

*Wouldn't I try to be better if I were truly born again? I drink. I stay in an unmarried relationship. I don't feel God's peace. I know these are sin that are hurting me but I'm too weak to dive into God's power. I don't feel like a real Christian.*

One is going his own way (Lk 14:18–20) or he is going Jesus' way (Jn 14:6). There is no trying (He 9:13, 14). There is in Christ—or not (Ro 8:9–11).

A Christian who lives outside of God's will become miserable (Ps 32:3). The Lord chastens his own (He 12:6–11).

One who is not saved is able to sin habitually (1 Jn 3:6–7, 9–10).

Harold L. Willmington wrote, "The apostles of the Antichrist...show their loyalty to him by departing from the Christian faith (1 Jn 2:19)."<sup>1</sup>

Men who do not have Christ do not have peace (Is 48:22).

One must examine himself to be sure he is in the faith (2 Co 13:15).

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<sup>1</sup> Willmington, H. L. (1999). The Outline Bible (1 Jn 2:18–19). Tyndale House Publishers.