

Bowing to the Givers

by A.W. Tozer

The sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting in God and not in uncertain riches, and warns against prioritizing human approval over pleasing God.

Scripture: Psalm 37:25, Proverbs 11:25, Malachi 3:10, Matthew 6:24, Matthew 19:21, Luke 12:15, Acts 20:35, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Philippians 4:19, 1 Timothy 6:17

Topics: "Faith in God's Provision", "The Role of Wealth in the Church"

Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the importance of relying on God rather than on the wealth of individuals within the church. He warns against the temptation to cater to wealthy givers, asserting that true prosperity comes from God and not from human patronage. Tozer encourages ministers to prioritize the spiritual health of the church over financial concerns, reminding them that God's provision is sufficient for all needs. He concludes with a prayer of gratitude for God's generosity and faithfulness to both individuals and the church.

Transcript

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. --1 Timothy 6:17

Remember, my giving will be rewarded not by how much I gave but by how much I had left. Ministers are sometimes tempted to shy away from such doctrine as this lest they offend the important givers in their congregation. But it is better to offend men than to grieve the blessed Spirit of God which dwells in the church. No man ever yet killed a true church by withdrawing his gifts from it because of a personal pique. The Church of the Firstborn is not dependent upon the patronage of men. No man has ever been able really to harm a church by boycotting it financially. The moment we admit that we fear the displeasure of the carnal givers in our congregations we admit also that our congregations are not of heaven but of the earth. A heavenly church will enjoy a heavenly and supernatural prosperity. She cannot be starved out. The Lord will supply her needs. *God Tells the Man Who Cares*, 147.

"Thank You, Heavenly Father, for Your incredibly generous provision and faithfulness--both to us as individuals and to the churches we lead. Amen."

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