

Why Aren't You a Wimpy Christian?

(Like it or not, there are wolves out there)
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“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may **command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies.** Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God’s work” (1 Timothy 1 NIV)

Being Christian means...

Being **pushy.**

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. **But do this with gentleness and respect.**” (1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV)

Being **political.**

Being **self-righteous.**

Being **soft.**

“But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.” (Matt 5:38-42 NIV)

We are not blind...

To the **fact of evil.**

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.” (1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT)

To the **force of temptation.**

To the **fate of darkness.**

“I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, ‘Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and **there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.**” (Revelation 21:1-4 NLT)

I oppose those...

Who want to **deceive.**

“Jesus answered: ‘**Watch out** that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, “I am the Christ, and will deceive many.”’” (Matt 24:4-5 NIV)

Who want to **divide.**

“I urge you, brothers, to **watch out** for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.” (Romans 16:17 NIV)

Who want to **dilute.**

“I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.” (2 John 1:7 NIV)

Who want to **destroy.**

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10 NIV)