

Experiencing God Despite the Distractions

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To experience God despite distractions, we must learn to be inwardly still and follow divine principles.

Scripture: Psalm 46:10, Matthew 11:28

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the importance of maintaining inward stillness amidst life's distractions, asserting that while distractions are inevitable, they can be managed through a deep connection with God. He highlights examples of Christians who, despite heavy burdens, found peace in their relationship with the Lord, leaving behind a legacy of spiritual writings. Tozer warns against unnecessary distractions that can lead to spiritual turmoil, likening the heart to a garden that requires diligent care to flourish. He reminds listeners that true spiritual growth comes from adhering to divine principles and nurturing one's inner life.

Transcript

In the normal course of things a certain number of distractions are bound to come to each one of us; but if we learn to be inwardly still these can be rendered relatively harmless. It would not be hard to compile a long list of names of Christians who carried upon their shoulders the burden of state or the responsibilities of business and yet managed to live in great inward peace with the face of the Lord in full view. They have left us a precious legacy in the form of letters, journals, hymns and devotional books that witness to the ability of Christ to calm the troubled waters of the soul as He once calmed the waves on the Sea of Galilee.

And today as always those who listen can hear His still, small voice above the earthquake and the whirlwind.

While the grace of God will enable us to overcome inevitable distractions, we dare not presume upon God's aid and throw ourselves open to unnecessary ones. The roving imagination, an inquisitive interest in other people's business, preoccupation with external affairs beyond what is absolutely necessary: these are certain to lead us into serious trouble sooner or later. The heart is like a garden and must be kept free from weeds and insects. To expect the fruits and flowers of Paradise to grow in an untended heart is to misunderstand completely the processes of grace and the ways of God with men.

Only grief and disappointment can result from continued violation of the divine principles that underlie the spiritual life.

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