

FORWARD FROM DRTINA LAMONT // Director TEC



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).

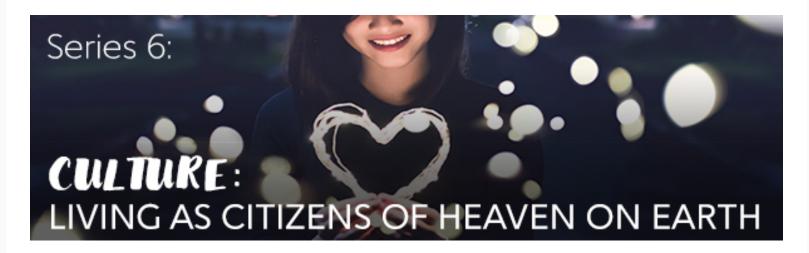
May you be refreshed as you faithfully go about your good work this week.

Sincerely,

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Is what we do all day, sacred? We know in our hearts that it *should* be, but it is easy to slip into an "apology of living". That is, we tend to come before God almost apologetically that we do not do more of the 'spiritual disciplines' each day. A.W. Tozer calls this the "old sacred-secular antithesis". With great insight, he notes how this trap leads to disquiet in our hearts:

Most Christians... cannot get a satisfactory adjustment between the claims of the two worlds.. Their strength is reduced, their outlook confused, and their joy taken from them... [This dilemma] is a creature of misunderstanding. The sacred-secular antithesis has no foundation in the New Testament. [pp. 10-11]

Why not? Jesus is not only our Messiah / Saviour, but Lord of all. That is why we can relax, and fall into Him with whatever comes our way. As the Apostle

Paul said, So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31). Amen!

Grace and peace,

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