

# Mediocre Christianity

by A.W. Tozer

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*A.W. Tozer warns against the problem of mediocre Christianity, urging believers to strive for full maturity in Christ and avoid settling for temporary pleasures.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:24, Luke 9:62, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Ephesians 4:13, Philippians 3:14, Colossians 1:28, Hebrews 6:1, James 1:4, 2 Peter 3:18

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## Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that mediocrity in the Christian life is not what Jesus desires for His followers. He challenges believers to move beyond a stagnant spiritual state and pursue full maturity in Christ, rather than settling for superficial pleasures that distract from true devotion. Tozer points out that many Christians bargain with God about the cost of discipleship instead of wholeheartedly embracing the call to take up their cross. He urges believers to reflect on their spiritual growth and to honor God by striving for deeper faith and commitment.

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## Transcript

Read your New Testament again and you will agree that mediocrity in the Christian life is not the highest that Jesus offers. Certainly God is not honored by our arrested spiritual development - our permanent half-way spiritual condition. We all know that the Bible tells us that we honor God by going on to full maturity in Christ! Why, then, do we settle for those little pleasures that tickle the saintlets and charm the fancy of the carnal? It is because we once heard a call to take up the cross and instead of following toward the heights, we bargained with the Lord like a street huckster! We felt an urge to be spent for Christ, but instead of going on, we started asking questions.

We began to bicker and bargain with God about His standards for spiritual attainment.

This is plain truth-not about unbelieving "liberals"-but about those who have been born again and who dare to ask, "Lord, what will it cost me?"

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