

HUDSON TAYLOR'S SPIRITUAL SECRET (quotes)

James Hudson Taylor (May 21, 1832 – June 3, 1905) was a British Christian missionary to China and founder of the China Inland Mission (CIM, now OMF International). Taylor spent 54 years in China. The society that he began was responsible for bringing over 800 missionaries to the country who started 125 schools and directly resulted in 20,000 Christian conversions, as well as the establishment of more than 300 stations of work with more than 499 local helpers in all 18 provinces.

- "Hudson Taylor had many secrets, for he was always going on with God, yet they were but one—the simple, profound secret of drawing for every need, temporal or spiritual, upon "the fathomless wealth of Christ."
- "Take time. Give God time to reveal Himself to you. Give yourself time to be silent and quiet before Him, waiting to receive, through the Spirit, the assurance of His presence with you, His power working in you. Take time to read His Word as in His presence, that from it you may know what He asks of you and what He promises you. Let the Word create around you, create within you a holy atmosphere, a holy heavenly light, in which your soul will be refreshed and strengthened for the work of daily life."
- "It was in blessed reality "Christ liveth in me." And how great the difference! - instead of bondage, liberty; instead of failure, quiet victories within; instead of fear and weakness, a restful sense of sufficiency in Another."
- "It was not easy to keep first things first and make time for prayer. Yet without this there cannot but be failure and unrest."
- "Now I am happy in my Savior's love. I can thank Him for all, even the most painful experiences of the past, and trust Him without fear for all that is to come."
- "To him [Hudson Taylor], the secret of overcoming lay in daily, hourly fellowship with God; and this, he found, could only be maintained by secret prayer and feeding upon the Word through which He reveals Himself to the waiting soul."
- "But how to get faith strengthened? Not by striving after faith, but by resting on the Faithful One."
- "If you are ever drinking at the Fountain, with what will your life be running over? - Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!"
- "Let us see that we keep God before our eyes; that we walk in His ways and seek to please and glorify Him in everything, great and small. Depend upon it, God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supplies."
- "Meanwhile, let us beware alike of the haste of the impatient, impetuous flesh, and of its disappointment and weariness."
- "If we are faithful to God in little things, we shall gain experience and strength that will be helpful to us in the more serious trials of life."
- "To let my loving Savior work in me His will, my sanctification, is what I would live for by His grace. Abiding, not striving nor struggling; looking off unto Him; trusting Him for present power; ... resting in the love of an almighty Savior, in the joy of a complete salvation,"