

## CASUAL CHRISTIANITY

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*"Then Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31.*

Today's Christianity is plagued with a luke warm casual brand of lifestyle without a life. Many of our land call themselves "Christian" with a mechanical "Ho Hum" that manifests itself with little surrender, service, and mere mechanical existence. The vitality and joy as well as surrender, and living for eternity seems strange to them. The things of this life, and the approval of friends, seem to be in control over real dedication, and total surrender to the things of God. Many churches are accepting a different standard of the Gospel, with a different outcome in life, so casual and popular today. Today I want to expose it and I hope you are not one who thinks and acts on such an uncommitted level. **(1). Casual Christians Tend To Choose What Is Popular Over What Is Right.** *"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26.* The disciples often warned about living for the praise of men and were under pressure constantly to fit in with the religion of the day. Casual Christians seek to fit in with the church and with the world. They often care more about what people think than what truly pleases God. They spend time texting, calling, emailing, twittering, and space booking with others, and little time in prayer, devotions and Christian service. Could they not live without their Blackberry or their Bible? Whatever the crowd goes for they are in the midst, maintaining agreement with worldly thinking. Public acceptance is higher than Godly example in their lives as they seek acceptance of others. **(2). Casual Christians**

**Relax In Their Weak Amount Of Religious Actions.** *"And say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!" Ezekiel 13:2b & 3.* They profess to be saved, baptized, and a member of a church, but the rest of the week is a loss in spiritual values. They came from a Christian family, vote Republican, listen to Rush Limbaugh, agree with the tea party movement, dwell in the good ole' USA, and do little outstanding in the realm of true spiritual values. They love contemptible contemporary music and all the easy feel good stuff they enjoy. The old standards are pushed aside and Godly saints who walk in God's will are considered as strange rejects of the past. What may seem sufficient to you may be very lacking in the eyes of God. If you fully satisfy Him then you will find true satisfaction in the doing of His will. Remember we are not safe and secure because we live in America and belong to a church. The Prophet Amos warned our safety is not in our own doings, but in the power of the Lord, with total obedience to His commands. **(3). Casual Christians Wish To Escape The Penalty Of Their Sin:** *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.* The thief steals away the truth that *"the wages of sin is death."* Rom. 6:23b. Casual Christians don't want to be saved from their sin, but rather the consequences of their sin. They seem sorry because punishment is coming, and desire to escape punishment for that which they enjoy. They act like new life in Christ is no better than their old sinful life they enjoy. In the flesh they plan their own beliefs, and condemn the preachers' "Hell fire" preaching. They believe that there is a way to get away with the life they are living, even if it is not in accord with the Word of God. True judgment at the throne of God will reveal their

lack of human judgment on earth. **(4). Casual Christians Are Controlled By The Flesh And Not God.** *"Be sure your sin will find you out."* Num. 32:23b. Devil inspired human reasoning, can come up with a manmade excuse for wrong not really being that bad. The eye and ear gates are filled with more temptation than the casual Christian can handle. Their TV is filled with sex, profanity, violence, and every form of evil, but they shrug their shoulders and watch everything. Music is sensual, flesh pleasing yet their choice of CD's and listening continues to grieve the indwelling Spirit, and ruin their lives. From the way women dress and men think, the purity of God demanded without exception is ignored. Marriage has become a joke and perversion is accepted as a right, while the God of money and fame slaughters our growing young generation. Schools hand out condoms and accept the teachings of moral evil and they will tolerate no Christian Biblical advice. Shame on our teachers who hand out condoms to First grade students. Many of our key legislators now work toward encouragement of evil as a right of man. They try to keep all prayer and moral teaching out as if it were poison and not the cure. America is a sick nation who will soon be persecuting believers like the rest of the world now does. **(5). Casual Christians Rarel Share Their Testimony With Surrounding Friends:** *"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."* Matt.10:32 &33. Casual Christians do not want to be rejected. and thought strange by their friends. They seldom share the Gospel with their family, neighbors, coworkers or other friends. They feel uncomfortable talking about sin, punishment, and the divisive subject of Jesus Christ. The blood of their lost friends will one day be on their hands at the judgment. How much better to be a lover of the Son of

God. **(6). Causal Christians Love Others But Are More In Love With Themselves:** *"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."* II Tim. 3:2. They often love others to get them to focus love back on themselves. Life's challenge is to share Christian love with others because you hunger for them to taste the joy of salvation. Don't be stingy and fail to share the blessings God has given to you. If you are thankful for your redemption, remember someone had to tell you. Don't for any reason clam up and miss the joy of winning others to Christ. Beware pride and unthankfulness. Be bold and aggressive. Love yourself less, and others more. Jesus gave His life for your salvation. What will you give in return to point others to the Saviour? As you win others they will love you for the right reason and Jesus the most. **(7). Casual Christians Don't Rely On Christ For their Needs But Use Their Plans for Success:** *"But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* Heb. 11:6. They often feel they have everything under control, and don't need the hand of God. They get a nice job with a great income, the best insurance is theirs, and the retirement package is all in place. They do not live every day trusting God for their health and daily bread. Sometimes they feel they don't need God to help them. Their cupboards are full, the closet is packed, and they feel they have structured their lives so they have no need. This is a sad way to live for we are creatures of God, created in His image, and needful of His daily direction. Watching Him lead, and guide, and supply, is one of the greatest joys of Christian living. I hope if you find yourself to have these traits of a Casual Christian, you will change to a vibrant, obedient, trusting one. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!