now take the form of sichuana [Setswana] if I tried that language." (On the prospect of having to speak Latin at the University of Oxford. After his first visit to Africa [1841-1856], Livingstone was said to speak English with a Sichuana accent.)
10. "One dollar a day is ample for provisions for a large family at Zanzibar."