

## Our Fear of Emotions

**A.W. Tozer:**

**So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God.  
--Acts 3:8**

**One cause of the decline in the quality of religious experience among Christians these days is the neglect of the doctrine of the inward witness.**

**Stamping our feet to start the circulation and blowing on our hands to limber them up, we have emerged shivering from the long period of the theological deep-freeze, but the influence of the frosty years is still felt among us to such an extent that the words witness, experience and feeling are cautiously avoided by the rank and file of evangelical teachers. In spite of the undeniable lukewarmness of most of us we still fear that unless we keep a careful check on ourselves we shall surely lose our dignity and become howling fanatics by this time next week. We set a watch upon our emotions day and night lest we become over-spiritual and bring reproach upon the cause of Christ. Which all, if I may say so, is for most of us about as sensible as throwing a cordon of police around a cemetery to prevent a wild political demonstration by the inhabitants. Born After Midnight, 11.**

**"Lord, open up my heart to receive, and then open up my mouth to declare, the glory of Your mighty work! Amen."**