

# What Does Being Christ-like Look Like?

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God's free gift to us of eternal life after our physical death, and our enjoyment of Fruit of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) while we are still alive here on Earth, require two things of us:

1. Sincerely believing that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and that He died on the cross to make us right with God and that Jesus rose on the third day, showing us that eternal life is possible for all who believe in and follow Him; and
2. Living a new life by adopting Christ's righteousness in place of our own self-righteousness.

What ties these two requirements together is having an abiding and repentant faith in Jesus Christ. Abiding means that we will be consistent in our faith, and our belief and resulting new behavior won't be intermittent, but instead will be consistent and ongoing. In today's lingo, abiding means 24/7/365 – that's 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. We are, in essence, creating a whole new life for ourselves using Christ's righteous nature as our guide.

To repent means that we (1) give up our old ways, (2) die to sin and bury our own self-righteousness with it, and (3) take on a new life, behaving as God would have us behave. Dying to sin and seeking this new life is what being "born again" means. As recorded in John 3:3, in talking with the religious leader Nicodemus, Jesus said it Himself:

***"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"***

Dying to sin means renouncing sin with a heartfelt commitment that we won't partake in sin again – and meaning it. Seeking a new life in Christ means giving up our old behaviors and adopting Christ-like behaviors. We believe these two requirements are why many people – if not most – turn away from believing in Christ. They simply like their old "sinful" ways too much. They do not want to give up their sexual escapades; they do not want to give up lying or their anger towards others; they do not want to give up their addictions (drugs, alcohol, work, food, etc.); and they especially do not want to give up their own beliefs, insisting that their beliefs are right. The list goes on and on. Jesus says it best in His continuing dialog with Nicodemus in John 3:19 – 20:

***"This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."***

Yes, living a Christ-like life is a great challenge, and impossible without the empowering work of the Holy Spirit, who is given to us when we choose to believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. But look at the rewards: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control while we are alive, and the joy of eternal life with Jesus in heaven after we die. Yes, the rewards are truly life altering. But you may be asking, "How valuable are the rewards if they are impossible to achieve?" Jesus made this difficulty clear as recorded in Matthew 7:14: ***"For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to [eternal] life, and there are few who find it."***

Fortunately for us, there's Good News and Even Better News. The Good News is that the Gospel of Jesus Christ (*Gospel*, in Greek, means "good news") tells us God sent His only begotten Son to die on the cross so that Christ's sinless blood sacrifice would pay the penalty for our sins. As a result, when we accept what Jesus did on our behalf and receive Him as our Lord and Savior, our sins are forgiven and forgotten – once and forever – and our debt to God for having sinned is paid in full, once and for all.<sup>1</sup> Our salvation and eternal life in heaven with Jesus is guaranteed if we believe in Him with an abiding and repentant faith and accept His sacrificial death and subsequent resurrection.

The Even Better News is that if we ever falter in our belief and temporarily act against our abiding and repentant faith in Christ, God will forgive us if we admit and own up to our wrongdoing and seek His forgiveness. The Bible guarantees this in 1 John 1:9:

***"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."***

And God will know by reading our hearts if our confession is sincere and our request for forgiveness is genuine. Can we just go on and on and on sinning and asking for God's forgiveness over and over again? No, not if we don't really mean it. God knows what is in our hearts and will respond accordingly. We may be able to fool ourselves, but we can never fool God.

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<sup>1</sup> We emphasize "once" because Jesus Christ's *sinless* blood sacrifice on our behalf was sufficient to last for eternity and thus eliminated the annual blood sacrifices of bulls and goats that were previously required under Old Testament Law for just the "covering" of sins.

With our eternal salvation secured through our abiding and repentant faith in Christ as our Lord and Savior, next we need to seek His righteousness – and live accordingly – to enjoy the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in our current lives. So, what does a “Christ-righteous life” look like? Who do we need to be, and what do we need to do, to clearly demonstrate we have chosen to be guided by Christ’s righteousness instead of our own self-righteousness? The two tables below illustrate what behaviors we believe are required. The first list is a Quick Guide, and the second list offers additional insights into what a new life adopting Christ’s righteousness looks like. But remember, it is not only what we do, but also who we are in our hearts, that demonstrates we are being guided by Christ’s righteousness. And yes, God will know of our effort, and He will shower us with Fruit of the Holy Spirit accordingly.

