Great Beginnings Pt. 2

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1. **Commitment.**

*But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."* Luke 9:62 (NASB)

**Here are 10 differences between a believer and a Committed Christian.**

*You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. A believer believes in Jesus. A Christian follow his commands.* James 2:19 (NASB)

* A believer goes to church on holidays. A Christian knows that a church community is the paradigm for their faith.
* A believer reads their Bible when things get tough. A Christian reads their Bible regularly.
* A believer prays when things get tough. A Christian gives thanks no matter the circumstance.
* A believer twists the Bible to fit his or her lifestyle. A Christian works to make his or her lifestyle resemble the teachings of the Bible.
* A believer will sacrifice when it’s convenient. A Christian will sacrifice no matter the potential outcome.
* A believer tithes when there is no risk. A Christian will tithe no matter the risk.
* A believer conforms under the pressure of culture. A Christian holds fast against temptation.
* A believer will share their faith when it’s comfortable. A Christian will share his or her faith regardless of the scenario.
* A believer knows about Jesus. A Christian knows Jesus as his or her Lord and Savior.

1. **Not about me.**

*"He must increase, but I must decrease.*

John 3:30 (NASB)

*For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.* Colossians 1:16 (NASB)

1. **Growth.**

*As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15  but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,* Ephesians 4:14-15 (NASB)

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