

I. How to Make a FAILURE of the Christian Life

A. Follow the line of least resistance.

Take a "peace at any price" attitude.

Be neutral on moral, spiritual and righteous issues.

Don't take sides, but try to please everybody.

Straddle the fence.

B. Alienate yourself from church ^{worship} membership, spiritual food for Christian growth on the Lord's Day, and the midweek services.

Go to church when you "feel" like it and when it is convenient. Don't join; just go around here & there.

C. Indulge your carnal appetites.

Take it easy on Sunday; it is a rest day.

Be lazy, be selfish.

Take good care of I, Me, Myself.

D. Look at the inconsistencies & sins of others.

Pick flaws, find fault and criticize.

Find the wrongs of others & talk about them.

E. Unite with ^{many earthly} worldly organizations.

Many of them do lots of good.

Put them before your church. ^{Christian faith & life}

F. Run around with ~~carnal~~ unbelievers and worldlings.

Don't bring religion into your social life. ^{prestige + influence}

Make intimate friendships with people of character

regardless of whether they are Christian or not,
or spiritual or not.

Eclipse your salvation with business, home, or other interests. You have a living to make and a home to keep; ~~therefore work overtime and at nights or Sundays because you will make more money. Get dollars. Business first.~~

Do anything for personal advancement; but don't worry about advancing the Kingdom of Christ.

II. How to Make a SUCCESS of the Christian Life.

A. Search the Scriptures daily. (Acts 17:11; I Peter 2:2).

Take time to allow God to speak through His Word.

Do it EVERY DAY.

Feed your soul as regularly as you feed your body.

Do it if you have to neglect the newspaper or TV.

B. Unceasingly pray, (I Thes. 5:17).

Regardless of what must go undone, take time to talk with God daily.

Don't be satisfied with "saying" prayers, but PRAY.

Talk with your heavenly Father about everything.

C. Confess every known sin (I John 1:9).

Be unmerciful with sin in your own life.

Confess every known transgression to God.

When men have been wronged then go and make confession to them.

Judge self; do not justify self.

D. Confess Christ to others (Acts 1:8).

Let the world know that you are a Christian.

Tell others of what Christ has done and is doing for you, and invite them to accept Christ as their Savior and Lord.

E. Enter into spiritual activities with enthusiasm and without reservation, (Rom. 12:11).

Make Making Christ Known the thing you live for.

Put your entire self into the work of your home church.

Be wholehearted.

F. Set aside one tenth of your income for the Lord's work
I Cor. 16:1,2.

You can't afford to do less.

Your heart will be where you place your money.

A stingy person is never a Spiritual Christian.

Give liberally.

A poor minister once told a tax assessor, "I am a rich man." "What do you own?" asked the official, sharpening his pencil. The man named His "avior, Eternal Life," a Christian wife whose "price is far above rubies", healthy obedient children, & a merry heart.

His riches were not subject to taxation.

G. Surrender to the Spirit's promptings.

Galatians. 5:16

Eph. 5:18

Allow the H.S. to direct & dominate every department of your life.

Obey that holy inward impulse.

God's way is always the best way.

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