

Using Both Wings

by A.W. Tozer

The sermon emphasizes the importance of embracing the fullness of truth, rather than trying to take it on one wing, to avoid spiritual pride and grow spiritually.

Scripture: Psalm 51:17, Proverbs 16:18, Matthew 7:3-5, Romans 12:3, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Galatians 6:1, Ephesians 4:15, Philippians 2:3, James 4:6, 1 John 1:8-9

Topics: "Humility in Faith", "Truth"

Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the necessity of embracing both aspects of truth in the Christian faith, likening truth to a bird that cannot soar with only one wing. He critiques the divisions within the church that arise from a stubborn adherence to singular interpretations of scripture, which leads to spiritual pride and a lack of genuine confession of sin. Tozer warns that Christians who believe they have reached a higher understanding often neglect the essential practice of prayer and intercession, ultimately falling prey to the devil's deception. He calls for believers to utilize both wings of truth to achieve spiritual growth and deeper devotion. The sermon serves as a reminder that humility and acknowledgment of our shortcomings are vital for a robust faith.

Transcript

Truth is like a bird; it cannot fly on one wing. Yet we are forever trying to take off with one wing flapping furiously and the other tucked neatly out of sight. Many of the doctrinal divisions among the churches are the result of a blind and stubborn insistence that truth has but one wing. Each side holds tenaciously to one text, refusing grimly to acknowledge the validity of the other. This error is an evil among churches, but it is a real tragedy when it gets into the hearts of individual Christians and begins to affect their devotional lives.

One thing hidden in such teachings as have been mentioned above is unconscious spiritual pride. The Christian who refuses to confess sin on the ground that it is already forgiven is setting himself above prophet and psalmist and all the saints who have left anything on record about themselves from Paul to the present time. These did not hide their sins behind a syllogism, but eagerly and fully confessed them. Perhaps that is why they were such great souls and those who claim to have found a better way are so small.

And one has but to note the smug smile of superiority on the face of the one-prayer Christian to sense that there is a lot of pride behind the smile. While other Christians wrestle with God in an agony of intercession

they sit back in humble pride waiting it out. They do not pray because they have already prayed. The devil has no fear of such Christians. He has already won over them, and his technique has been false logic. Let's use both wings. We'll get further that way.

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/aw-tozer/using-both-wings/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net