

## A W TOZER

"It will cost something to walk slow in the parade of the ages, while excited men of time rush about confusing motion with progress. But it will pay in the long run and the true Christian is not much interested in anything short of that."

"The more I learn about the sin in my own heart, the more I want to know God's grace."

"God tells us to make a sanctuary of our thoughts in which He can dwell."

A. W. Tozer on trusting Jesus: "now begins the glorious pursuit, the heart's happy exploration of the infinite riches of the Godhead."

"If I look at the world, I will conform to ways of the world. If I look at the Word, I will conform to the will of God"

"If you do all the talking when you pray, how will you ever hear God's answers?"

"As God is exalted to the right place in our lives, a thousand problems are solved all at once."

"The supreme test of goodness is not in the greater but in the smaller incidents of our character and practice."

"The victorious Christian neither exalts nor downgrades himself. His interests have shifted from self to Christ"

"Prayer will become effective when we stop using it as a substitute for obedience."

"I take refuge in the fact that while I don't know everything, I do know Someone who does!"

"We cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think we are worshiping God."

"The beautiful thing about a holy man is that he is the only one who doesn't know that he is holy."

"Jesus Christ knows the worst about you. Nonetheless, He is the one who loves you most."

"A holy man is likely to be a happy man too. But if he seeks happiness & forgets holiness, he's a carnal man!"

"God never uses anyone greatly until He tests them deeply."

"There is a restlessness within us that cannot be satisfied until we rest fully in God."

"The best way to keep the enemy out is to keep Christ in."

"We need preachers who preach that hell's still hot, heaven's still real, sin's still wrong & the Bible is God's Word"

"When I understand that everything happening to me is to make me more Christ-like, it resolves a great deal of anxiety."

"I fear that for the most part people are worshiping worship rather than worshipping God and communing with Him."

"Our lives should be so arranged and consecrated that the Holy Spirit truly is in charge."

"It's one thing to know about the Bible, and it's altogether another to have it dramatically transform your life."

"While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who hasn't surrendered His authority"

"I want to live so fully in the Spirit that...every act of my life may be an act of worship."

"I claim the holy right to disappoint men in order to avoid disappointing God."

"Outside the will of God, there's nothing I want. Inside the will of God there's nothing I fear."

"Sometimes when we get overwhelmed we forget how big God is."

"The purpose of good works isn't to change us or save us; rather, it's the demonstration of the change within us."

"Only after all the noise has spent itself do we begin to hear in the silence of our hearts, the voice of God."

"The more I experience God, the more my capacity to experience God grows."

"The weakness of so many modern Christians is that they feel too much at home in the world"

"Complacency is easy...and it is a deadly foe of spiritual growth."

"If your Christianity depends upon a pastor's preaching, then you're a long way from being where you should be."

"It is dangerous to be so busy that you have no time to wait on God."

"It's time for us to rise up, get out of the rut and routine, and begin to take our Christian faith seriously."

"The more fascinated we become with the toys of this world the more we forget that there's another world to come."

"Oh God, I have tasted Thy goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more."

**Aiden Wilson Tozer** (April 21, 1897 – May 12, 1963) was an American Christian pastor, preacher, author, magazine editor, and spiritual mentor. He was born into a small farming community in Pennsylvania. He was converted to Christianity as a teenager, in [Akron, Ohio](#); while on his way home from work at a tire company, he overheard a street preacher say, "If you don't know how to be saved... just call on God, saying, 'Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Upon returning home, he climbed into the [attic](#) and heeded the preacher's advice.

In 1919, five years after his conversion and without formal [theological](#) training, Tozer accepted an offer to pastor his first church. This began 44 years of ministry which lasted until his death at the age of 66. Among the more than 60 books that bear his name, most of which were compiled after his death from sermons he preached and articles he wrote, at least two are regarded as Christian classics: *The Pursuit of God* and *The Knowledge of the Holy*. His books impress on the reader the possibility and necessity for a deeper relationship with God.

Tozer had seven children: six boys and one girl. Living a simple and non-materialistic lifestyle, he and his wife, Ada Cecelia Pfautz, never owned a car, preferring bus and train travel. Even after becoming a well-known Christian author, Tozer signed away much of his royalties to those who were in need.

Prayer was of vital personal importance for Tozer. "His preaching as well as his writings were but extensions of his prayer life," comments his biographer, [James L. Snyder](#), in the book, *In Pursuit of God: The Life Of A.W. Tozer*. "He had the ability to make his listeners face themselves in the light of what God was saying to them," Some of his other books include: *Man – the dwelling place of God*, *How to be filled with the Holy Spirit*, *The Root of the Righteous*, *Who put Jesus on the Cross?*, *That Incredible Christian*, *I talk back to the Devil*, *God tells the Man who Cares*, *The Crucified Life*, *The Dangers of a Shallow Faith*, etc. His books make for easy reading in terms of language but are deep in content and you will find you have to read and re-read many times – literally work at the words to grasp their depth and beauty as they point to the higher life in trusting and obeying Jesus Christ more each day.