

## 1st- Time Commitment

- Today, *for the first time*, I pray...

*Dear Jesus,*

*I confess that You were crucified, died and raised from the dead. Thank you for dying for my sin and for forgiving me.*

*Today, I surrender my life to You as my Lord and Savior. Amen*

## Next Steps

- This week, I will choose not to be offended.
- I will ask God to help me not get sucked into “crazy-making” and not be a “crazy-maker.”
- I want to:
  - Be baptized on Mother’s Day, May 12th.
  - Attend “Starting Point” this Tuesday. (It’s not too late to join.)
  - Attend “Get Ahead” this Tuesday. (It’s not too late to join.)

Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_

TUESDAY  
@  
6:30PM

starting  
point

a conversation  
about faith...  
a safe place to ask questions

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# GET AHEAD

PRACTICAL BIBLE HELP WITH YOUR FINANCES

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# How NOT to Get Sucked into the Vortex of “Crazy-Making” People

**vortex** [vawr-tek] noun

a whirling mass of air or water, especially one in which a force of suction operates, as a whirlpool.



**crazy-maker** [krey-zee mey-ker] noun

someone who brings chaos, conflict, or stress wherever they go.

## 1. Refuse to be **OFFENDED**.

“When a fool is annoyed, he quickly lets it be known. Wise people will **ignore an insult**.”  
(TEV) Proverbs 12:16

“A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to **overlook an offense**.”  
(NIV) Proverbs 19:11

“**Love overlooks** the wrongs that others do.” Proverbs 10:12  
(CEV)

## 2. Don't play their **GAME**.

“The Pharisees plotted a way to trap Him into saying something damaging... Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, ‘Why are you playing these games with Me? Why are you trying to trap Me?’”  
Matthew 22:15, 18-19 (MSG)

“We reject all shameful and underhanded methods. **We do not try to trick anyone**, and we do not distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know that.”  
2 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)

“Just as charcoal and wood keep a fire going, a **quarrelsome person keeps an argument going**.”  
Proverbs 26:21 (NCV)

## 3. Take the **HIGH GROUND**.

“Ask God to bless those who persecute you—yes, ask Him to bless, not to curse.”  
Romans 12:14 (TEV)

“If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.”  
Romans 12:17-18 (TEV)

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”  
Romans 12:21 (NIV)

## 4. Don't be a **CRAZY-MAKER**.

“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...”  
Romans 12:2a (NIV)

