

What Do You Stand For?

(Sometimes you can't just go with the flow)
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Remember me . . .

For being **wishy-washy**.

"I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!"
(Rev 3:15-16 NLT)

For being **a quitter**.

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. **We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.**" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NLT)

For being **a man after God's heart**.

"And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will." (Acts 13:22 KJV)

I stand up for . . .

The **hope of the gospel**.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, **because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes:** first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" (Romans 1:16-17 NIV)

The **mission of the church**.

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19 NIV)

The **potential of people**.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. **We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.**" (2 Corinthians 5:17-20 NIV)

The **power and priority of marriage**.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. **This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.**"
(Ephesians 5:25-32 NIV)