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Bob Roberts' Five Dead Heroes

1. J. Gresham Machen - Machen is my hero because of his unwavering commitment to the fundamentals of the faith and his faithful public stand against liberal theology.
2. Charles Spurgeon - Spurgeon is my hero because of his Christ-centered theology and resultant preaching.
3. John Newton - John Newton is my hero because he sought for peace and unity among brethren when it came to the fundamentals of the faith and was exceedingly kind and gracious to children.
4. Dr. Greg Bahnsen - Bahnsen is my hero because he put himself in very public "pressure-cooker" debates to confront godless philosophies that would ultimately help Christians be more confident in the unparalleled veracity of the Bible.
5. George Whitefield - Whitefield is my hero because he lived life with an intensity second to no one as he sought to promulgate the glorious news of Jesus Christ.

Zach Vester's Five Dead Heroes



1. E. M. Bounds - He wrote with a holy passion. I can only read a chapter at a time! Plus he was born in N. Missouri not too far from where I was born.
2. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow - His poems preach . . . A Psalm of Life, The Builders, & The Day is Done.
3. Spurgeon - His Christo-centric message AND methods captivate me.
4. George Frideric Handel - I love the Messiah!
5. Augustine - The mental turmoil he faced as he watched the Roman Empire crumble propelled his faith toward the City of God. Likewise, his prayer "Credo Ut Intelligam" (I believe in order to understand) has helped solidify my philosophy.

Woody Chipman's Five Dead Heroes



1. Augustine - He was one of the most important figures in the development of Western Christianity. Many Protestants, especially Calvinists, consider him to be one of the theological fountainheads of Reformation teaching on salvation and grace.

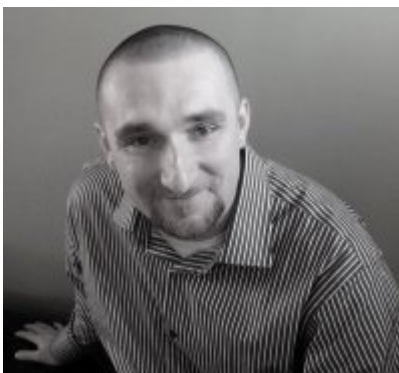
2. Jean Chauvin - Better known in English as John Calvin, he was a French Protestant theologian during the Protestant Reformation and was a central developer of the system of Christian theology called Calvinism or Reformed theology.

3. Martin Luther - He was a German monk, priest, professor, theologian, and church reformer. He inspired the Reformation. Luther's hymns, including his best-known "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," inspired the development of congregational singing within Christianity.

4. Jonathan Edwards - He was a colonial American Congregational preacher, theologian, and missionary to Native Americans. He is known as one of the greatest and most profound American evangelical theologians. His work is very broad in scope, but he is often associated with his defense of Calvinist theology and the Puritan heritage. -- And I agree that he was the greatest mind that America has ever produced.

5. Benjamin Breckinridge Warfield - B.B. was the principal of Princeton Seminary from 1887 to 1921. He was the last great Princeton theologian before the split in 1929 that formed Westminster Seminary and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. As the last conservative successor to (Charles and then A.A.) Hodge to live prior to the re-organization of Princeton Seminary, Warfield is often regarded as the last of the Princeton theologians.

Ian McConnell's Five Dead Heroes



1. Martin Luther: Sola Scriptura—My conscience is captive to the word of God . . . Here I stand I can do no other!

2. John Calvin: Dead sinners need God's unconditional and triumphant grace provided and secured through the atoning death of Jesus Christ!

3. Jonathan Edwards: God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in Him.

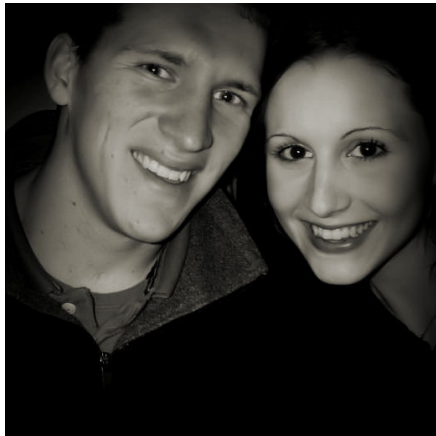
4. Edward Payson: Preach Christ; Love your family; Oppose heretics like Charles Finney!

