

An Attribute a Day Keeps the Devil Away

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Day One

I have a question for you: What is the most important thing about you? Here's what A.W. Tozer, the great theologian of the last century, wrote: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." When you think about God, what do you think about God?

Jesus put it this way:

Now this is eternal life; that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent (John 17:3).

Knowing God makes a difference now and in eternity.

Therefore, getting to know God should be the most important pursuit of our lives as Christ-followers. Is that true for you? We get to know God through studying his Word and paying attention to what he tells us about himself. Let's consider just a few of God's attributes in order to get to know him better.

God's Infinitude

Infinite means immeasurable, exceedingly great, endless, inexhaustible. The Bible says:

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom (Psalm 145:3).

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit (Psalm 147:5).

Have you ever meditated on the truth that God is infinite? Honestly, our minds are just too small to take it all in. As David said, no one can fathom the greatness of God. Even though we can't fully comprehend infinitude, that's who our God is, and we need to allow our minds to blow some fuses and just meditate often on our infinite God.

That means his knowledge of you is infinite. It means nothing you will experience, no one you may have to deal with, no difficulty you will face today is too big for the God you serve. He's got you! He knows the worst about you and loves you infinitely!

Go to your world with full assurance that the God you serve has promised to never leave you or forsake you, and he'll get you through whatever has you worried or frightened or frustrated. Your God is infinite!

Day Two

We're taking a very limited look at some of the attributes of God because the more we know God, the more we are able to please him, to avoid temptation, and to bring glory to his name. Yesterday we began looking at the truth that God is infinite.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I

settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast
(Psalm 139:7-10).

You cannot go where God is not. God is infinite in all he is. Whatever attribute of God you can name, it is limitless. One of my favorite songs says:

His love has no limits, his grace has no measure,
His power has no boundaries known unto men.
For out of his infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given (John 1:16).

What does God's infinity mean to you? It means he never runs out of anything. It means his understanding of you and whatever you're going through is total. He hasn't missed a thing. He knows far more than you do because he knows everything, and his ability to handle your situations is limitless. There is nothing too hard for God. He is infinite!

Ask yourself if your concept of God is too small. How would a larger view of God affect the way you live? I have found that reciting God's attributes regularly, thanking God for who he is, changes me. It gives me confidence, it gives me hope, it gives me peace. You might want to journal the attributes of God—put them in writing. Then make it a part of your prayer each day to thank God for who he is—for the truth that he is infinite in every way.

Day Three

I'm reminding you of a few of God's marvelous attributes because the more you know about God, the more you will live in his freedom, in his love, and for his glory. Your relationship with God—which no doubt spills over to all other relationships in your life—depends in large part on how well you know God and how consistently you try to know him better.

God does not want to be taken for granted. John Piper writes: "We get anesthetized to the unspeakable and appalling insult rendered to God, day in and day out by his being ignored. It starts to feel normal—the way it's normal not to think about air or a solid earth under our feet."

One way to make sure you're not taking God for granted, not ignoring him, is to consistently dwell on his many wonderful attributes. For example, have you thought lately about the truth that God is supreme? That means he outranks everyone and everything. He fears nothing or no one.

You remember after the resurrection, before returning to Heaven, Jesus said that all authority had been given to him in Heaven and on earth. All authority! Jesus is supreme.

What does the supremacy of God mean to you—in your life? Someone put it this way: "Our lives are neither the product of blind fate nor the result of capricious chance, but every detail of them was ordained from all eternity and is now ordered by the living and reigning God. Not a hair of our heads can be touched without his permission." That's because our God and our Savior is supreme.

Here's the thing—if you and I made it a habit to dwell on at least one attribute of God each day, to thank God for it, to remind ourselves all through each day of one particular thing about God, there is no doubt our days would be better. The very thought of Jesus changes our attitudes; makes us thankful and humble and joyful. One attribute a day—that's not hard to do, is it? Let's begin today by praising God all through the day and the night that he is supreme, and no one can pluck you out of his hand.

Day Four

This week my focus is getting to know God better by becoming more aware of and thankful for his wonderful attributes. In fact, I've made a handout you will find on our website to help you develop a habit of focusing regularly on God's attributes. I call it An Attribute a Day Keeps the Devil Away.

C. H. Spurgeon was called the Prince of Preachers in the 19th Century. He wrote: "There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity. . . No subject of contemplation will tend more to humble the mind, than thoughts of God. . . But while the subject humbles the mind, it also expands it. . . I know nothing which can so comfort the soul; so calm the swelling billows of grief and sorrow; so speak peace to the winds of trial, as a devout musing upon the subject of the Godhead."¹

There are so many benefits we gain when we know God better and better. For example, how would you define God's immutability? Immutability is not a word we use frequently—right? But we should know what it means—and how wonderful it is—that our God is immutable, because that means he never changes. He is perpetually the same in every respect.

In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment...But you remain the same, and your years will never end (Psalm 102:25 – 27).

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

God has neither evolved, grown, nor improved. He is unaffected by anything outside himself. He is not influenced by the passing of time. He does not age. His power can never diminish; his glory can never fade.

Aren't you glad when you wake up each morning, you don't have to wonder if God still loves you? You may be rightfully concerned about the love or loyalty of some people in your life, but never, never do you need to wonder if God still loves you or if he'll leave you. That's because he is immutable; he never changes because he has no need for change. Meditate on that today; it will change your day.

Day Five

My purpose this week is to inspire and encourage you to become more intentional about knowing God better by becoming more aware of his many wonderful attributes. And I'm offering a handout that might help you form that new habit. You'll find it on our website, and it's called An Attribute a Day Keeps the Devil Away.

The last attribute we will consider is the omnipotence of God. Omni equals all; potence equals power. God is all powerful. And his power is not acquired, and it does not depend on anything outside of himself. It is self-existent, self-sustained. If you or I have some power in some area, it is because someone or something has given us power. Our politicians have power because we vote them in office. But our God is omnipotent, and his power is within himself.

God created the world without any tools or materials—ex nihilo. He created the world without the use of any pre-existent matter. As you look at the universe around you, the stars, the clouds, the mountains, the seas, think of this: God spoke them into existence. He started with nothing and created them. He is all powerful.

¹ Spurgeon, C. H. (1855, January 7). *The Immutability of God*. The Spurgeon Center. <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-immutability-of-god/#flipbook/>

If you have ever had power over sin, it is because God gave you the power. If you have ever had power to persuade others to accept Christ, the power is from God. If you have ever had an answer to a prayer, it is not the power of your prayer but the power of God that chose to answer your prayer, which was according to his will. Whenever God has chosen to use mankind to accomplish something, it is not because he needs their power, but because he grants power to them.

This discussion of God's attributes doesn't scratch the surface, but I hope it inspires you to get serious about knowing God better as you focus on his marvelous attributes. I've prepared a handout to help you. It's called An Attribute a Day Keeps the Devil Away, and you'll find it now on our website at <https://christianworkingwoman.org/>. Use it to help you develop a good habit of meditating each day on who God is and how much he loves you.