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CARE CONVERSATIONS

FORWARD
FROM
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Dear Friend,

It is an understatement to remind each other that at times we lead very busy lives. We know that if we can come by a word that speaks to our hearts, it will be good for our souls, even amid the sometimes hectic pace of school life.

We hope that this series of Care Conversations can speak to all of us, because we are leaning on one of the most read Christian pastoral writers – A.W. Tozer. The comments in this series from Stephen are based on *Culture: Living as Citizens of Heaven on Earth. Collected insights from A.W. Tozer* (Moody Publishers, 2016).

May you be refreshed as you faithfully go about your good work this week.

Sincerely,

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Series 6:

CULTURE:

LIVING AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

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Number 3:

What does the truth look like, as doctrine and practice?

A number of leaders have been (properly) concerned about what Greer and Horst have called *Mission Drift*. This is the temptation to move away from the depths of our Christian calling within Christian schooling. A.W. Tozer notes that this temptation – to stay true to our Christian mission, or not, faces all Christians in one way or another during their lifetime. He summarises the pressure to Mission Drift with this question: *Shall we modify the truth in doctrine or practice to gain more adherents?* (p. 39)

Tozer outlines several consequences that are evident when we move away from the truth in our doctrine and practice. His first one conveys the heart of the others:

One has been an absence of a spirit of worship... [The Lord's people in these

places] ...are poor victims of boards, churches, denominations and pastors [can we add principals and teachers?] who have made the 'noble' decision to modify the truth and practice a little. (p. 41)

And thus, we can pray: "Dear God, please help us to worship you more and more each day, in all we do in our school. Amen." This is what Tozer says is greatly needed: "The world is waiting to hear an authentic voice, a voice from God – not an echo of what others are doing and saying, but an authentic voice.

" (p.50 – see Revelation 2:7)

Grace and peace,

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Luke 6:40



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