# The Dangers of a Passive Christianity

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## INTRODUCTION

- A passive Christian is one who is not fully committed to the cause and to the undertaking of being a child of God.
- A passive Christian is one who will serve God when it is easy and convenient.
- What kind of Christian am I? And what kind of Christian does God want me to be? And how close together are those two?

## 1 Passive Christianity Is Easier to Give Up

**Romans 2:1–4; Hebrews 12:14–17**

- The more we have invested in something, the harder it is to give up that thing. And the less we are invested in something, the easier it is to give up that thing.
- Do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and long suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?
- Lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.
- Profane means the idea of devaluing or undervaluing something.
- We might wholesale fully leave the cause of Christ, leave our Christianity behind.
- Or, like Esau, in a moment of weakness, in a moment of temptation, if we're not fully invested into this, in that one moment of temptation, it might be easy to give it up.

## 2 Our Influence Will Be as Weak as Our Faith

**1 Thessalonians 1:2–8**

- Our influence, the light that we might shine upon others for the cause of Christ, our influence will be as weak as our faith.
- So that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe, for from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth.
- Do you think the apostle is describing a passive Christianity? No.
- A passive Christianity will not influence and affect even my next door neighbor.
- Would your co-workers, would your schoolmates, would your neighbors, your friends, maybe even your family members, be surprised to find out that you told them that you were a Christian.

## 3 Do I Think That God Will Accept It at All?

**Luke 14:26–27**

- He begins every pursuit, every spiritual pursuit, everything that is asked of him or her begins with this question what's the least I can do? And that's what I'll do.
- Will the God in the flesh who spoke these words accept less than my all?

- If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also. He cannot be my disciple.
- And whoever does not bear his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
- Do we think for one moment that God would be pleased by my asking what's the least I can do?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So what kind of faith do I have? And what kind of faith does God want me to have? And how close are those to being the same.**

MY NOTES