Adopting Christ’s righteousness as our own is not a one and done deal. It is not something we simply check off on a To Do list. Adopting Christ’s righteousness is a process – a process that could take a lifetime to accomplish. Being Christ-like is something we should think about daily and know we will often fail in our efforts. Do not worry; God knows this too. What’s important is the strength of our commitment and the sincerity of our effort, as we will never equal God’s perfection. Our sins are forgiven because of God’s grace, which we receive only through our faith in His Son, which is evidenced by our change in behavior.

We liken it to exercising and working out in a gym. All we get after the first day is probably tired. But as we continue exercising every day, things begin to change. If we follow a daily exercise program, we will start to see our muscles getting better defined and our strength and endurance increasing. Same with learning to be Christ-like. Our ‘righteousness’ muscles will start to get better defined as we continue reading the Bible daily, attending online Bible studies and church, being in fellowship with other believers, and really trying to be the person Christ wants us to be. More importantly, God knows we are genuinely making this effort. And because we have come to believe in Him, Christ will send us the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and guide us towards being more Christ-like.

As you examine the tables below, we recommend that you make two lists when developing the new you: (1) What behaviors you need to adopt and make part of your everyday behavior; and (2) what behaviors you need to give up.

## Our “Quick Guide” To Becoming Christ-Like

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Repent and seek daily a new life in Christ</li> <li>▪ Do not worship anyone or anything but God; if you do, you are practicing idolatry</li> <li>▪ Be loving towards all people</li> <li>▪ Take Christ as your sole Lord and Savior</li> <li>▪ Be a <i>fulltime</i> believer</li> <li>▪ Every day seek ways to glorify God</li> <li>▪ Welcome the Holy Spirit</li> <li>▪ Make every thought obedient to Christ</li> <li>▪ Submit to God &amp; resist the devil</li> <li>▪ Read the Bible, ideally, a bit every day</li> <li>▪ Pray frequently as if your life depends on it</li> <li>▪ Turn away from sin and mean it; when you do sin, always pray for God’s forgiveness</li> <li>▪ Be humble, merciful, kind and compassionate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Forgive those who transgress against you</li> <li>▪ Be pure in heart</li> <li>▪ Be a peacemaker</li> <li>▪ Be patient and acknowledge God’s blessings</li> <li>▪ Rejoice always and give thanks for all things</li> <li>▪ Be trustworthy and keep your word</li> <li>▪ Be generous with your time and treasure</li> <li>▪ Meet the needs of a stranger &amp; serve mankind</li> <li>▪ Be in frequent fellowship with other Christians</li> <li>▪ Attend &amp; support your Church regularly</li> <li>▪ Do not judge others by their appearance</li> <li>▪ Do not be a hypocrite</li> <li>▪ Do not lust, lie, cheat, steal, slander, or gossip</li> <li>▪ Give up cussing, anger, and rage</li> <li>▪ Never harbor an evil thought</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Do not harbor hatred towards anyone but Satan</li> <li>▪ Trust that God will provide for and protect you</li> <li>▪ Cease your worry as you are not in charge</li> <li>▪ Trust Jesus with your life</li> <li>▪ Never doubt God</li> <li>▪ Share the Gospel without discrimination</li> <li>▪ Encourage and help others to seek Christ</li> <li>▪ Be courageous and loud in your faith</li> <li>▪ Let your deeds mirror your faith</li> <li>▪ Be the person you want the other person to be</li> <li>▪ Follow God’s Word (the Bible) in living your life</li> <li>▪ Every day thank Jesus for dying for you</li> <li>▪ Surrender your self-righteousness and replace it with Christ’s righteousness</li> <li>▪ Make being Christ-like a daily way of life</li> </ul>
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<b>We recommend you start with knowing and practicing Jesus’ two primary commandments and God’s Ten Commandments</b>		
<b>Jesus’ Two Primary Commandments</b>		
<i>“On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”</i> Jesus is telling us that these two commandments incorporate all of God’s Ten Commandments.		Matthew 22:40
1.	<i>“And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’”</i>	Mark 12:30
2.	<i>“The second is like it, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”</i>	Matthew 22:39
<b>God’s Ten Commandments as Given to Moses (these are the shortened versions)</b>		
3.	(1) <i>“I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before Me.”</i>	Exodus 20:2 – 20:3
4.	(2) <i>“You shall not make for yourself an idol.”</i>	Exodus 20:4 – 20:3
5.	(3) <i>“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.”</i>	Exodus 20:7

