

One Cannot be a Christian If...

Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?

-Luke 6:46

No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

-Matthew 6:24

One cannot vote for a candidate, support a cause, or join an organization if...

-they seek to undermine or destroy government

David said to him, "How is it that you were not afraid to put forth your hand to desecrate the LORD's anointed?" (2 Samuel 1:14)

...Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. (Matthew 22:21)

Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. (Matthew 23:3)

Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God. (Romans 13:1)

-they glorify the criminal

Do not envy the violent and choose none of their ways (Proverbs 3:31)

The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" (Matthew 27:21-22)

I came in the name of my Father, but you do not accept me; yet if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. (John 5:43)

But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary. (John 18:39-40)

-they encourage violence to achieve their goals

But Jonathan argued with his father Saul: "Why should he die? What has he done?" (1 Samuel 20:32)

Plot no evil against your neighbor, against him who lives at peace with you. Quarrel not with a man without cause, with one who has done you no harm (Proverbs 3:29-30)

Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword." (Matthew 26:52)

If possible, on your part, live at peace with all (Romans 12:18)

Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame". Their minds are occupied with earthly things. (Philippians 3:19)

We instruct you, brothers, in the name of [our] Lord Jesus Christ, to shun any brother who conducts himself in a disorderly way and not according to the tradition they received from us. (2 Thessalonians 3:6)

-they promote division among people

And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. (John 17:11)

For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. (Romans 12:4-5)

I urge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Corinthians 1:10)

-they promote one class of people over others

Under three things the earth trembles, yes, under four it cannot bear up:/Under a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is glutted with food;/Under an odious woman when she is wed, and a maidservant when she displaces her mistress. (Proverbs 31:21-23)

Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. (Matthew 7:1-2)

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last. (Matthew 20:16)

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

-they promote revenge and vengeance

But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, (Matthew 5:44)

If your brother sins [against you], go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. (Matthew 18:15)

But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. (Luke 6:27-28)

Do not repay anyone evil for evil: be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Romans 12: 17, 19)

-their actions do not match their promises

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. (Luke 6:43)

If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works... (John 10:37-38)

By your stubbornness and impenitent heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself for the day of wrath and revelation of the just judgment of God, who will repay everyone according to his works (Romans 2:5-6)

-they respond to facts with slander and rumor mongering

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16 and Deuteronomy 5:20)

Whoever slanders a neighbor in secret I will reduce to silence. Haughty eyes and arrogant hearts I cannot endure. (Psalms 101:5)

Do not criticize servants to their master, lest they curse you, and you have to pay the penalty. (Proverbs 30:10)

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. (Matthew 5:11)

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will render an account for every careless word they speak. By your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned. (Matthew 12:36-37)

-they endorse entitlements

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, all things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 12:8)

By your stubbornness and impenitent heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself for the day of wrath and revelation of the just judgment of God, who will repay everyone according to his works. (Romans 2:5-6)

Who confers distinction upon you? What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it? (1 Corinthians 4:7)

I know indeed how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and living in need (Philippians 4:12)

The thief must no longer steal, but rather labor, doing honest work with his [own] hands, so that he may have something to share with one in need. (Ephesians 4:28)

In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

And furthermore, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers but gossips and busybodies as well, talking about things that ought not to be mentioned. (1 Timothy 5:13)

-they seek to exceed the authority given them/infringe on individual responsibility

You shall not have other gods beside me. (Exodus 20:3 and Deuteronomy 5:7)

But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!" (Numbers 11:29)

The work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire [itself] will test the quality of each one's work. (1 Corinthians 3:13)

They tie up heavy burdens [hard to carry] and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. (Matthew 23:4)

Jesus said to him, "Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against you is for you." (Luke 9:50)

-they are pro-abortion

You shall not kill. (Exodus 20:13 and Deuteronomy 5:17)

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. (Psalms 139:13)

Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be. (Psalms 139:16)

Open your mouth in behalf of the mute, and for the rights of the destitute; open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor! (Proverbs 31:8-9)

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jeremiah 1:5)

A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more. (Matthew 2:18)

And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. (Matthew 18:5)

-they believe mutilation is the answer to sexual confusion

I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. (Psalms 139:14)

Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows. (Luke 12:7)

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

This country does not need a Christian Political Party, but it does need Christian voters.

He told them: "The governance of the king who will rule you will be as follows: He will take your sons and assign them to his chariots and horses, and they will run before his chariot. He will appoint from among them his commanders of thousands and of hundreds. He will make them do his plowing and harvesting and produce his weapons of war and chariotry. He will use your daughters as perfumers, cooks, and bakers. He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves, and give them to his servants. He will tithe your crops and grape harvests to give to his officials and his servants. He will take your male and female slaves, as well as your best oxen and donkeys, and use them to do his work. He will also tithe your flocks. As for you, you will become his slaves. On that day you will cry out because of the king whom you have chosen, but the LORD will not answer you on that day."

The people, however, refused to listen to Samuel's warning and said, "No! There must be a king over us. We too must be like all the nations, with a king to rule us, lead us in warfare, and fight our battles."

-1 Samuel 8:11-20

If it is displeasing to you to serve the LORD, choose today whom you will serve, the gods your ancestors served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

-Joshua 24:15