5. John Owen: Be killing sin or sin will be killing you.

Christopher Watson's Five Dead Heroes

1. William Carey - Willing to stand up against the hyper-calvinism of his day in order to use means to reach the heathen.
 2. Adoniram Judson - Willing to change his theological position (which changed his ecclesiastical position) even in the face of losing support for the mission.
 3. Charles Spurgeon - The last of the puritans, and one of the first of the fundamentalists...
 4. James M. Grey - Probably one of the many unsung heroes of fundamentalists - was responsible for the incredible bible teaching and missionary sending work of Moody Bible Institute until the 1950s. He also wrote, "How to Master the English Bible" a book that every Christian should read.
 5. Henry Morris (I would add Whitcomb, but he is still living) - He and Whitcomb singlehandedly started the Modern Creation Movement with the book, The Genesis Flood.
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Melissa Johnson's Five Dead Heroes



1. Jim Elliot "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."
 2. Martin Luther "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times. "
 3. George Muller "At last I saw Christ as my Saviour. I believed in Him and gave myself to Him. The burden rolled from off me, and a great love for Christ filled my soul. That was more than fifty years ago (at age 20). I loved Jesus Christ then, but I loved Him more the year after, and more the year after that, and more every year since."
 4. Amy Carmichael (heroine ;)) "One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving"
 5. Dwight L. Moody "Where one man reads the Bible, a hundred read you and me."
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Sam Lavender's Five Dead Heroes

1. Matthew Henry: "He that appoints what the voyage shall be will victual the ship accordingly."
 2. Spurgeon said, "If called to be a missionary, don't stoop to be a king."
 3. George Matheson's hymn "O love that will not let me go."
 4. Thomas Watson, "Patience is a star that shines in a dark night."
 5. Fanny Crosby's hymn "My Savior first of all."
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Jack Gregory's Five Dead Heroes

- St. Patrick – for his willingness to minister to those who enslaved him.
- William Tyndale – for his devotion to the Word of God under persecution.

Patrick Henry – for his commitment to God, family, and country as the Trumpet of the Revolution.

C.T. Studd – for his faith in giving up this world's riches to follow the call of the Master.

Jim Elliot – for his desire to give his all for Christ.

Hannah Camacho's Five Dead Heroes



1. Mary Slessor:
Because when no one else was willing and let fear keep them from spreading the gospel...she went.
2. Adoniram Judson:
He stood for the authority of the word of God and in the face of great opposition he chose to believe the Word rather than popular opinion...even though it cost him greatly.

3. Charles Spurgeon:

He surrendered his incredible mind and life's work to God. And because of this we have a treasury of wonderful writings and recorded sermons that are so eloquent and contain so much wisdom.

4. Amy Carmichael:

When her "better" judgement told her not to leave her comfortable life and all her friends called her crazy, she chose to listen to the voice of God and leave everything she knew. Because of her sacrifice, hundreds of children and women who were once deceived by false religion were impacted by the gospel.

5. D.L Moody:

For allowing God to use him greatly even though he knew very well that according to human standards he was very underqualified.

Ricky Blaha's Five Dead Heroes



I have to admit that I started the whole reading thing later in life (the last 6 years), so I have much catching up to do. But here is my initial list.

C.S. Lewis – Although he would not recognize himself as an educated theologian, through his creativity he was able to communicate profound truths of God and His glory to the scholar, layman, and child-a-like.

D Martyn Lloyd Jones – He is one of the men that initially the Lord used to confront me with my sinful state and the glories of Christ; he is recognized by many as the premiere expositor of the twentieth century.

John Bunyan – Though he had no formal education, through suffering and perseverance he communicated masterfully the truths of Christ in his timeless writings.

Martin Luther - I wish that I had Luther's zeal, strength, and wisdom in the face of error and suffering.

David Brainerd – Even having died at my current age, he left a profound legacy that has impacted Christ-centered missions around the world for years – “O that I may never loiter on my heavenly journey.”

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Josh Blaha's Five Dead Heroes

I, like my brother, have not had much time of recent to read and have not started to read much till the past couple years. After listening to audio biographies and reading some literature of many of these guys, I would have to conclude that the following are my five:

-Adoniram Judson- This man's undying passion to spread the gospel to a hardened people even after having three wives due to death and not many if any converts during his life.

