

How to live like a Christian

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Ephesians 4:25-31

1. The Christian life is not outward, but spiritual.

Ephesians 4:20

"That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus."

Isaiah 1:13-14

"Quit your worship charades. I can't stand your trivial religious games: Monthly conferences, weekly Sabbaths, special meetings— meetings, meetings, meetings—I can't stand one more! Meetings for this, meetings for that. I hate them!

You've worn me out! I'm sick of your religion, religion, religion, while you go right on sinning."

2. The Christian life is not abstract, but practical.

1 John 3:17

"If any one of you has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in you?"

Matthew 7:17-18

"Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit."

3. The Christian life is not part, but total.

Ephesians 4:15-16

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

4. The Christian life is not morals, but relationship.

Ephesians 4:30

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

5. The Christian life is not always prayer, but action.

James 1:14-15

"...but each of you is tempted when you are dragged away by your own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

Steps in Christianity

1. Live a life free from lying.

Ephesians 4:25

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

Revelation 22:15

"Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."

2. Live a life free from anger.

Ephesians 4:26-27

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."

3. Live a life free from theft.

Ephesians 4:28

“Those who have been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.”

4. Live a life free of corruption.

Ephesians 4:29

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Ephesians 4:30-31

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.”