

# Decisions or Disciples?

by A.W. Tozer

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*Accepting Christ as Lord and Savior is just the beginning of a lifelong journey of spiritual growth and perseverance.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:24, Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Ephesians 6:12, Philippians 2:12, 2 Timothy 4:7, Hebrews 12:1-2, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:8-9

**Topics:** "Discipleship", "Spiritual Warfare"

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## Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the need for a deeper understanding of what it means to accept Christ, challenging the notion that mere acceptance leads to an easy Christian life. He argues that true discipleship involves a continuous struggle against temptation and spiritual warfare, rather than a passive existence. Tozer warns that without acknowledging the fight and commitment required, believers risk spiritual deterioration. He calls for a return to the biblical understanding of faith that includes perseverance, prayer, and worship. The sermon serves as a wake-up call for Christians to recognize their ongoing responsibilities in their faith journey.

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## Transcript

Today we need people who dare to question the status quo and say, "Wait a minute here. Where do you find this in the Bible?" The idea that all you have to do is to accept Christ and you are in is a great mistake. It leaves people with the impression that if they accept Christ they have no fight to fight, no warfare, no job to do and no temptations. They are just in. When you accept Christ rightly as your Lord and Savior you are in, but to be honest, you have just started to fight. People get converted and we do not tell them that they must fight all the way through to heaven because of the spirit of degeneration and the tendency to deteriorate.

They must fight, pray through, suffer it out and live in praise and worship, because if they do not they will deteriorate.

Read the history of the Christian church if you can keep your faith and keep from weeping.

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