1: “Sympathy is no substitute for action.”
— Dr. David Livingstone, missionary to Africa

2: “Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell; I wish to run a mission within a yard of hell.”
— C.T. Studd

3: “We talk of the second coming. Half the world has never heard of the first.”
— Oswald J. Smith

4: “Would that God would make hell so real to us that we cannot rest, heaven so real that we must have men there.”
— J. Hudson Taylor

5: “The great commission is not an option to be considered. It is a command to be obeyed.”
— Hudson Taylor

6: “If God calls you to be a missionary, don’t stoop to be a king.”
— Jordan Grooms

7: “If you take missions out of the Bible, you have nothing left but the covers.”
— Nina Gunter

8: “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.”
— C.T. Studd

9: “The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity but its sending capacity.”
— Mike Stachura

10: “I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light.”
— John Keith Falconer

11: “God had only one Son and He made Him a missionary.”
— David Livingstone

12: “Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.”
— William Carey, who is called the father of modern missions

13: “To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map.”
— William Carey, pioneer missionary to India

14: “Lost people matter to God, and so they must matter to us.”
— Keith Wright

15: “Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist.”
— Oswald J. Smith
16: “Must you go to China? How much nicer it would be to stay here and serve the Lord at home!”
— J. Hudson Taylor’s ex-girlfriend

17: “If I had 1,000 lives, I’d give them all for China.”
— J. Hudson Taylor

18: “This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth!”
— Keith Green

— J. Hudson Taylor

20: “In our lifetime, wouldn’t it be sad if we spent more time washing dishes or swatting flies or mowing the yard or watching television than praying for world missions?”
— Dave Davidson

21: “We died before we came here.”
— J. James Calvert (Said James to the ship captain dropping him off on Fiji, as he warned: “You will lose your life and the lives of those with you if you go among such savages.”)

22: “The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.”
— Carl F. H. Henry

23: “Go, send, or disobey.”
— John Piper

24: “All the money needed to send and support an army of self-sacrificing, joy-spreading ambassadors is already in the church.”
— John Piper

25: “The command has been to ‘go,’ but we have stayed — in body, gifts, prayer and influence. He has asked us to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth ... but 99% of Christians have kept putting around in the homeland.”
— Robert Savage, Latin American Mission

26: “Tell the students to give up their small ambitions and come eastward to preach the gospel of Christ.”
— Francis Xavier, missionary to India, the Philippines, and Japan

27: “To belong to Jesus is to embrace the nations with Him.”
— William Carey

28: “I have but one passion: It is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ.”
— Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf
29: “He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”
—Jim Elliot, missionary martyr

30: “People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives ... and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted.”
—Nate Saint, missionary martyr

31: “If the Great Commission is true, our plans are not too big; they are too small.”
—Pat Morley

32: “It is the whole business of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world.”
—Charles H. Spurgeon

33: “Had I cared for the comments of people, I should never have been a missionary.”
—C.T. Studd

34: “I thought it reasonable that I should seek the work where the work was the most abundant and the workers fewest.”
—James Gilmour on why he went to Mongolia

35: “If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”
—Charles Spurgeon

36: “Young man, sit down: when God pleases to convert the heathen He will do it without your aid or mine.”
—said to a young William Carey. He didn’t listen.

37: “I feel now, that Arabia could easily be evangelized within the next thirty years if it were not for the wicked selfishness of Christians.”
—Samuel Zwemer

38: “Today Christians spend more money on dog food then missions.”
—Leonard Ravenhill

39: “I will open Africa to the gospel or die trying.”
—Rowland Bingham

40: “Why wait for a call when you have a command?”
—Bob Hughes
41: “The church is both the means and the end of the Great Commission.”
—Philip E. Armstrong, first director of SEND International

42: “None but women can reach Muslim Women... So we have a solemn duty in this matter that we cannot shift. The blood of souls is on our skirts, and God will demand them at our hands.”
—Missionary wife from the Middle East

43: “I declare, now I am dying, I would not have spent my life otherwise for the world.”
—David Brainerd

44: “You will never make a missionary of the person who does no good at home. He that will not serve the Lord in the Sunday school at home, will not win children to Christ in China.”
—C. H. Spurgeon

45: “There are no closed countries if you do not expect to come back.”
—Larry Poston

46: “Where in the Bible is missions ever identified as an optional program?”
—David Platt

47: “One does not surrender a life in an instant. That which is lifelong can only be surrendered in a lifetime.”
—Elisabeth Elliot

48: “David Livingston dreamed of opening Africa to the gospel. But you can’t do that; it’s been done. What can you do? The world is changing. So are the men who are changing the world. So must you. Don’t be satisfied with the status quo. You are a recruit for the revolution.”
—Philip E. Armstrong

49: “The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history.”
—Andrew Murray

50: “I’ve heard people say, “I want more of a heart for missions.” I always respond, “Jesus tells you exactly how to get it. Put your money in missions - and in your church and the poor - and your heart will follow.”
—Randy Alcorn