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6.	<i>(4) "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."</i>	Exodus 20:8
7.	<i>(5) "Honor your father and your mother."</i>	Exodus 20:12
8.	<i>(6) "You shall not murder."</i>	Exodus 20:13
9.	<i>(7) "You shall not commit adultery."</i>	Exodus 20:14
10.	<i>(8) "You shall not steal."</i>	Exodus 20:15
11.	<i>(9) "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."</i> (Lie or slander)	Exodus 20:16
12.	<i>(10) "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."</i>	Exodus 20:17
13.	<p>God wants us to live by faith, not by magic. In today's world, Satan tempts us with wealth, power, prestige, and materialism. When we are tempted by such things, we must remember what Christ said: <b>"Then Jesus said to him, 'Go Satan! For it is written, YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"</b> In other words, do not idolize money or drugs or sex or work or food, as they will interfere with, and block, your worship of the Lord. Your devotion to wealth, power, prestige and materialism will take you away from worshiping God. Jesus tells us that <b>"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."</b></p> <p>Identify where and on what you spend most of your time and treasure, and you will find the master you serve. If you seek, as your #1 priority, to glorify something or someone other than God, you have broken Jesus' #1 Commandment and God's first and second Commandments. Note: Respecting God in all you do does not need to be your only priority, it just needs to be your top priority.</p>	<p>Matthew 4:10</p> <p>Matthew 6:24</p>
<p><b>The following Beatitudes (identified with a ☩) were given by Jesus during His famous Sermon on the Mount. They describe how we are to behave when we ultimately enter His kingdom, and ideally, how we should behave even before we enter His kingdom, so the Fruit of the Holy Spirit will live within us. These shortened, summarized versions of the Beatitudes include:</b></p>		
14.	☩ Keep your spirit in the Lord, even when you are poor.	See Matthew 5:3 – 5:12
15.	☩ Mourn and have compassion for others in need.	
16.	☩ Be both humble and gentle.	
17.	☩ Hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Christ.	
18.	☩ Be merciful.	
19.	☩ Be pure in heart.	
20.	☩ Be a peacemaker.	
21.	☩ Remain Christ-righteous, even when those around you don't, and stand firm in your faith and trust in Jesus, even when being persecuted because of your faith in Him.	See Matthew 5:27 – 5:30
22.	☩ Rejoice and be glad for your reward in heaven is great.	
23.	☩ Do not lust after anyone for it is the same as committing adultery.	See Matthew 5:38 – 5:42
24.	☩ Turn the other cheek / Go the extra mile / Give to those in need.	See Matthew 5:43 – 5:48
25.	☩ Love your enemies as they also are still God's children.	See Matthew 6:1 – 6:4 Mark 4:24
26.	☩ Be a joyful, generous and anonymous giver; give freely and without boasting – this is one of the greatest ways to glorify God. All that we have now, and will ever have, comes from, and belongs to, God. By sharing it with others, we are mirroring God's generosity. What you give from your heart, God returns to you manyfold. And know, you can never outgive God.	
27.	When in doubt, ask yourself what Jesus would do and listen to what the Holy Spirit tells you. If the action isn't Christ-like, someone other than the Holy Spirit is whispering in your ear, so pay it no heed.	Anonymous
28.	<p><b>"Repent</b> [renounce wrongdoing and follow Christ] <b>and believe in the gospel"</b> [that Christ died, so our sins could be forgiven once and for all, and He was resurrected on the third day].</p> <p>Because God cannot abide sin in His presence, He sacrificed His only Son and allowed Jesus to pay our debt for having sinned, in full and forever, so that we could be welcomed back into His kingdom of heaven as "clean" being. In repenting, we abandon our old lives of wrongdoing to be reborn into a new life in Christ, guided by His righteousness. <b>"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."</b></p>	<p>Mark 1:15</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:17</p>

