

Concentrating on Things That Really Matter

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The Christian life is about focusing on the few essentials that really matter, rather than getting distracted by unimportant things.

Scripture: Matthew 22:37

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the importance of focusing on the essential truths of the Christian faith, which are few in number and easily identifiable, such as the existence of God, the work of Christ, faith, obedience, hope, and love. He warns against the temptation to become distracted by trivial matters and obscure interpretations of Scripture that do not contribute to spiritual growth. Tozer encourages believers to remain grounded in the core tenets of their faith, as these are the true sustenance for their souls. He highlights the danger of seeking after mysteries and complexities that stray from the foundational truths of Christianity. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a return to the simplicity and clarity of the gospel.

Transcript

In the Christian life also we find this pattern repeated: a few important things and a world of burdensome but unimportant ones. The Spirit-taught Christian must look past the multiplicity of incidental things and find the few that really matter. And let it be repeated for our encouragement, they are few in number and surprisingly easy to identify. The Scriptures make perfectly clear what they are: the fact of God, the Person and work of Christ, faith and obedience, hope and love.

These along with a few more constitute the essence of the truth which we must know and love. Christ summed up the moral law as love to God and man. Salvation He made to rest upon faith in God and in the One whom He had sent. Paul simplified the wonders of the spiritual life in the words, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." The temptation to forget the few spiritual essentials and to go wandering off after unimportant things is very strong, especially to Christians of a certain curious type of mind.

Such persons find the great majours of the faith of our fathers altogether too tame for them. Their souls loathe that light bread; their appetites crave the gamy tang of fresh-killed meat. They take great pride in their reputation as being mighty hunters before the Lord, and any time we look out we may see them returning from the chase with some new mystery hanging limply over their shoulder. Usually the game they bring down is something on which there is a biblical closed season.

Some vague hint in the Scriptures, some obscure verse about which the translators disagree, some marginal note for which there is not much scholarly authority: these are their favorite meat. They are especially skillful at propounding notions which have never been a part of the Christian heritage of truth. Their enthusiasm mounts with the uncertainty of their position, and their dogmatism grows firmer in proportion to the mystery which surrounds their subject.

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