

Why Christians Fall Off

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I. Introduction.

II. The obedient Christian life involves...

- A. Jesus as the hub or center of the Christian life. (Psalm 78:71-72; John 14:21; 13:13; Romans 14:9)
- B. The Word of God as the foundation spoke of the Christian life. (2 Timothy 3:17)
- C. Prayer as another spoke of the Christian life. (Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- D. Fellowship as another spoke of the Christian life.
- E. Witnessing as the last spoke that is a result of the other three.

III. Foundation spokes of character:

- A. A positive attitude. (Philippians 4:8)
 - 1. Faith.
 - 2. Expectancy.
- B. Strong drive. (Proverbs 15:5)
- C. Steady persistence. (Hebrews 11:27; Romans 4:21)
- D. Mature personality.
 - 1. Reliability. (Proverbs 25:19)
 - 2. Thinking through. (Proverbs 22:3; Mark 3:9)
 - 3. Self-control.
 - 4. Decisiveness. (1 Corinthians 14:8)
 - 5. A servant heart. (Matthew 20:26-27; 1 Corinthians 9:19)

IV. Areas Christians fail psychologically.

- A. We should not expect perfect peace always. Psychological conflict is not abnormal or sinful. (Psalm 34:19-20)
- B. We fail because we have the wrong mindset. We must look to Jesus and have our minds renewed. (Hebrews 12:2; 2:9; Psalm 34:5; Hebrews 3:10; Ephesians 4:23-24; Proverbs 23:7)
- C. We fail here because of fear. (1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9; Romans 8:1; John 5:21; Leviticus 26:13)

D. We fail because we are production oriented instead of God-oriented. (Luke 10:20)

E. We fail because of idolatry. (Isaiah 47:10; Ecclesiastes 10:10)

F. We fail because of worldliness. (Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14)

G. We fail because of the wrong theology. (Galatians 5:17; Ephesians 6:12)

Application questions:

1. What does the healthy Christian life look like?

2. How does Satan get to you most?

3. How can you better prepare for Satan's attacks in your areas of weakness? Be specific.
