

How to Stay off the Casualty List

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I. Introduction. There are many who have not made a decision for Jesus Christ—this must happen before a person can be called a Christian.

II. There are many threats to the Christian life.

- A. Satan is out to destroy people, but Jesus is greater than Satan is. (I Peter 5:8)
- B. We are born with a sin nature that must be battled. If one allows the flesh to control him, he will be destroyed. (II Corinthians 2:22, Genesis 39:1-12, Acts 13:22)
- C. A person is not to set his affections on things. (II Timothy 4:10, I Timothy 6)

III. What one can do to insure himself against these threats.

- A. Have regular Christian fellowship.
- B. Be a part of a ministry team for some accountability and training.
- C. Read the Bible and pray every day.
- D. Minister into the lives of other people.

IV. Conclusion.

- A. There is a price to the insurance policy God offers.
- B. Each must begin by making a commitment to Jesus Christ. (Romans 12:1-2)

Application questions:

1. What are the threats to the Christian life? Which one do you find yourself struggling with the most?

2. Which area of “insurance” can you grow in more? How can you practically go about this?

3. How would you counsel a struggling Christian in light of the principles discussed in this message? Explain.
