

# Room to Grow

by A.W. Tozer

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*The Christian life is a journey of growth, and two modern errors, liberal and evangelical, are hindering our understanding of this journey.*

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-2, Ephesians 4:15, Philippians 1:6, Hebrews 5:12-14, 2 Peter 3:18

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## Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the Christian life as a journey of growth, cautioning against two modern errors that distort this understanding. The first error, prevalent among liberals, falsely assumes spiritual life is present when it is not, while the second error, found among some evangelicals, denies any spiritual virtue exists unless it is fully developed. Tozer argues that this latter view demands unrealistic expectations of immediate maturity, failing to recognize the gradual nature of spiritual growth. He warns that such misconceptions can undermine faith and hinder true revival, as they overlook the importance of recognizing one's current state on the journey. Ultimately, Tozer calls for a more compassionate understanding of spiritual development, acknowledging that growth takes time and patience.

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## Transcript

This concept of the Christian life as a journey to be taken, a growth to be attained, is being lost to us through two widely separated modern errors.

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The second error is found among us evangelicals. This error is the exact opposite of the liberal's, which assumes spiritual life to be present when it is not; this one assumes that life is not there when it is. Unless every Christian virtue is in the soul, it flatly denies that any virtue is there at all. It requires all babies to be born full grown, and all pilgrims to reach their destination the same moment they set out on their journey. Those who hold this error seem possessed by a desperate hope that if they can shatter all faith and shake every Christian loose from his confidence they can bring about a revival. As they see it, no one is where he should be and will never arrive there until he admits that he has been deceived about himself up to now and has only just this minute seen the true light.

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