

Why is it so hard being a Christian?

What stunts our commitment

1. Friends pulling us the wrong

In our final lesson in this series, we want to look at the concept of "COMMITMENT." Why is it so hard being a Christian? Is it too hard? Will any of us make it?

Some believe that they will never please the Lord

- Some have stayed at a distance believing that they could never do what Christians do
- So wonder if they will be saved

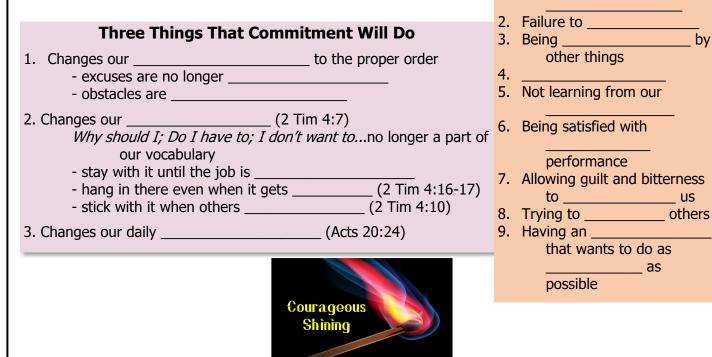
These thoughts create doubt, guilt, fear and a lack of confidence One doesn't feel good about their faith when they believe this

What Makes Christianity Hard:

- 1. It involves ______ that we are (mind, body, and soul)
- 2. It is ______ you are. You never turn it off—ever. You never stop being this way.
- 3. It is the ______ of all that you are (marriage, work, citizenship, neighbor, family, friend, entertainment, social, worship, vacation)
- 4. We are surrounded with ______ influences
- 5. _____won't give you a break
 6. It takes ______thought, reflection and right choices
 7. There is so much that ______to be done (Gal 6:9)

A. Three Men Who Wanted to Follow Jesus (Luke 9:57-62)

- 1. The 1st and 3rd men asked to follow
 - Jesus asked the 2nd man
- 2. The 1st man did not understand what was involved
- 3. The 2nd & 3rd men wanted to follow Jesus on their time table - they both said let me "First"



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B. The assurance you need - 2 Tim 4:8 "and not only to me, but also to who have loved His appearing"				
	- Matthew 25:21 "Well done, good and slave; you were faithful with a few			
	things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master."			
	 Philippians 4:13 "I can through Him who strengthens me." Revelation 7:9 "After these things I looked, and behold, a multitude, which no one 			
	- Revelation 7:9 "After these things I looked, and behold, a multitude, which no one			
	could, from every and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches			
	were in their hands."			
	- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that			
	believes in Him should not perish, but have			
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	Ston	e out of you		
	Stop yourself to others Surround yourself with people who are going to		Daily Praver (Mt 6:11)	
	Be a passionate	of God	Daily Sacrifices (Lk 9:23)	
	Become a	of God student of God's word	Daily Meditation (Ps 1:2)	
	Others just like	are making the journey with the Lord	Daily Studying (Acts 17:1) Daily Teaching (Acts 5:42)	
	Our iournou with I	ave needs to be a joy not a burden	Daily Encouraging (Heb 3:13)	
	Our journey with Je	esus needs to be a joy, not a burden		
		Five Steps of Making the Best		
		Choices:		
		1. What does God about it?		
		 Will come from this? Will others be closer to 		
		Christ seeing me do this?		
		4. Will God be?		
		5. How will this impact my		
		with the Lord?		
	1. God help me when I'm tried, so I won't become in walking with you			
		hen I am angry, so I won't surrender my		
		the moment		
	 God help me when I'm happy, so I don't the source of my blessings God help me when I'm sad, so I don't in self pity and lose my vision 			
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	You can do what God says!			
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