**Why People Fail God**

Many different reasons will all lead to the same ultimate destruction.

Introduction:

**Many people fail at things in their lives.**

* They fail society, loved ones, and friends.
* They fail in business, and they fail in school.

Most of the time, we realize the truth is that they failed because they did not seek passing.

* They were lazy and indifferent.
* They only thought about their own selves. Selfish
* So how do people fail God?

**They fail to count the cost.**

* At conversion, they fail to take the cost into account.
	+ Luke 14:25-35.
* They fail to consider, "denying themselves."
	+ Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23.
* They fail to realize that 99.44% effort won't do.
* Mostly they fail, because they never had any intention of being a follower of Christ.

**They fail to listen to God’s messengers.**

* God has been sending His messengers for thousands of years.
* Yet the results are usually the same.
	+ Jeremiah 7:25-28;
	+ 2 Timothy 4:1-5 KJV

[1] I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; [2] Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. [3] For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; [4] And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. [5] But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

**They fail to develop virtues of a Christian.**

* This happens when they really do not repent of their lifestyle
* When they make no changes in their behavior.
	+ 2 Peter 1:5-11.

**They fail because of wrong association with others.**

* This was Solomon's problem.
	+ 1 Kings 11:1-13.
* It can also be our problem.
	+ 1 Corinthians 15:33 KJV

[33] Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

* Your friends guide you whether you realize it or not.

**They fail to be led by the word of God.**

* They continue in their ignorance.
	+ Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hosea 4:6.
	+ Psalm 119 has 176 reasons for learning and respecting God’s laws. God’s word is truth.
	+ John 17:17

**They fail because of the demand of this life.**

* Consider the parable of the sower and the soils.
	+ Luke 8:9-14.
* Life has so many distractions,
	+ And we are the ones to allow the distractions to keep us out of our duty to God.

**They fail because of the desire to be rich and to hold onto their riches.**

* Matthew 19:16-22.
* Paul warns against such.
	+ 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19.
* John also warns about worldly desires.
	+ 1 John 2:15-17.
* This is also described by the term covetousness, which amounts to idolatry.
	+ Colossians 3:5

**They fail because sin is so deceitful.**

* Hebrews 3:12,13.
* While sin is deceitful, we must remember that when we sin, it is OUR choice.
* The deceitfulness comes from our own lusts.
* James 1:13-14

**They fail because of false doctrine.**

* All who teach anything different from what the Bible teaches is teaching false doctrine.
* This can happen when people add to scripture;
* It can also happen when people delete things from scripture.
* It also happens when they change the message.
	+ 1 Timothy 4:1-4; Acts 20:28-31.

**They fail because they are set in their own ways.**

* Proverbs 14:14; 1:30-33.
* Pig headed, stubborn, or whatever you call it.
* One can reject God because He does not fit their own concept of what God should be.

**They lose their love for God.**

* In all likelihood, they never really developed a love for God.
* This just happens to be an excuse.
* John 14:15; Revelation 2:4; Matthew 24:12.

**They fail because of their in-activity and complacency.**

* This has another word: Apathy
	+ James 2:14-26
* Everyone who fails in anything has this problem.
* The person who gets nothing out of church when they do not attend services is this type of person.
* Such an excuse is a cop-out for failing to do what they should have done.

Conclusion:

**There are many reasons people fail God.**

* Most of these reasons listed come about because the people do not put forth an effort in trying to please God.
* Truth is, they are worthless individuals, and are probably trying to place the blame anywhere but upon themselves.
* That will not work on judgment day.
* Are you ready to put your failure in the past, and start serving the Lord?