



Quitters

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Introduction:

- Quitting Christianity, but not Christ?
- Christians are disciples

Jesus calls us to be disciples

1. A call to _____

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. **John 13:35** NIV

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **1 John 4:7-11** NIV

2. Very _____ and _____

Whoever doesn't take up his cross and follow me doesn't deserve to be my disciple. **Matthew 10:38** GW

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Matthew 19:21 NLT

3. Tempted to _____

If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be drowned in the deep sea. How terrible for the world that there are things that make people lose their faith! Such things will always happen—but how terrible for the one who causes them!

Matthew 18:6-7 GNT

Next Steps:

- ☐ Accept God's call to be a disciple/Christian
- ☐ Spend time with God this week specifically praying about loving others
- ☐ Commit to loving other Christians even when they make me want to quit
- ☐ Re-read today's Bible verses
- ☐ _____