

# a.w. Tozer Quotes

by A.W. Tozer

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*A.W. Tozer emphasizes the importance of understanding God's nature and the implications of a man-centered view of Christianity.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 46:10, Psalm 139:14, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 40:31, Matthew 6:33, Romans 12:2, Colossians 3:2, Hebrews 11:6, James 4:10, 1 John 4:16

**Topics:** "Surrender to God", "Understanding God"

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## Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the significance of our thoughts about God, asserting that they shape our identity and spiritual journey. He highlights the importance of surrendering to God, suggesting that true progress in faith comes when we relinquish control and allow God to work within us. Tozer critiques the man-centered approach of modern Christianity, advocating for a God-centered perspective that recognizes God's sovereignty and moral excellence. He warns that without a proper understanding of God, society risks moral decay, and he calls for a deep, personal relationship with God that encompasses our entire being.

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## Transcript

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"God never hurries. There are no deadlines against which he must work. Only to know this is to quiet our spirits and relax our nerves."

"It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply."

"The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven't yet come to the end of themselves. We're still trying to give orders, and interfering with God's work within us. "

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."

"Christianity today is man-centered, not God-centered. God is made to wait patiently, even respectfully, on the whims of men. The image of God currently popular is that of a distracted Father, struggling in heartbroken desperation to get people to accept a Saviour of whom they feel no need and in whom they have very little interest. To persuade these self-sufficient souls to respond to His generous offers God will do almost anything, even using salesmanship methods and talking down to them in the chummiest way

imaginable. This view of things is, of course, a kind of religious romanticism which, while it often uses flattering and sometimes embarrassing terms in praise of God, manages nevertheless to make man the star of the show."

"The created world is to be prized for its usefulness, loved for its beauty and esteemed as the gift of God to His children. Love of natural beauty which has been the source of so much pure music, poetry and art is a good and desirable thing. Though the unregenerate soul is likely to enjoy nature for its own sake and ignore the God whose gift it is, there is nothing to prevent an enlightened Christian who loves God supremely from loving all things for God's dear sake."

"I am among those who believe that our Western civilization is on its way to perishing. It has many commendable qualities, most of which it has borrowed from the Christian ethic, but it lacks the element of moral wisdom that would give it permanence. Future historians will record that we of the twentieth century had intelligence enough to create a great civilization but not the moral wisdom to preserve it."

"God is a being of supreme moral excellence, possessing in infinite perfection all the qualities that constitute holy character. He deserves and invites the unreserved confidence of every moral creature, including man. Any proper relation to Him must be by confidence, that is, by faith. Where there is no faith it is impossible to please God."

"God is love and God is sovereign. His love disposes Him to desire our everlasting welfare and His sovereignty enables Him to secure it."

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"I want the presence of God Himself, or I don't want anything at all to do with religion... I want all that God has or I don't want any."

"The fact of God is necessary for the fact of man. Think God away and man has no ground of existence."

"Without doubt, the mightiest thought the mind can entertain is the thought of God, and the weightiest word in any language is its word for God."

"God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell."

"God wants the whole person and He will not rest till He gets us in entirety. No part of the man will do"

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