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<i>Repentance means to do a complete about face – a 180° turn – from being our old self-centered, self-righteous self, thinking we are in control and in charge (usually accompanied by lying, cheating, stealing, lusting, seeking revenge, abusing others, pursuing false idols, etc.), and turning instead to Christ, surrendering our will to Him, so that His Holy Spirit can indwell us and guide us on a righteous path to His kingdom.</i>		
29.	<b><i>“Do not quench the Spirit.”</i></b>	1 Thessalonians 5:19
30.	<b><i>“Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”</i></b> Jesus tells us to forsake temptation as temptation is the doorway to sin. When tempted, think of your relationship with Jesus, and then hold your thoughts obedient to Him. Let Him think for you, so that you can preserve your relationship with Him and not give in to sinful behavior.	Matthew 26:41
31.	When you sin, confess your sin to God immediately, and pray to Him for forgiveness. When you own your sins without excuse or explanation, and your prayer is sincere, God will grant forgiveness. But never intentionally speak ill of or reject the Holy Spirit, for in so doing, you are rejecting God, and this is unforgiveable.	See Matthew 12:31
32.	<b><i>“Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; In everything give thanks; For this is God’s Will for you in Christ Jesus.”</i></b> (Apostle Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians)	I Thessalonians 5:16 – 5:18
33.	Pray correctly, using the Lord’s prayer as a template.	See Matthew 6:6 – 6:15
34.	Be of service and minister to all – the treasures for doing so will be stored for you in heaven. Strive to be a great servant to God’s children. Just know that you can never outgive God. And as Jesus said, and later fulfilled: <b><i>“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends”</i></b> (just as Jesus did for us).	See Matthew 6:19 – 6:21 John 5:13
35.	Do not worry; and in God, do not doubt; trust God to provide for you. Planning for tomorrow is time well spent. Worrying about tomorrow is time wasted. <b><i>“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat? Or What will we drink? Or What will we wear for clothing.’ ... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”</i></b>	Matthew 6:31 – 6:34
36.	Treat everyone as you would want them to treat you. Yes, the Golden Rule comes from the Bible.	See Matthew 7:12
37.	Fear God for His power is unimaginable, and in this, you should stand in awe.	See Luke 12:4 – 12:5
38.	Be in God’s word (read the Bible) every day. When nourished by the word of God you will always bear fruit.	Anonymous
39.	Live in God’s will, not your own.	Anonymous
40.	Wake up every day seeking ways to glorify God.	Anonymous
41.	In your faith and trust in God, be like a child: humble, dependent, innocent, trusting, and obedient.	See Matthew 18:3
42.	Jesus tells us: <b><i>“For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.”</i></b> Be forgiving, even of your enemies – this is for your benefit, not theirs. Christ died to forgive us our sins; who are we to deny our forgiveness to others?	Matthew 6:14 – 6:15
43.	Obey civil authority – unless it conflicts with God’s word. <b><i>“Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.”</i></b> <b><i>“Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.”</i></b>	Matthew 22:21 Romans 13:1 – 13:2
44.	When judging others, do so with righteousness. <b><i>“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”</i></b> <b><i>“Do not judge so that you will not be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.”</i></b>	John 7:24 Matthew 7:1 – 7:2

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45.	Do not be a hypocrite. <i>“Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”</i>	Matthew 7:3 – 7:5
46.	Do not gossip.	See Romans 1:28 – 1:32
47.	Be a good Samaritan (always be willing to help others).	See Luke 10:36 – 10:37
48.	Attend Church so that you can be in the Word of God and in fellowship with other believers.	See Acts 2:44 – 2:47
49.	<i>“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”</i>	James 4:7
50.	Do not lean on your own understanding. <i>“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.”</i>	Proverbs 3:5 – 3:7
51.	Make every thought obedient to Christ and hold it captive to His righteousness.	See 2 Corinthians 10:5
52.	Jesus tells His disciples (and us): <i>“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”</i>	John 14:15
53.	<b>The Will of God</b> <i>“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”</i>  God’s will is for us to be sanctified (made Holy) in His eyes by seeking His Son’s righteousness. We are not doing God’s will if we are not using our spiritual gifts to glorify Him and to grow the body of Christ (His Church).	<b>Romans</b> 12:1 – 12:2  See 1 Thessalonians 4:3A
54.	Encourage and help others to seek Christ as their Lord and Savior.	See Matthew 28:19
55.	Hold God, as your Father, in reverence and sanctity, and hallow His name.	See Matthew 6:9
56.	Surrender your will to God and prepare your heart to be guided by His Holy Spirit.	See Luke 12:12
57.	Speaking to the Pharisees, Jesus tells them: <i>“You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.”</i>  Our allegiance to God is mirrored from what is in our heart because while our lips speak to man, our heart speaks to God – thus, be pure of heart and not obedient to ways of the flesh.	Luke 16:15
58.	When we speak of Jesus, we are speaking of God.	Anonymous
59.	Choose each day to glorify God.	Anonymous
60.	Choose the approval of God over the approval of others. A wise man once said: “I would rather walk with God and be judged by man, than walk with man and be judged by God.”	Anonymous
61.	Be courageous and loud in your faith and be a bright light to draw others to your love for Christ.	See Luke 11:33
62.	Do not be angry nor harbor hatred.	See Matthew 5:21 – 5:22
63.	Carry God’s love and mercy into the world. Wear it on your sleeve for all to see.	Anonymous
64.	Righteousness in public, just to boast, earns only its own reward. Righteousness in private earns God’s reward.	See Matthew 6:1
65.	Only by believing in God can you build your life on His lot.	Anonymous
66.	Being obedient to God and Christ, living by Their Word, and allowing yourself to be guided by Their Holy Spirit forms the rock on which you can weather any storm.	See Matthew 7:24 – 7:27
67.	One’s love for God is created in faith but proven in fact. Let your deeds and good works back up your words and mirror your faith.	Anonymous
68.	Endure in your faith to demonstrate your commitment to Jesus, for as Jesus told His disciples: <i>“You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.”</i>	Matthew 10:22

