



CARE CONVERSATIONS

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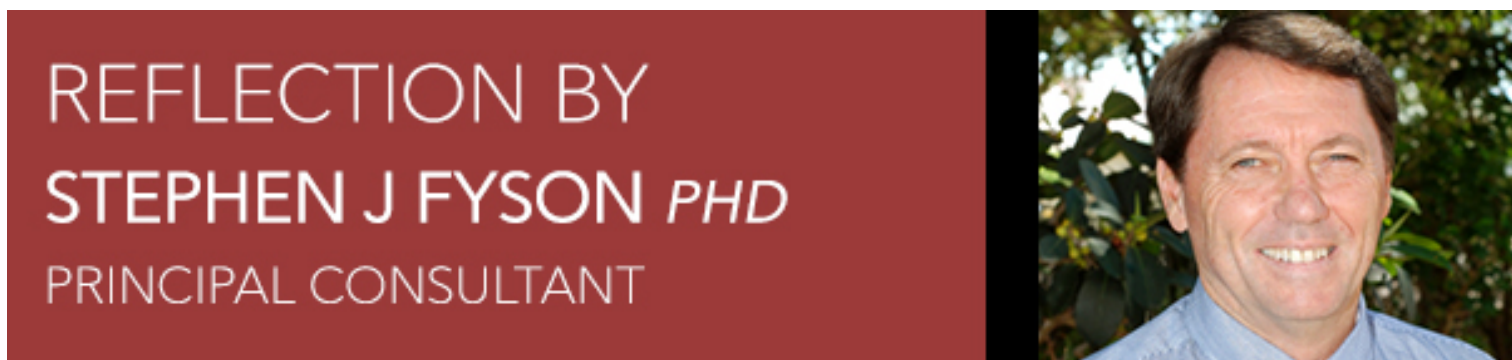


Dear Friend,

We hope this current series of Care Conversations has challenged you as much as it has me!! Speaking directly to us in the busyness of our sometimes hectic school lives bringing fresh revelation through the wise words of A.W. Tozer - Christian pastoral writer. Stephen's comments on Tozer's writings each week have been themed 'Culture: Living as Citizens of Heaven on Earth'. Collected insights from A.W. Tozer (Moody Publishers, 2016).

I hope you are refreshed as you faithfully go about your good work this week.

Sincerely,



Australians at times have an irreverent sense of humour. This can spill over into how we think about, talk about, and respond to our leaders. Our Prime Ministers are often referred to simply by their surnames in our media – not as “Prime Minister X”. The same can happen with reference to leadership in schools.

Students can be disrespectful in how they address their teachers; teachers about their seniors; educational seniors about their principal; and principals about their Boards.

At other times, we are so passionate about a leader or author, we take everything they say and write as gospel.

A.W. Tozer summarised this difficulty well: *I think we make two mistakes in our*

attitude toward our Christian leaders, one in not being sufficiently grateful to them and the other in following them too slavishly. (p. 96)

His pastoral advice rings true for us in our Christian education settings: *What shall we then do? Learn from every holy man [person] who exercises a ministry toward us, be grateful to every one of them and thankful for all, and then follow Christ. (p.98)*

Let it be so Lord Jesus, let it be so!

Grace and peace,

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