

Normal-or Nominal?

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A normal Christian is one who truly follows Jesus, while a nominal Christian is one who only claims to be a Christian in name only.

Scripture: Matthew 7:21, John 15:5, Philippians 3:8, Colossians 3:2, Hebrews 12:28

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the distinction between 'normal' and 'nominal' Christians, urging believers to evaluate their relationship with Jesus Christ. He defines nominal Christians as those who exist in name only, lacking a genuine connection to their faith. Tozer argues that true Christians are drawn to worship and are captivated by the beauty of Christ's attributes, which affirm His lordship and worthiness of praise. He challenges listeners to reflect on whether Jesus is their most precious treasure, encouraging a deeper commitment to their faith.

Transcript

Is the Lord Jesus Christ your most precious treasure in the whole world? If so, count yourself among "normal" Christians, rather than among "nominal" Christians! My old dictionary gives this definition as the meaning of nominal: Existing in name only, not real or actual; hence so small, slight, as to be hardly worth the name. With that as a definition, those who know they are Christians "in name only" should never make the pretense of being normal Christians. Thankfully those who are "normal" are constantly being drawn to praise and worship, charmed by the moral beauty which is found only in Jesus.

I cannot understand how anyone can profess to be a follower and a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ and not be overwhelmed by His attributes.

Those divine attributes faithfully attest that He is indeed Lord of all, completely worthy of our worship and praise!

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