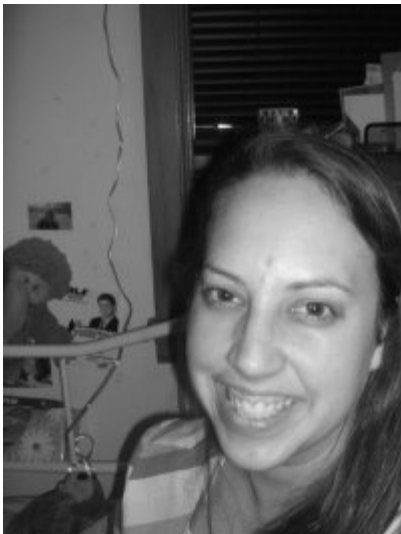
-Charles H. Spurgeon- I'm sure that this man is on mosts list. I am inspired by the dedication of his time and effort to "redeem" the time and yet lead so many people into the truth.

-Paul the Apostle- The change that took place in his life to the point where he forsook all for the glory and supremacy of Jesus Christ is incredible. His epistles encourage me daily as well as are used by the Spirit to draw me closer and closer to the well of life.

-Martin Luther- I praise God for this man and his stand against the heresies of the Roman Catholic Church. Although his main contentions are on the salvation and not necessarily strong on other parts of theology, God used this man mightily to spread the glory of the gospel as well as stand strong against the hold of the Church.

-Jim Elliot- Last, but definately not least, I am greatly inspired by the passion of this man to see souls saved. At times, he lived among tribes so that he could learn the language and witness. He did many great things in man's eyes but were nothing to him. Ultimately, he displayed Christ's love in a way very closely related to Christ. He chose to die for the people whom he loved and desired to see come to Christ. He did not give up hope, but kept his hope in Christ alone.

Rebekah Drabenstot's Five Dead Heroes



This was really tough because there are a lot of dead people to choose from, but if I have to narrow it down to five it would be these.

William Tyndale-He translated the Bible into English. We can thank him that we can actually read God's Word in our own language.

Ronald Reagan-The best president this country has ever had.

T.W. Kendall-This is my grandfather. He is one of my heroes because at the age of 60, he answered the call to preach and spent the rest of his life telling everyone he knew about Christ and making a difference a the small rural community of Brooklyn, MS

Jim Eliot-need I say more.

Fanny Crosby-She was just so incredible. She wrote some of the sweetest hymns of our faith. I can't wait to meet her when I get to heaven.

Timothy Bolognone's Five Dead Heroes



1) Johann Sebastian Bach - SDG Soli Deo Gloria. A man of incredible musical gifts. Bach signed the bottom of each of his cantatas with SDG - to the glory of God alone!

2) Dr. Henry M. Morris - "The father of modern creationism" as some have dubbed him, Morris co-authored "The Genesis Flood" and founded "The Institute for Creation Research" (ICR)

3) Noah - "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." (Genesis 6:5,8) Talk about "standing in the gap"! How would you like to be the only man on the PLANET taking a stand for the Lord?

4) King Josiah - His courage to boldly and passionately return to the Word when it was found and change whatever needed to be changed, with reckless abandon, is inspiring. "But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing." (James 1:25)

5) Bildad the Shuhite - "Ask the former generations and find out what their fathers learned, for we were born only yesterday and know nothing, and our days on earth are but a shadow. Will they not instruct you and tell you? Will they not bring forth words from their understanding?" (Job 8:8-10).

Timothy Lyzenga's Five Dead Heroes



#5. Dr. Gerrit Anthony Lyzenga-Christian Reformed Pastor.

I have read his dissertation and he was a man who desired a balanced view of God and a balanced, living faith.

#4. D.L. Moody

How easy it is to forget that God is just as powerful no matter the amount of letters behind your name.

#3. C.S. Lewis

Although a few of his conclusions were wrong, he was always honest about his spiritual life, the ups and the downs.

#2. George Muller

Reading his biography changed how I will forever view prayer.

#1. D. Martin Lloyd-Jones

His book on Philippians helped me to take more than one spiritual step. I hope I can teach the Word in a way that seems to shake the earth.

David Vines' Five Dead Heroes



Martin Luther- He is my hero because he chose to read and interpret the Word of God for himself, and he caused a revolution by making a stand for what he believed.

C.S. Lewis- He is my hero because, just like the Psalmist, he was not afraid to admit his fears and doubts, and he was also not afraid to find the answers.

