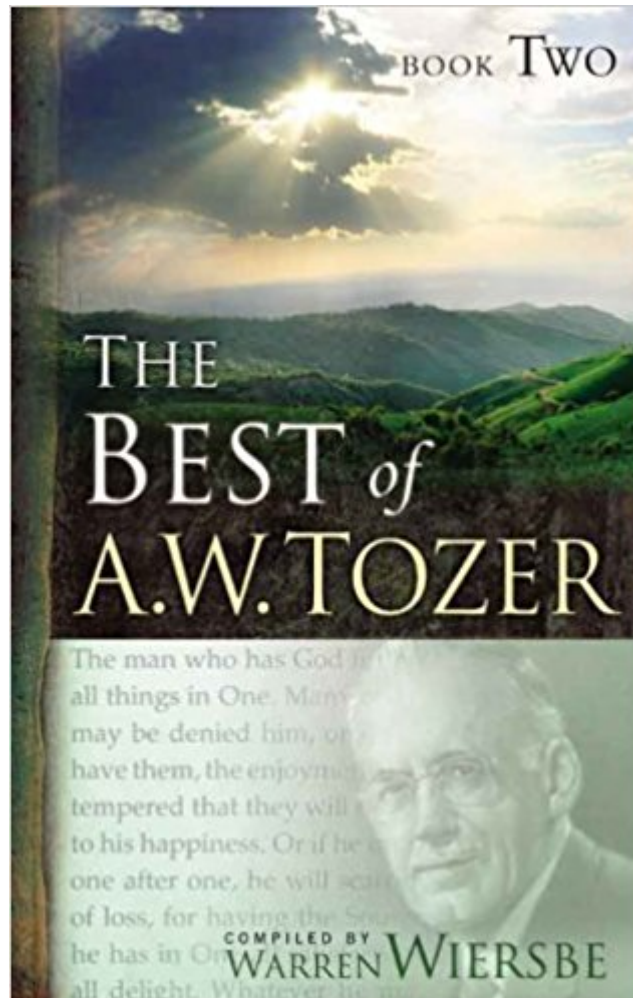




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# The Best Of A. W. Tozer, Book 2



## Synopsis

A.W. Tozer wrote with the passion of a man thirsty for God. He was not afraid to expose man's frailties, nor was he hesitant to reveal what God can do for those who seek Him. This collection of 44 chapters covers major themes of A. W. Tozer's writings, capturing the message he so passionately taught and lived: Surrender to Christ, get to know God personally, and grow to become like Him. Perhaps this explains their wide circulation and lasting influence. Excerpts from this volume come from classics like: The Knowledge of the Holy, The Pursuit of God, God's Pursuit of Man, How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit, I Talk Back to the Devil, Who Put Jesus on the Cross? Plus many more! Also available is The Best of A.W. Tozer Book One, which includes 52 more chapters.

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## Customer Reviews

A.W. TOZER began his lifelong pursuit of God at the age of seventeen after hearing a street preacher in Akron, Ohio. A self-taught theologian, Tozer was a pastor, writer and editor whose powerful use of words continues to grip the intellect and stir the soul of today's reader. Among his best-loved books are the classics The Pursuit of God and The Attributes of God. WARREN W. WIERSBE (Th.B., Northern Baptist Seminary; D.D., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), former pastor of the Moody Church and general director of Back to the Bible, has traveled widely as a Bible teacher and conference speaker. Because of his encouragement to those in ministry, Dr. Wiersbe is often referred to as "the pastor's pastor." He has authored over 150 books including Ministering to

the Mourning, The Wiersbe Bible Commentary, On Being a Servant of God, and the *Be* series. Dr. Wiersbe and his wife, Betty, live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

"Best of AW Tozer, Book 1" is a great compilation of Tozer's brief essays on a variety of topics and points, some of which include: 1. God is best found by simplicity and guileless candor. 2. Our strength and safety are found not in busy religious activity, but in silent waiting on God. 3. Excellent points on the futility of pride, pretense, and artificiality. 4. 6 factors of bad spiritual leadership. 5. The Christian life is a life of contradictions with the world. 6. Appropriate and inappropriate humor. 7. The importance of simplicity and solitude. 8. Our worth is determined by Christ's death for us. These are just a few of the gems you will mine! The book is around 250 pages and consists of several chapters around 2-4 pages each. The essays are collections of some of Tozer's books (*Pursuit Of God*, *God Tells The Man Who Cares*, *Incredible Christian*, etc.). Read and enjoy. Highly recommended!