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69.	By sharing the Gospel with others, you can bring spiritual healing to a sin-sick world.	Anonymous
70.	In troubling times, focus not on your turmoil, but on your faith – your faith will always see you through tough times. When you put your faith in God, heaven will always be your ultimate reward – and remember, eternity lasts forever. <i>“O Lord my God, in You I have taken refuge; Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me.”</i>	Anonymous Psalm 7:1
71.	Invest wisely what God grants you. All wealth belongs to God and is to be used in service to Him.	See Matthew 25:14 – 25:30
72.	Always seek (pray for) God’s wisdom when making decisions that will impact others.	Anonymous
73.	Speak from the nature of God. Learn to walk in His shoes to know Him best.	See John 8:31 – 8:47
74.	Only God’s power is unimaginable – He can bring healing to any affliction. <i>“And looking at them Jesus said to them, ‘With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”</i>	Matthew 19:26
75.	Be led by your faith to do good works, but never let good works be a substitute for your faith.	Anonymous
76.	Believe in Christ as the Bible would have you believe, not as you would want to believe. You cannot pick and choose what you want to believe, as God does not grade faith on the curve, and His kingdom isn’t for rent.	Anonymous
77.	Be ever mindful of what you believe in, as your beliefs will manifest themselves in your behavior – you do what you believe.	Anonymous
78.	Knowledge sources belief and belief sources actions. Know the Bible and you will learn to act like Christ.	Anonymous
79.	Our destiny is in God’s hands; therefore, we must seek Christ’s righteousness in who we are and in all we do because God, not man, is the author and finisher of our fate.	Anonymous
80.	As believers in Christ, we are members of His Body, and His Body is our Church. Therefore, we must be in fellowship with our congregation and with other believers, for it is fellowship that brings unity to the Church.	Anonymous
81.	Believe in God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Bible – not because you have to, but because you want to.	Anonymous
82.	Love is defined by choice, not circumstance. It is always your choice to love – make the choice to love.	Anonymous
83.	The more you hold on to yourself, the less you hold on to God.	Anonymous
84.	Cling to God as you are known by the company you keep.	Anonymous
85.	Be the person you want the other person to be.	Anonymous
86.	Be a vessel for God’s will to be done on Earth.	Anonymous
87.	Ask God for the courage to follow His Word in living your life.	Anonymous
88.	Obedience is the key to being blessed by God. It’s not knowing God’s Word that counts. It is living by God’s Word that matters.	Anonymous
89.	Trust in God as only He can bring healing to any affliction.	Anonymous
90.	Do not ask God for frivolous things that do not align with His will. God wants to love you, not spoil you.	Anonymous
91.	Do not begrudge God His grace. Do not measure what He gives to one by what He gives to another.	See Matthew 20:1 – 20:6
92.	Care more for being Holy than looking Holy.	See Luke 11:39 – 11:43
93.	When we see someone hungry, do we feed them? When we see someone thirsty, do we give them a drink? When we meet a stranger, do we invite them into our presence? When we see someone imprisoned, do we visit them? These acts do not require that we be rich, only that we be righteous and kind to one another.	See Matthew 25:34 – 25:40
94.	Make behaving like Jesus your goal for the day.	Anonymous
95.	Put your complete trust in God alone, and in nothing else.	Anonymous
96.	Stand firm and hold fast to the teachings of Jesus Christ and continue to live life His way, not your way. <i>“For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end.”</i>	Hebrews 3:14
97.	Do not follow what you think is best, but rather follow what Jesus would think is best.	Anonymous

