

Humble Service

by A.W. Tozer

A.W. Tozer challenges listeners to prioritize their relationship with God and live a life of humble service, free from worldly ambition and distraction.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:3

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the call to humble service in the life of a Christian, urging believers to endure hardships as soldiers of Christ and to avoid being entangled in worldly affairs. He reflects on the dangers of judging a church by its size or popularity, advocating for a focus on spiritual integrity over carnal ambitions. Tozer prays for deliverance from the desire for publicity and materialism, seeking self-discipline to fulfill God's will above all else. He expresses a commitment to serve God faithfully, regardless of status or recognition, highlighting the importance of prayer and spiritual warfare in the believer's life.

Transcript

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. --2 Timothy 2:3-4

Save me from the error of judging a church by its size, its popularity or the amount of its yearly offering. Help me to remember that I am a prophet--not a promoter, not a religious manager, but a prophet. Let me never become a slave to crowds. Heal my soul of carnal ambitions and deliver me from the itch for publicity. Save me from bondage to things. Let me not waste my days puttering around the house. Lay Thy terror upon me, O God, and drive me to the place of prayer where I may wrestle with principalities and powers and the rulers of the darkness of this world. Deliver me from overeating and late sleeping. Teach me self-discipline that I may be a good soldier of Jesus Christ....

And now, O Lord of heaven and earth, I consecrate my remaining days to Thee; let them be many or few, as Thou wilt. Let me stand before the great or minister to the poor and lowly; that choice is not mine, and I would not influence it if I could. I am Thy servant to do Thy will, and that will is sweeter to me than position or riches or fame and I choose it above all things on earth or in heaven. God Tells the Man Who Cares, 105-106.

"Lord, this prayer of Tozer's seems so contrary to the spirit of today's church growth emphasis, celebrity pastors, and TV personalities. Enable me by your Holy Spirit to make this prayer genuinely mine. Amen."

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