AW Tozer is a man of God who was self-taught (many times on his knees before the open Bible) and not seminary trained, because he could not afford to go to seminary. But his learning was through the Spirit of God and his diligence. And this book, "Best of AW Tozer (vol.1)" IS indeed great summary of Tozer's spirituality (Thanks to Warren Wiersbe who compiled and selected these chapters from Tozer's numerous books). In this book, Tozer teaches us in sum: 1. What is essential Christian life? He talks of believers' NEED for genuine love for Christ and His Return. For example Tozer accurately points out, "Another reason for the absence of real yearning for Christ' return is that Christians are so comfortable in this world that they have little desire to leave it... in these times of religion has become jolly good fun right here in this present world, and what's the hurry about heaven anyway?" (p.57). Such words challenge our heart of hearts. And there are more words like this in this book. 2. What is proper knowledge of God? He does not mean merely doctrinal or theological side of it (though he emphasizes it elsewhere in the book), but also experiential walk with God and seeking Him. He said, "[holy men and women] want to taste, to touch with their hearts, to see with their inner eyes the wonder that is God... The evil habit of seeking 'God-and' effectively prevents us from finding God in full revelation. In the '-and' lies our great woe. If we omit the '-and,' we shall soon find God" (pp. 17,18). He is right. And there are more helpful, challenging, and edifying articles in the book. Those who read this book will not be disappointed, because Tozer redirects believer's focus onto God and God alone.

Is there another human, living or dead, who writes or has written with what seems like the wisdom of Solomon? This book is a feast. A feast of humility, wisdom, common sense, depth, challenging conviction, and reverence. If you've read Tozer, I don't need to say a word. If you have not, you will love him. Then you will love me for telling you about him. Most importantly, you will love Jesus more than you thought possible. You will want to love Him. I have purchased this book several times for gifts. You will read it and re-read it. It has several chapters, all no more than two or three pages. The best devotional book ever, in my opinion. Give it a go.

Tozer is one of my all time favorite Christian writers - love the word pictures he paints and how he can condense thoughts... fabulous to have his "best"

Update: I don't know where or how, but I'm in love with this book. In fact, I want his entire anthology! I look forward to taking a nice, warm bath as the fall evenings are cooler here in Houston and read a few chapters from this book. I LOVE this. Now that I'm done with grad school, I have all the time in the world to read all the wonderful Christian non-fiction literature (please stay that way!). I need to get more books in my collection! It's nice to look back at issues that were present in the past and see how they have worsened today. For example, Chapter 5 The Erotic vs. Spiritual was an eye-opener. It helped me see how today many in the Slavic communities go to church in the same attire as one would go to a night club. It also helped me see theatrics in the church instead of the quiet workings of the Holy Spirit. I also love Chapter 6 To be Right we Must Think Right. And that's as far as I got.-----At one end, I want a summary of Tozer's life works and at the same time, this version seems a bit too condensed. It takes a lot of critical reading to pick up on all the nuances. This is not one of those quick, easy reads that introduces the subject, fleshes it out and summarizes it in a neat, clean and easy to understand manner. I'm not a fan of the writing style as it unnecessarily complicates the message. It's not THAT complicated, but it's more complicated in it's delivery than it could be.

Tozer, a self-taught theologian always makes me stop and think. I spend as much time thinking as I do reading, more accurately I spend time meditating over his writings. This is not a book that one can expect to sit down and read in an afternoon; it is one to be savored, reflected upon, thought about and returned to again and again.

Any of Tozer's writings are well written, spiritually deep and moving, and Warren Wiersbe's choice

of excerpts from this spiritual giant are well worth reading and thoughtfully dwelling upon. Wiersbe, from his long experience as a pastor/scholar knows how to choose and emphasize that which is most helpful and convincing. No author has influenced my personal spiritual growth as profoundly as Tozer, and Weirsbe knows how to choose and edit with wisdom and insight.

Tozer at his best! Great addition to any Christian's library.

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