

7 questions for those who have walked away

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Observations:

--Before we walk away there is a Subtle drift

Rev 2: <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first.

--Many are Committed quitters

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--Obviously, there may be reasons or excuses for walking away

Questions to consider!

I. Have you been saved?

**I John 2:19** These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us.

II. How often do you pray?

**I Thess 5:17 pray continually,**

III. How often do you confess your sins?

Sin stifles our relationship with the Lord

Ephesians 4:30 And don't grieve God's Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him<sup>[a]</sup> for the day of redemption.

**Unconfessed sin is an open invitation to the demonic in our lives**  
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**I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

IV. How often do you read scripture?

We need to eat daily.

I Peter 2:2-3 Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word,<sup>[a]</sup> so that by it you may grow up into your salvation,<sup>3</sup> if **you have tasted that the Lord is good.**<sup>[b]</sup>

Scripture will actually help us not quit!

Eph 6: <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.

It can only transform us if we get it in us

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

V. How often do you attend a local church?

**Heb 10:25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

VI. How often do you communicate with your Christian community?

Christian pals...

**Life groups, villages, small groups, etc**

**Prov 27:17** As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

VII. How often do you serve others?

**We are created / designed to serve**

**John 15:16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit

**Eph 2:8-10** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Close:

Rev 2: <sup>5</sup> Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you<sup>[b]</sup> and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.