



HENRI NOUWEN

Henri Nouwen was a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. He was ordained as a diocesan priest when he was 25, and then went on to teach at the University of Notre Dame, and the Divinity Schools of Yale and Harvard almost a decade later. He wrote 39 books on his spiritual life, which have sold over 8 million copies and been published in over 30 languages.



Selected Quotations

- "To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections that requires hard spiritual work."
- "We may be little, insignificant servants in the eyes of a world motivated by efficiency, control and success. But when we realize that God has chosen us from all eternity, sent us into the world as the blessed ones, handed us over to suffering, can't we, then, also trust that our little lives will multiply themselves and be able to fulfill the needs of countless people?"
- "What makes us human is not our mind but our heart, not our ability to think but our ability to love."



Online Materials:

- [Who was Henri Nouwen \(2015\)](#)
- [Henri Nouwen | "What Adam Taught Me" 1994 Award Speech](#)
- [Being the Beloved \(FULL\) by Henri Nouwen \(2012\)](#)
- [Now & Then Podcast](#)

Further reading

- The Return of the Prodigal Son (1992)
- Life of the Beloved (1992)