Believers or Christian

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You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. James 2:19 (NASB)

6. A believer will <u>SACRIFICE</u> when it's convenient. A Christian will <u>SACRIFICE</u> no matter the potential outcome.

And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Matthew 4:19-20 (NASB)

He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Luke 9:59 (NIV)

Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" ²⁹ "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. Mark 10:28-30 (NIV)

7. A believer <u>TITHES</u> when there is no risk. A Christian will <u>TITHE</u> no matter the risk.

And He sat down opposite the treasury, and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. ⁴³ Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44 (NASB)

8. A believer <u>CONFORMS</u> under the pressure of culture. A Christian <u>RESISTS</u> against temptation.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NASB)

9. A believer will share their faith when it's <u>COMFORTABLE.</u> A Christian will share his or her faith <u>REGARDLESS</u> of the situation.

If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. Luke 9:26 (NIV)

10. A believer <u>TWISTS</u> the Bible to fit his or her lifestyle. A Christian works to make his or her lifestyle <u>RESEMBLE</u> the teachings of the Bible.

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ *in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.* Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. Acts 20:30 (NIV)

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 (NASB) "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Luke 11:9 (NASB)