

# Stay in the Secret Place

by A.W. Tozer

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*A.W. Tozer emphasizes the necessity of retreating to a secret place for prayer and spiritual focus to deepen one's relationship with God.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 5:3, Psalm 46:10, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 6:6, John 10:27, Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:8, Colossians 3:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, James 4:8

**Topics:** "Intimacy With God", "Spiritual Concentration"

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## Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the necessity of retreating to a 'secret place' each day to connect with God, urging believers to tune out the distractions of the world and focus on His presence. He encourages cultivating an inward prayer life, practicing humility, and concentrating on what truly matters for spiritual growth. Tozer advises reducing external interests and distractions, allowing for a deeper relationship with God through focused prayer and contemplation. He highlights the importance of recognizing God's voice and being authentic in one's faith journey, free from the pressures of comparison with others. Ultimately, Tozer calls for a commitment to spiritual concentration and a sincere desire to enhance one's walk with God.

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## Transcript

My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up.  
--Psalm 5:3

Retire from the world each day to some private spot, even if it be only the bedroom (for a while I retreated to the furnace room for want of a better place). Stay in the secret place till the surrounding noises begin to fade out of your heart and a sense of God's presence envelops you. Deliberately tune out the unpleasant sounds and come out of your closet determined not to hear them. Listen for the inward Voice till you learn to recognize it. Stop trying to compete with others. Give yourself to God and then be what and who you are without regard to what others think. Reduce your interests to a few. Don't try to know what will be of no service to you. Avoid the digest type of mind--short bits of unrelated facts, cute stories and bright sayings. Learn to pray inwardly every moment. After a while you can do this even while you work. Practice candor, childlike honesty, humility. Pray for a single eye. Read less, but read more of what is important to your inner life. Never let your mind remain scattered for very long. Call home your roving thoughts. Gaze on Christ with the eyes of your soul. Practice spiritual concentration. *Of God and Men*, 128-129.

"Lord, I need all of these practical suggestions. Direct me today to those things that would most enhance my walk with you, and enable me to serve You better. Amen."

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