

**Williamsburg Christian Academy  
High School Summer Reading  
2009/2010**

All high school students, teachers, coaches, and administrators will read and reflect upon the nature of God using the modern classic entitled *The Knowledge of the Holy*, by A.W. Tozer. A copy of this book is available at most book stores, online, or in audio form. Participants may choose to do this study independently, as a family devotional, or in small groups of their choosing. Although the chapters are short, the substance of each chapter is weighty. Therefore, it is recommended that this assignment be done as part of a devotional in the morning, with the prayer that God may continue to speak to you about the given topic during the course of the day. Students will make notes for each chapter question in a personal journal. The journal will be checked for a Bible grade the first day of school. These questions will also be used as a springboard for rich class discussion in the ways we can know God more deeply and experience His presence in our daily lives.

CHAPTER 1: Why we must Think Rightly about God

*Why is it important to have a right belief about God?*

CHAPTER 2: God Incomprehensible

*What happens when we reduce God to human terms or characteristics?  
Why is this making an idol with our thoughts?*

CHAPTER 3: A Divine Attribute: Something True about God

*What are we talking about when we talk about the “attributes” of God?*

CHAPTER 4: The Holy Trinity

*In your journal, explain the following quotes from Tozer:*

*“every man lives by faith, the non-believer as well as the saint; the one by faith in natural laws and the other by faith in God.”*

*In speaking of the Holy Trinity Tozer writes:*

***“the fact that it cannot be satisfactorily explained, instead of being against it, is in its favor. Such a truth had to be revealed; no one could have imagined it.”***

**CHAPTER 5: The Self-existence of God**

***Tozer asks the question, “What possible meaning can the self-existence of God have for me and others like me in a world such as this and in times such as these?” In your journal answer this question with reference to our natural bent to make ourselves the center of our own universe.***

**CHAPTER 6: The Self-sufficiency of God**

***Tozer writes in reference to God: “He needs no one, but when faith is present He works through anyone.” Comment in your journals how the understanding of the self-sufficiency of God can give us a correct view of missions.***

**CHAPTER 7: The Eternity of God**

***What comes to mind when you read Tozer’s statement that “everything that will happen has already happened to God?” How is this possible? (Please read Isaiah 46:10)***

**CHAPTER 8: God’s Infinitude**

***Reflect on the following verse from the great hymn “Amazing Grace.”***

***“When we’ve been there ten-thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, then when we first begun.”***

***How does the writer point to God’s infinitude and our ability to share in it?***

**CHAPTER 9: The Immutability of God**

***What is “the great sickness” Tozer mentions in Chapter 9? What is its cure?***

CHAPTER 10: The Divine Omniscience

*How can God's knowledge of who we are be both frightening and a comfort?*

CHAPTER 11: The Wisdom of God

*How is the truth of the wisdom of God put into practice in our day-to-day lives?*

CHAPTER 12: The Omnipotence of God

*What does it mean that God is omnipotent?*

CHAPTER 13: The Divine Transcendence

*Tozer states that the "idea of God transcendent runs through the whole Bible and gives color and tone to the character of the saints." How can a face to face meeting with God be both awesome and dreadful?*

CHAPTER 14: God's Omnipresence

*How does the doctrine of the divine omnipresence personalize man's relation to the universe?*

CHAPTER 15: The Faithfulness of God

*How does the assurance of God's faithfulness give hope to the tempted, the anxious, the fearful, and the discouraged?*

CHAPTER 16: The Goodness of God

*Describe how the person of Jesus gives us an accurate representation of God's goodness toward us.*

CHAPTER 17: The Justice of God

*Explain how Christ's redemptive work of the cross satisfies God's justice.*

CHAPTER 18: The Mercy of God

***Pure joy comes from a daily conscious experience of God's mercy. How can pondering the mercifulness of God bring you daily joy?***

**CHAPTER 19: The Grace of God**

***How is it that grace for all men came through Jesus Christ's death on the cross before the foundation of the world?***

**CHAPTER 20: The Love of God**

***How does love cast out fear?***

**CHAPTER 21: The Holiness of God**

***When caught in the dilemma of God's command for holiness and our inability to have absolute holiness, what does Tozer say a Christian is to do?***

**CHAPTER 22: The Sovereignty of God**

***What two problems do we encounter when trying to understand the sovereignty of God. How does Tozer address them?***

**CHAPTER 23: The Open Secret**

***Put in your own words the six "conditions" of gaining a knowledge of the Holy. What scripture might you use to support these thoughts?***