## Some Additional Anonymous Thoughts to Help You on Your Walk With Christ

1.	In your pyramid of needs, put God on the first level, for He comes first and is the foundation for everything else.
2.	Believe and trust in God the Almighty, the Creator of all things.
3.	Believe that God's power is limitless and unimaginable by man and that He is not bound by time, space or dimension.
4.	Understand that all good comes from God, not man. It is by His grace that we have what we have.
5.	Know that God's blessings are in proportion to your obedience to Him, His word, and His will.
6.	Have faith that the Holy Spirit will guide you.
7.	Have faith that the Holy Spirit will protect you.
8.	Understand that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and was God in the flesh when He walked on earth. Jesus Christ was God incarnate.
9.	Believe that the Bible is given by God, is the inerrant and occasionally metaphorical word of God, and is the truth.
10.	Understand that God does not work alone – He works through His Son, Jesus Christ, through His Holy Spirit and through you.
11.	Understand that there is a devil named Satan who rules over the sin-natured world, is the prince of darkness, works through demons and evil spirits, and operates through lies, deceits, and counterfeits. All sin is sourced by Satan and is designed to separate us from God. When we are not with God, we are under Satan's influence.
12.	Know that God, not money, is the source of our wealth and our salvation.
13.	Trust that God is never wrong – so when you walk with His Son, you won't be either.
14.	Know that our will, our wisdom, and our wealth pale in comparison to God's.
15.	Know that faith trumps fear.
16.	Believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ as our proof of eternal life.
17.	Trust is the muscle of your soul. It is built up one belief at a time. Soon it will become strong enough to shield you from temptation and deafen the devil's deceit.
18.	Worship God, Walk with Jesus, and Live in the Holy Spirit.
19.	When solving a problem, consider looking for two things: Where is the opportunity to glorify God and where is the opportunity to serve our neighbor.
20.	When God/Jesus judges us, how should we answer the question: "Did we love anyone or anything more than God?" We want our answer to be "no".
21.	Be devoted to helping fulfill God's will on Earth.
22.	Look at what you practice in your everyday life; look at your deeds; look at what you believe and have faith in. If they are not related to walking with Christ, you are on the wrong road.
23.	God will often bestow onto us what we are willing to bestow onto others.
24.	Hold Jesus in your heart, not your head, and you will be a changed person.
25.	We should love one another as Jesus loved us.
26.	Turn your troubles over to God and trust Him to show you the way out.
27.	When following Jesus, do it for His purpose, not for His prize. Have His will, not yours, be done.
28.	What we earn in life has no value in heaven, for the currency in heaven is love and your entry is bought with faith.
29.	When we die, our soul goes immediately to heaven because our heart belongs to Jesus.
30.	<p>When walking with Christ, remember: <b><i>"for we walk by faith, not by sight"</i></b> 2 Corinthians 5:7</p> <p>Here are two examples you'll find in the physical world. First, let's examine gravity. You can't see it, but you can witness its effect. The same with wind. We can't see it, but we can certainly feel it. Jesus works on us through the Holy Spirit. Like gravity and wind, we cannot see the Holy Spirit. But most of us have certainly experienced the effect and/or feeling of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it is in the form of an unexplainable "miracle" ("I should have died in that car crash") or just a simple, "I don't know why I turned left instead of right, but I sure am glad I did. Someone was obviously looking out for me". That someone was Jesus through His Holy Spirit.</p>

