

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Let's see, I need flour, water, or is it milk, I don't know. I also need sugar, baking soda or is it baking powder, not sure which one, oh and eggs, yeah, gotta have eggs.

What's this all about? Well, I'm gonna make a cake and I read a page in a cook book several years ago and I had some one tell me that those are the ingredients to make a cake. So, that's what I'm gonna do.

Now, how much of each ingredient? I don't know, I'll figure it out as I go along. Oh the temperature to bake it at and for how long? I figure I'll crank up the heat and it will cook faster, and it's done when the entire house smells like cake.

I know this sounds crazy because it is. Just because I know some of the ingredients or may have even read an entire cookbook doesn't make me a chef. Same is true for those who can quote a couple verses from the bible. They may have never read the bible and they only know a few verses based upon what someone has told them. Or maybe they have seen a verse or two posted on social media. So, just as reading a cookbook or knowing a few ingredients doesn't make one a chef. The same is true, just because you can quote a few verses or maybe you have even read the entire bible doesn't make you a Christian.

In order for a chef to be a chef, they have to read the cookbook and follow the instructions as well. If they just read it and don't do what it says, they are a book worm and not a chef. Once again you can't quote a couple verses or read the bible and become a Christian, you have to apply it to your life and follow the instructions.

Some may have even said a prayer at one time, but there is no change in their life at all. The bible doesn't say to say a prayer to be saved. It says to repent, or turn from our sinful lifestyle and to make Jesus Lord (Giving Him total control) of your life, and not have Him be just someone you talk to when you are in need. Jesus even said Himself.

✠ **Luke 6:46** *But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?*

Just because someone is friends with you on Facebook does not mean that he or she is really your friend. No it takes more than just a simple request to add someone who is a real friend on Facebook. You actually need to spend time with that person and talk to them and listen when they talk to you. You need to do things with them, laugh and cry with them, even get angry and make up with them in order for them to be your friends.

Have you prayed and sent your friend request to Jesus, but that was it? There is no follow up and no spending time with Him in prayer and being in His word every day. Is going to church at the bottom of your to do list, or is going to church a way of life?

So ask yourself this question and answer it honestly. If you are a Christian, why are you a Christian? Then after yourself answer it honestly, now check out the bible and see if that's what the bible says that a Christian is.

† **Acts 17:11** *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

Or actually go to church and talk to a pastor, or talk to someone that you know who really is a Christian. No, not one of your drinking buddies, but someone who goes to church, reads their bible and doesn't party, but lives different from the world.

If you would go to a real chef to learn how to be a chef, wouldn't you go to a real Christian to learn how to be a Christian?

† **Acts 11:26** *And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.*