

# 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?