

“7 Signs You Are a Counterfeit Christian”

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1.) You feel more guilty for missing “church” than hurting your neighbor.

Mark 12:30-31 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.^{[a][b]} ³¹ The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself.^[c] There is no other command greater than these.”

2.) You believe the Bible is more important than Jesus.

John 5:39-40 You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life.

3.) You wonder how close you can get to sin without actually sinning.

Ephesians 5:15-16 Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise— making the most of the time,^[a] because the days are evil.

4.) You believe it’s OK to hold a grudge against someone if he or she hurts you bad enough.

Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.”^[a] And they divided his clothes and cast lots.

5.) You believe real Christians would never engage real sinners.

Matthew 11:19 ⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated^[a] by her deeds.

6.) You believe God rests in a building, not in a group of people.

Ephesians 1:22-23 And he subjected everything under his feet^[a] and appointed him^[b] as head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

7.) You think Christian maturity is more about how much you know than what you do.

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

Close:

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test.^[a]