

WHEN A CHRISTIAN IS NOT A CHRISTIAN

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While talking with one of our elders a few days ago, I was very interested in the educational situation of the nineteen thirties. He was a teacher and superintendent for many years in north central Texas. He is educated and qualified as a teacher, but no one thinks of him as such. He has been in the construction business for so many years that his early experience no longer identified him.

When a farmer doesn't farm anymore, and a teacher doesn't teach any longer, the first vocational connection is completely broken. Now, when a Christian is no longer attending the worship services and observing the Lord's supper, and when he has grown away from daily prayers and regular Bible study, he can't be what he once was in relationship to the Lord. This is the unfortunate situation with too many of our brothers and sisters. James demands in chapter one of his epistle that we be doers of the Word and not hearers only. If I am not as close to the Lord as I have been in times past, I know exactly who is responsible. The Savior has not moved away from me. We must never allow the toils and cares of the day to dull our hearing and our vision of salvation—bought with the precious blood of Jesus and received in simple obedience to His will.~