## Some Additional Anonymous Thoughts to Help You on Your Walk With Christ

31.	The teachings of Buddha, Confucius, Gandhi and similar prophets and scholars all offer valuable messages on how to live a peaceful, joyful life. But only Jesus, the Son of God, can make a peaceful and joyful life last forever. Learn from all good teachers, but remember, knowledge is not faith and education is not salvation. Only Jesus can forgive you, save you, and give you eternal life.
32.	We want our faith and trust in Jesus to be full, complete, and unwavering – not only as an intellectual commitment but also as a heartfelt, spiritual immersion – as if they are the core of who we are.
33.	Faith in God and self-righteousness are mutually exclusive.
34.	Faith, without good works, is a false faith.
35.	Die to sin so you can live with God.
36.	Do not live for self nor sin, but rather for Christ and His righteousness.
37.	Believe with your heart, confess with your mouth.
38.	Faith is what you have when you no longer need proof to support your belief.
39.	If I know what is righteous and choose to do otherwise, I have sinned. <i><b>“Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.” James 4:17</b></i>
40.	The Lord is our Shepherd and in Him, we will want for nothing. Trust in Christ as your only Lord and Savior, and the old you will be no more. In Christ, we are born again, alive in the Holy Spirit.
41.	It is only through Jesus that we have access to the Father, because Jesus’ death on the cross took away our sins which previously had created a barrier between us and God.
42.	Be willing to accept the disapproval of others for the approval of God.
43.	What you won’t admit to cannot be healed.
44.	Living is a spiritual battle. There are only two sides: God or Satan. There is no in between. There is no fence sitting.
45.	There is no “just in case” faith. You are either all in, or all out.
46.	While man has free will, his motivation comes only from one of two sources – Good or Evil.
47.	We should always think twice before we act or speak for every action taken and every word spoken mirrors our character.
48.	Anger, contempt, bitterness, revenge and woe thinking are road signs on the highway to hell. Get off at the nearest exit and get back on your road to Christ’s righteousness.
49.	God turns a deaf ear to those who think they are better than others, but to a sinner seeking His mercy, God is all ears.
50.	Do not love the world and its tinsel – instead, love God and His Word.
51.	God judges our words, and feelings, and thoughts not only by their expression but also by the actions that accompany them.
52.	Be both generous and anonymous in your giving as the glory belongs to God; you are only sharing His wealth, not your own. If you give to be recognized by others, you’ll receive no reward from God.
53.	Do what you can today and worry not about tomorrow because God always has it covered. Planning for tomorrow is time well spent, worrying about tomorrow is time wasted.
54.	To mirror Christ giving up His life to free us from our sins, we too, through our repentance, must give up our old sinful lives to be reborn in Him.
55.	When pressured to give up on Christ, or to turn your back on Him, or to lose faith in Him, don’t. It is the faith that endures that saves.
56.	It is not how much we have that pleases God, but rather how well we use it in His service. We do not own what is “ours”; it belongs to God. We are just caretakers, and God does not countenance nor reward excuses for not having wisely invested that which belongs to Him. (see the Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:14 – 25:30)
57.	For only in the face of temptation will we know the true strength of our devotion to God.
58.	We are good because of God.
59.	Repent and surrender your will to God’s will and let His Holy Spirit guide and protect you.

Also, make sure to read our document [“How to Turn Beliefs into Behaviors”](#).



## **Bonus Chapter: How to Guarantee God's Anger**

In Matthew 23:13-36, Jesus mentions seven ways, often called the seven woes, to guarantee God's anger. As followers of Christ, we should never engage in these behaviors.

These seven statements about the religious leaders of His day must have been spoken with a mixed tone of righteous judgement and sorrow. These statements are strong and unforgettable. They apply any time we become so involved in perfecting the practice of religion that we forget God is also concerned with mercy, real love, and forgiveness. The seven woes, taken from the NASB Life Application Study Bible, are summarized below:

1. Not letting others enter the kingdom of heaven and not entering yourself.
2. Converting people away from God to be like yourself.
3. Blindly leading God's people to follow man-made traditions instead of God's Word.
4. Involving yourself in legalistic detail and ignoring what is really important: justice, mercy, and faith.
5. Keeping up appearances while your private world is corrupt.
6. Acting spiritual to cover up sin.
7. Pretending to have learned from past history, but your present behavior shows you have learned nothing.

Here is also the list of sinful behaviors that defile men, found in Mark 7:21 –23 and elsewhere:

▪ Evil Thoughts	▪ Murders	▪ Wickedness	▪ Envy	▪ Lying	▪ Drunkenness
▪ Fornications	▪ Adulteries	▪ Deceit	▪ Slander	▪ Anger	▪ Gossip
▪ Thefts	▪ Coveting	▪ Sensuality	▪ Pride	▪ Hatred	▪ Foolishness