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PREFACE

If you've ever heard a message by Adrian Rogers, then you are keenly aware of his quick wit. He was always ready with a quip, an anecdote, or a whimsical poem. He loved alliterations, and certainly could turn a phrase with the best of them. He was a master of the language. His wit was disarming, and it was endearing.

Yet in addition to his wit, Adrian Rogers also possessed exceptional wisdom. He had a way of taking common things and saying them in such an uncommon way so as to make you think through them all over again. And conversely, he could take uncommon things and put them in unusually common terms.

But neither his wit nor his wisdom ever overpowered the message of the Gospel; rather, it complemented it—just little snippets sprinkled in to season the message. They were a tool—a gift—he used to effectively tell others of Jesus, to break down barriers, to bring the point from an intellectual level to a personal one, and to diffuse even the most antagonistic arguments.

While many of the remarks are entirely original and were coined by Adrian Rogers, he was also widely read and picked up countless sayings, expressions, and stories from others' writings. He gathered rhymes, jingles, and expressions from as far back as childhood, and it appears he never forgot a single one. It would be impossible for us to trace all of these back to their sources, so we readily admit that although many are not original, they were appreciated by Dr. Rogers and employed in his own unique way. Over the years they

have become identifiable with, almost inseparable from, him. They have become “Adrianisms.”

In a very real sense, the collection of Adrianisms is all about the future, because it represents the powerful teaching being broadcast every day to you and others literally around the world over the Love Worth Finding program. This ministry is still changing lives because our commitment is to proclaim “the unsearchable riches of Christ” (Ephesians 3:8) that never changes.

And now we invite you to enjoy the wit and the wisdom of Adrian Rogers.

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CHAPTER
ONE

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is Love,
Jesus is Wonderful.



Try to define the Trinity and you'll lose your *mind*.
Deny it and you'll lose your *soul*.



*D*on't rest in your salvation experience.
It is the **Christ** of your experience
that keeps you.



God is **never** late or **never** in a hurry.



God is *not* some cosmic kill-joy.
Every time He says, “Thou shalt not,”
He’s simply saying,

“Don’t hurt yourself.”

And every time He says, “Thou shalt,” He’s saying,
“Help yourself to happiness.”



God only wants for us
what we would want for ourselves
if we were *smart enough* to want it.



God the Father is all there is.
The Holy Spirit is all we will feel.
And Jesus is all we will ever see.



Has it ever occurred to you
that *nothing*
ever occurs to God?



If I had a thousand lives to live,
I'd give every one to Jesus.



I love the name of *Jesus*.
It fits just right on my tongue.



I love Jesus with every nerve, every fiber, and
every sinew of my being.



I am
the visible part of the invisible Christ.

He is
the invisible part of the visible me.



If Jesus doesn't *excite* you,
maybe you have
calluses on your soul.



God grades on the cross,
not the curve.



Our God is a God of *second chances*.