David Brainerd- He is my hero because he gave up his wants and life (literally) to minister to the American Indians.

David Livingstone- He is my hero because his work in reaching Africa and in fighting slavery gave the whole world a burden for the people of Africa.

Charles Spurgeon- He is my hero because he nurtured his obvious ability with fervent prayer and devotion to the Word of God.

Audrey La Barre Jandreau



A.W. Tozer ~ His writings have helped me see God 'more nearly as He is'. "It is impossible to keep our moral practices sound and our inward attitudes right while our idea of God is erroneous or inadequate. If we would bring back spiritual power to our lives, we must begin to think of God more nearly as He is."

W.D. Hamrick ~ A 'church father' of my home church; though I never knew him, his legacy left an unmistakable imprint on my life.

C.H. Spurgeon ~ His teaching has helped me to 'contemplate God's greatness'. "Labor, O soul, to know your nothingness, and learn it by contemplating God's greatness."

Martin Luther ~ Because he loved truth.

C.S. Lewis ~ For his real and practical insight. "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

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Matthew Champlin's Five Dead Heroes



Herbert Grings - missionary who ministered on 4 different continents for 60 years.

David Brainerd - missionary who suffered much to reach the neglected around him

Adoniram Judson - missionary who had the vision to leave his home and never turn back, for the Kingdom's sake

John Bunyan - gospel minister who gave all to minister the grace of his Lord regardless of personal cost

Jonathan Edwards - gospel minister who used his talents to further the Kingdom through pen and speech

Andy Thompson's Five Dead Heroes



I find it very hard to just choose five men who have influenced my walk. But I will try anyways.

1. J C Ryle - In Thoughts for Young Men, J C exhorts young men not to toy with sin.

2. D Martin Lloyd-Jones - His commentaries are amazing, but especially Romans and Sermon on the Mount.

3. Leonard Ravenhill - I may not agree with everything that he teaches, but he had a great passion for the Lord and the Church and he has had a trickle down effect on me; meaning his walk has greatly influenced some pastors who had a tremendous effect on me.

4. A W Tozer - "the man of prayer" as some call him. His book The Pursuit of God brings a lot of truth in how we should view going before our God to pray.

5. George Muller - Another man of prayer. A perfect example of if God knows who else needs to know. Many accounts of God providing for him and his orphans have helped me to see God moving and being intimate with His children.

Jason Schlichting's Five Dead Heroes



1. Martin Luther--discovery of justification by faith by a man bound by doing good works

2. John Calvin--God has chosen to bestow grace and mercy on sinners "to the praise of the glory of His grace" and "good pleasure". (Eph 3)

3. C.H. Spurgeon--smoked a cigar to the glory of God. :) Seriously, the man did everything to the glory of God and if you read his books and sermons, you find that out very quickly.

4. Robert Murray M'Cheyne--his Bible reading schedule has strengthened my personal devotion time, as well as opening my eyes to the whole of Scripture.

5/6. Charles Wesley/John Newton--absolutely incredible hymn texts (for the most part) to meditate on. They put some meat in our hymn books.

Schimri Yoyo's Five Dead Heroes

For fear of being of being mocked, scourged, and excommunicated, here is my list:



1. Jonathan Edwards- One of the most intelligent minds in the history of Chrsitendom, whose passion for personal purity and displaying God's glory inspires me.

2. George Müller (or Mueller)- Extraordinary man of faith and prayer. His devotion to prayer and love for the less fortunate both inspire and humble me.

3. Asahel Nettleton- Forgotten, yet greatly effective evangelist of the Second Great Awakening. He ministered mainly in southern Connecticut and the neighboring, and yet the conversion of 30,000 souls have been attributed to his campaigns (the majority of which, according to their pastors, remained faithful to the cause of Christ decades after their professions of faith) at a time when the country's population was only 9 million. He was also one the main and the loudest of opponents to Charles Finney and his "New Measures" at the New Lebanon Conference.

4. Isaac Watts & Fanny Crosby - Their hymns and spiritual songs have been nuggets of joy to my soul.

5. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow- Easily my favorite poet of all time, whose poem, "The Sifting of Peter (also my all-time favorite)," is a wonderfully poetic portrayal of the crippling effects of sin and also the Gospel's power to overcome it.

A Few Hero Pics

