

Spectator Christians

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A.W. Tozer warns against the dangers of spectator Christianity, calling believers to participate in spiritual life and find their place in serving God.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4

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Description

A.W. Tozer addresses the issue of 'Spectator Christians,' emphasizing that many believers are content with merely attending church without actively participating in its life and outreach. He challenges the notion that being saved is sufficient for spiritual fulfillment, arguing that true faith compels individuals to engage and contribute to their community. Tozer likens this passive attitude to being a spectator at a sporting event, where most simply watch rather than participate. He asserts that genuine spiritual life manifests in the desire to serve and use the gifts God has given us. Ultimately, he calls for believers to move beyond complacency and actively seek ways to contribute to the body of Christ.

Transcript

This we have heard: "I am a born again Christian and I am happy that my sins are forgiven and I go to church on Sunday because I like the fellowship!" We ask: "Do you not go to put yourself in the way of spiritual blessing?" The answer: "No, I am saved and I do not need anything!" We ask: "Have you offered to witness, to pray, to encourage, to assist, to participate in your church's life and outreach?" The answer: "No. My church seems to get along very well without my help!" Brethren, this "non participation" kind of faith is a strange parody on Bible Christianity. Men and women who say they are believers just cancel themselves out. Is it something we have learned from the sporting events?-the great majority are spectators.

They come and sit!

If there is any true spiritual life within us, God will give us a gift of some kind and the humble soul will find something to do for God!

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