

# Dolls and Rattles

by Thomas Brooks

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*Weak Christians prioritize earthly blessings over Christ Himself, while strong Christians focus on Christ above all else.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 73:25, Matthew 6:33, Philippians 3:8, Colossians 3:2

**Topics:** "Spiritual Maturity", "Focus on Christ"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that weak Christians often focus more on the blessings and comforts they receive from Christ rather than on Christ Himself. He compares this behavior to a child who is so captivated by dolls and rattles that they forget about their mother. In contrast, strong Christians prioritize their relationship with Christ over His gifts, recognizing Him as the true treasure. Brooks encourages believers to shift their focus from the gifts to the Giver, understanding that Christ is the ultimate source of joy and fulfillment.

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## Transcript

The thoughts and hearts of weak Christians are more taken up with the good things they have from Christ-- than with Christ Himself. Oh, their graces, their comforts, their enlargements, their meltings, and their warmings, are the things which most absorb them. Their thoughts and hearts are so exercised about these things--that Christ Himself is much neglected by them.

The child is so absorbed with dolls and rattles, that the mother is not thought of. And such is the behavior of weak Christians towards Christ.

Those who are strong in grace are more taken up with

Christ Himself, than they are with His love-tokens. They  
bless Christ indeed for every grain of grace--but Christ  
Himself is more to them than all these. Christ is the  
most sparkling diamond in the ring of glory!

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