

How Religious should I be?

Insights from Mark 10:17-22 (Dialogues w/ Jesus, part 1)
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Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should. *Psalm 90:12 (LB)*

You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! 40 Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life. *John 5:39-40 (NLT)*

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ... Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. *2 Corinthians 3:16-17 (ESV)*

For the old system dealt only with certain rituals—what foods to eat and drink, rules for washing themselves, and rules about this and that. The people had to keep these rules to tide them over until Christ came with God's new and better way. *Hebrews 9:10 (LB)*

THREE THOUGHTS THAT CAN TRIP US UP (Mark 10:17-22)

Thought #1: What I have is probably _____
to have a right relationship with God.

- He was rich.
- He was young.
- He was a ruler.

- He was also ...
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Thought #2: If what I have isn't enough, I can _____
to earn my way to heaven.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23 (NLT)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)

But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Romans 3:21-22 (NLT)

Thought #3: I can trust Jesus with _____
of my life and still be right with God.

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

How do you know if you've surrendered everything to Jesus Christ?

You will only know by how you react when ...

Jesus said, "Mark my words, no one who sacrifices house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, land—whatever—because of me and the Message 30 will lose out. Mark 10:29-30 (MSG)

If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it. Matthew 10:39 (NLT)

A Practical Prayer of Surrender:

God today, I entrust you with ...

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